

In addition to attending class, what are the other requirements?

- A Sponsor. A sponsor “sees that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament” (Canon 892). Your sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age. If your sponsor is not a St. Sebastian parishioner, an affidavit from his/her parish is required attesting to his/her eligibility to be a sponsor. You will receive materials at the beginning of final prep year to give to your sponsor and be asked to meet periodically with him/her. Your sponsor is not required to attend classes.
- Service Hours: Confirmation Prep I and Confirmation Candidates are required to perform Community and Church Service Hours. (Form provided by parish) Pre-Confirmation students are welcome to participate in service but it is not required.
- A letter to the pastor. A candidate must “properly and reasonably request” Confirmation (Canon 885).
- Interview with our priest. This will be scheduled through the Faith Formation office.
- Retreat. A day-long retreat is scheduled for Confirmation Prep I and Confirmation Candidates. A Service “Outreach” day is scheduled for the same groups. Pre-Confirmation students are welcome to participate but it is not required.

Registration Deadline

July 1, 2010

Late registrations will be accepted until classes begin with an additional late fee.

**Grade 7 Pre-Confirmation
Grade 8 Confirmation Prep I
Grade 9 Final Prep + Confirmation**

**ALL CLASSES are held on
SUNDAY EVENINGS
5:30 pm — — 6:30 pm**

**RETREAT DAY: Confirmation Prep 1
and Confirmation Candidates**

**SERVICE OUTREACH DAY:
Confirmation Prep 1 and
Confirmation Candidates**

**SERVICE HOURS:
Confirmation Prep I = 10 hours Community
Service and 5 Church Service Hours to be
completed between August 1, 2010 and April
1, 2011. TOTAL HOURS = 15
Completed forms due: April 1, 2011**

Confirmation Candidates = 10 hours in
Community Service to be completed
Between August 1, 2010 and
December 1, 2010
TOTAL HOURS = 10
Completed forms due: December 1, 2010

**ALL requirements must be completed on time
in order to be considered for the next level.
Failure to complete requirements on time may
result in added service hours or need to repeat
program.**

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION**

2010-2011

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Who is eligible for Confirmation?

Diocesan guidelines require a two-year sacramental preparation period. You are therefore eligible for Confirmation if you:

- Have a sincere desire to receive this sacrament.
- Have never been confirmed; are a registered member Of St. Sebastian parish.
- Are in grades 7-12;
- Attended a Faith Formation program two years prior to your Confirmation year. (Catholic Home School, Catholic School or parish Faith Formation program)
- Currently attending a Parish Faith Formation program and are transferring to St. Sebastian. (Need letter of documentation from previous parish.)

Are you ready to be confirmed?

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, you must also be prepared to set aside the time to come to class, attend retreat and out-reach day, complete service hours, etc. There is no mandatory grade or age. Be confirmed when you can fully commit both to the process and to the practice of our religion. Reception of Confirmation by the candidate “obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith” (Canon 879). The candidate and a parent will be asked to sign a contract affirming that they understand the requirements.

Why do students attend Confirmation classes at St. Sebastian and not parish of choice or convenience?

Sacraments are to be received in the Parish of registration because sacraments belong to your church community. Our Diocese both supports and requires this theological understanding of sacraments.

When is Confirmation?

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop’s Office and is scheduled in each parish. Candidates will be notified as soon as the parish receives the date. Typically, St. Sebastian celebrates in late January.

What is the schedule for Confirmation classes?

Confirmation classes are in addition to a student’s on-going Faith Development. These sessions help the candidate better understand both the sacramental obligations and the rite itself. Classes are held on Sunday evenings 5:30–6:30, September through May. Students may miss 3 classes per year so carefully consider availability as you decide to enroll. *The retreat, service hours and outreach day are required and cannot be missed.*

How do I register for Confirmation classes?

Registration for all St. Sebastian Faith Formation programs begins in May and deadline is July 1st. LATE registrations are accepted until program begins in September but an additional late fee is added to registration fee. Catholic Home School must participate in Confirmation classes during their Confirmation preparation years and meet all requirements.

At the time of registration you must provide proof of baptism. If you were baptized and/or received First Communion at St. Sebastian, please note that on the registration form and a copy of the baptismal certificate will not be necessary. A copy of the baptismal certificate is required for all others.

How much is the fee and why is there a separate fee for Confirmation?

The Faith Formation fee is \$60.00 per registration/ per year if paid by July 1 of registering year. A late fee of \$10.00 is added after July 1. Fee covers the cost of texts, classroom materials and other program expenses. Retreat Fees and Gown rental fees are separate. There is partial scholarship /assistance available for active, registered Parishioners who cannot financially pay. Please contact Sister Susan directly for assistance request. Requests must be made at the time of Registering each year as family needs change and monies need to be put in parish budget plan.

I missed Confirmation in High School. Can I still be confirmed?

Yes. Contact the church office about adult confirmation classes. College students can contact their campus Neuman Center or Catholic parish that serves the campus community. The Holy Spirit acts upon each of us differently—so you are never “too old.”