

Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidate,

This confirmation packet contains everything that you need to know for the upcoming confirmation program through Resurrection Parish.

I have worked around the school calendar to the best of my ability. If there is conflict, please make me aware of it.

As a decision made by Bishop George Leo Thomas, we have been asked to only confirm high school students, specifically 10th-12th grade. Also, the Bishop and priests have approved a course outline and requirements for confirmation this year, and we ask that all parents read this resource thoroughly.

Confirmation is a two-year program, insomuch that your child be participating in the parish for a year, be it faith formation, a minister at the Mass, etc., after a year of regular participation the candidate can seek the sacrament of confirmation by participating in the separate confirmation classes, while still attending regular faith formation and Mass.

This year's Confirmation program will consist of 12 different meetings, community service, the Awakening Retreat, CYC Convention, participation in weekly faith formation meetings, and monthly individual meetings/conversations with an adult leader.

If you read through this packet and feel that the candidate isn't ready or unable to take the following steps to complete this program satisfactorily we ask that you continue to keep your child enrolled in faith formation, as this is a necessary part of educating themselves on the faith.

Please read through this information very carefully and register for the confirmation program online at Holy Rosary/Resurrection's website or fill out and return the registration paper included in this packet.

Thank you for your interest in our program, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peace and Blessings,

John Kawalski
Youth Ministry Coordinator
Holy Rosary and Resurrection Parishes
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Important Confirmation Dates

November 4th – **Meeting 1** – Lesson 1&2
November 11th – **Meeting 2** – Lesson 3
December 2nd – **Meeting 3** – Lesson 4
December 9th – **Meeting 4** – Lesson 6
December 16th – **Meeting 5** – Lesson 8
January 27th – **Meeting 6** – Lesson 9
February 1-3 – **Awakening Retreat**
February 10th – **Meeting 7** – Lesson 12
March 3rd – **Meeting 8** – Lesson 14
March 10th – **Meeting 9** – Lesson 15
March 22-24th – **CYC Convention**
March 31st – **Meeting 10** – Lesson 18
April 7th – **Meeting 11** – Lesson 23
April 28th – **Meeting 12** – Lesson 24
May 19th – **Confirmation Dress Rehearsal** – 12 pm @ Resurrection
May 21st – **Confirmation** – Time TBD

Please be aware that these dates are mandatory. Missing them will result in the candidate not being confirmed. Please look ahead at your calendar and plan accordingly.

Confirmation Check List

_____ Baptismal Certificate.

_____ 15 Hours of Community Service with signature and contact info of coordinator

_____ Confirmed Catholic Sponsor, to meet with a talk with about their faith.

_____ Letter of Intent. (Will be done in Class.)

_____ Attendance at all Meetings, Awakening Retreat, and CYC Convention

_____ Attendance at Confirmation!!!

Please remember that it is more than just checking these items off a list, but that being involved in the faith community through the celebration of Mass and participation in faith formation/youth group, is equally important to the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, and that you as parents are the primary catechist for your child.

What does this mean for us?

Because we in our diocese celebrate Confirmation as the last sacrament of initiation we see this sacrament as a “confirming” of your beliefs in Christ and your commitment to your own faith and your faith community. In short, by getting confirmed, you are making a commitment to be fully involved in your faith and community. This means that *Confirmation is not GRADUATION*, but rather that by being confirmed you are to be more active in your faith life, by attending and participating in the Mass and by continuing your faith formation, either on your own or by attending faith forming events and gatherings.

Our Program

Our program will consist of twelve classes, the Awakening Retreat, CYC Convention, and monthly individual meetings with an adult in the program. We will be using the Chosen program by Ascension Press for our confirmation meetings. Each of these meetings will focus directly on the sacrament of Confirmation and the preparation therein, you must attend all these Confirmation meetings.

On top of our Confirmation prep classes, we ask that all those participate in weekly faith formation if they're not already. The expectation of their attendance is to be there as regularly as they can, but it will not count against them if they cannot be there all the time.

We do require 15 hours of community service, which can be filled in one of two ways.

- 1.) Completed on their own but they must fill out completely the hours form with a signature of the supervising adult.
- 2.) Volunteer through the parish if this is something that the candidate would be interested in please contact John to make arrangements.

Parents: we ask that you take the time to fill out the parent questionnaire to be handed in with the registration.

The Sponsor Interview is to be completed as soon as possible but can be turned in at the first couple Confirmation meetings.

Holy Rosary and Resurrection Confirmation Registration 2017-2018

Questions? Please contact John Kawalski, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at 406-586-9243
ext. 206 or BozemanCatholicYM@gmail.com

Parents Names: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Student Name: _____
 Student Email: _____

Student First Name	Middle Name	Student Last Name	Baptismal Certificate Attached.	Grade for 2017-2018

Confirmation Fee

____ \$45 per child. (Please make checks payable to Holy Rosary Parish)
 The Confirmation fee is to cover materials and such needed for the Confirmation gatherings.

Parish Affiliation

Which parish are you registered at? _____

Photos

____ Resurrection may periodically use pictures of the students' activities for bulletin boards, newsletters, and our website. Please initial on the line of you **approve**, OR write **'NO'** if not.

Sponsor Information

Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics. PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE SPONSORS. If you're having trouble coming up with a sponsor John would be happy to help you find someone from the community who would be willing to walk with you through this process.

Confirmation Sponsor Interview

The goal of this exercise is to understand it for you to have an intentional conversation with your sponsor about their life in the Church and living out the sacrament of Confirmation. Please ask these questions, take notes if necessary and be prepared to share some things you learned from the interview at the next class. Also please return the bottom portion of this page with your sponsor's contact information.

What do you remember from your confirmation classes?

What do you remember about your confirmation?

Why did you choose to get Confirmed?

What do you think it means to be Confirmed?

Why is it important to get Confirmed?

Sponsor Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____