

St. Agnes School & St. Agnes/St. Kieran Religious Education Program

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION 2019-2020

Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass every weekend. They must bring a signed bulletin to their teacher the following week. The bulletin must be presented, BY THE STUDENT, to a priest, deacon, or staff member for signing. The student's name must also be at the top of the bulletin.

Students missing more than 3 signed bulletins will be removed from the 2020 Confirmation list and the Religious Education Program for 2019-2020.

Similarly, students missing any of the deadlines/meetings listed below will also be removed from the 2020 Confirmation list and the Religious Education Program for 2019-2020.

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| February 2019 | Students sign Enrollment Promises and receive "Confirmed in Faith" Service Hour Booklets. Forty (40) recorded hours of service are required by January 7, 2020. |
| May 14, 2019 | Parent/Student meeting. Requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation discussed. Forms/Instructions distributed. |
| September 2019 | Students receive "30 Questions About Our Catholic Faith" booklet. |
| October 1, 2019 | "Confirmed in Faith" Service Hour Booklet check. Confirmation candidates must bring their Service Hour Booklets to class to have their service hours, up to this date, recorded.

Candidate Sacramental Information Sheet due. This sheet includes Sponsor information and candidate's Confirmation name. |

When choosing a Confirmation Sponsor, please remember that sponsors:

Must be at least 16 years old.

Must have been Baptized, Confirmed, and received First Communion in the Catholic Church.

Must be practicing their faith by attending Mass on weekends at a Catholic Church.

May NOT be the Confirmation student's parent.

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must choose a Saint's name by which they will be presented to the Bishop of Confirmation and on whom they will write a Saint Report. This name must be listed on the Candidate Sacramental Information Sheet.

- November 5, 2019 **Saint Report due.**
- December 3, 2019 **Letter to Bishop due.** This must be written by the student with a parent's supervision, and signed by both student and parent. It may be handwritten or typed, either in English or Spanish.
- Completed "30 Questions" booklet must be turned in.** The booklet will be checked and returned to the student for study purposes. There will be a quiz on the content of the booklet. Between January 7 and February 18, 2020, candidates will have three chances to pass this quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
- January 7, 2020 **"Confirmed in Faith" Service Project Booklet due.**
- Service Report due.**
- Confirmation quiz will be given to the students.**
- \$25 Sacramental Fee is due** (send to St. Agnes Parish Office).
- Friday, May 1, 2020 **Confirmation Practice at St. Irenaeus.** A parent, sponsor, or adult
7:00 p.m. **MUST** attend and remain with the student.
- Sunday, May 3, 2020 **Confirmation at St. Irenaeus Church.** Candidates and parents must arrive by 1:30 p.m. Liturgy begins at 2:00 p.m.
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Dress code for Confirmation:

LADIES: Dress, dress skirt & blouse with a jacket, or dressy slacks and blouse with a jacket. Dress Shoes must be worn, no flip flops.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR CHURCH! NO SLEEVELESS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS, MINI-SKIRTS, ROMPERS, LOW CUT OR BACKLESS BLOUSES OR DRESSES, TIGHT CLOTHING.

GENTLEMEN: Dress Slacks, Dress Shirt, Tie, Dress Shoes. Suit jackets may be worn, but are not required.

NO ATHLETIC SHOES, JEANS, T-SHIRTS, KHAKIS.

Hair styles for girls and boys must be neat and appropriate for church. **MAKE SURE HAIR IS OFF OF FOREHEAD FOR THE ANOINTING.**

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INFORMATION FOR 2020 CONFIRMATION LITURGY

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in a special Liturgy on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Irenaeus Church. Bishop Hicks will preside. St. Irenaeus Church is located at the southeast corner of Indianwood Boulevard and South Orchard Drive in Park Forest. The parking lot may be accessed from either Indianwood or Orchard. All students and their Confirmation sponsors (one per student) must be at the church by 1:30 p.m.

General Information:

The students will proceed in and sit with their sponsors only. There is plenty of open seating for parents, family, and friends.

When it is time for the candidates to be confirmed, the candidate and their sponsor should stand and proceed to the bishop. The sponsor should place their RIGHT hand on the RIGHT shoulder of their candidate.

A professional photographer will take instant photos of your child being Confirmed. No other photography is allowed during the ceremony. We also ask for all electronic devices to be powered off in Church.

Bishop Hicks will be available for pictures following Confirmation.