

Sacred Heart Church Requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- o Candidate must be in the seventh grade or higher
- o Candidate must be baptized, and have received the sacrament of First Eucharist (Must provide copies of baptismal certificate & 1st Holy Communion certificate if Sacraments were not received at Sacred Heart Church)
- o **Candidate's family must be members of Sacred Heart Church (parish #)**
- o Candidates must have attended **religious education classes in Sunday School** (if they attend a public or non-catholic school) OR they must have attended **Catholic School last year and be enrolled for religious education this year**
- o Candidate must attend religious education classes regularly and is expected to attend **all 8 Confirmation Sessions including the retreat and rehearsal** from September 16th 2009 through May 12th 2010
- o Absences are dealt with and excused by Father Sean O'Brien
- o **Repeated absences will disqualify student** from receiving their sacrament
- o Candidate is expected to attend Mass weekly
- o Candidate must choose a sponsor (**must be Catholic**) & **NOT A PARENT**. Parents do not qualify as sponsors
- o **Candidate must attend ALL required retreats, meetings, and group functions & activities** to comply with all aspects of the Confirmation Program
- o Candidate must **complete 10 service hours prior to Confirmation** – services hours can not overlap other community service hours used to school/clubs.
- o Candidate must obey & comply with classroom rules given to them at the 1st Session.

The Sacramental Preparation Program at Sacred Heart Church is in addition to the Religious Education Program, and provides specific education of the sacrament that your child will be receiving for both parent and child. It is a year long process and includes independent study, classroom, and small group instructions.

The receiving of the sacraments in the Catholic Church is a very important process in the development of our Catholic Community. Regular attendance in Religious Education classes as well as Sunday worship is expected.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation, much like Baptism. By being confirmed, your child agrees to accept the responsibility for continuing their own religious development. Once confirmed, your child is viewed as an adult member of the Catholic Church. For this reason, much of the preparation for Confirmation will be the responsibility of your child. The church will be looking for clear signs that your child is mature enough, both emotionally and spiritually, and eager to become an adult member of our Catholic community.

Sacramental Preparation begins in September. **No registrations will be accepted after September 16th 2009**, as a FULL year is needed to prepare the children completely and in the manner in which the Catholic Church requires

If you have an emergency situation, please contact Father Sean O'Brien directly. Exceptions are made to the attendance policy in extreme situations, ONLY & by Father Sean. If you have any further questions, please contact Father Sean O'Brien @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church 813-229-1595 or via email: sobrien@sacredheartfla.org

I have read and understand the requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parent's Name

Date

Parent's Signature

Candidate's Name

Date

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