

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Denver, NC **CONFIRMATION**

"Now, when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:14-17).

Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- It makes us more deeply sons and daughters of God, by which we cry, "Abba Father!"
- It unites us more firmly to Christ
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- It renders our bond with the Church more perfect
- It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1303)

Welcome to Holy Spirit's Confirmation process!

We are excited to journey with you and your family towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this process, you will take part in community building activities, service projects, weekly Mass, and retreats. Each piece is intended to help you, the Confirmation candidate, prepare for the spiritual formation that lies ahead. For questions or assistance contact the Faith Formation Director on extension 303.

Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the Confirmation Program in some way. This program relies totally on the volunteers to make it possible. With that in mind, we ask that you consider where your talents and time can be used to make the Holy Spirit Confirmation Program the best! Please pray about the ways you can be involved in the Confirmation Process and let us know how you might assist in the program. Our first parent meeting will give you some ideas.

Confirmation Requirements

The following is a list of meetings, projects, and events that make up the Holy Spirit Year One Confirmation program. Each piece is intended to help the Confirmation candidate prepare for the spiritual formation that lies ahead.

- **Confirmation Parent Meeting**
- **Patron Saint Project and Letter to the Bishop**
- **Fall Retreat at Church and Spring Retreat at Belmont Abbey College**
- **Volunteering at Parish Projects**
- **Commitment to attend Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit**

Confirmation Retreats

Retreats are such an important part of the Confirmation process; they are even important in life. How many times do we look forward to a vacation from school or from our everyday lives? We go to the beach, or the mountains, Hawaii, Disneyland, just about anywhere to "get away" and recharge our batteries.

Retreats are intended to do the same. They give people the chance to "get away" from things that prevent them from focusing on our Lord. Retreats allow candidates to go away to have fun, relax, but more importantly, to recharge the spiritual battery. Retreats have the potential to be life changing. Our Confirmation spring retreat is held at Belmont Abbey College.

If you are unable to attend this retreat you must make arrangements at another parish to participate in a retreat.

Community Building

Getting to know the people that you worship with is important because Holy Spirit is a family community here to support you through the Confirmation process. We emphasize Community Building because we want you to know and feel supported by our parish community. The goal of Community Building is to work through the people that you worship with as a way to gradually bring you closer to God.

Service

Total 20 hours: 10 Church & 10 Community

There is no hour limit per project, however Candidates must complete **at least 4 separate projects.**

Candidates are expected to accept their share of the responsibility to serve others. Throughout the Confirmation process candidates should complete community service projects that reach out to the wider community, as well as participate in parish service events. Candidates should bring a service hour form to each service project to have a supervisor sign. Then complete the form by describing the service they did, how their service affected them or their community, as well as find a Bible verse that goes along with that particular type of service. Bible verses will be provided on the back of each service form.

Service hours are meant to teach outreach to the community. Therefore, lawn mowing, babysitting, etc. for a relative or neighbor is not accepted. Any service in which the candidate receives a compensation for will **not** be counted.

Throughout the year many service opportunities through the parish and other community organizations will be sent out to the Confirmation families via email. If you are not receiving emails about service hours, please contact Nicole Lehman at faithformation@holyspiritnc.org.

Holy Spirit Church---Weekend Mass Schedule

At the center of the Catholic Christian faith is the celebration of the Eucharist, the real presence of Christ in the bread, wine and the people who eat His Body and Blood. It is at Mass, at Liturgy, where we come together with all of our Catholic Christian friends to celebrate as one church. As the Eucharist is the heart of our faith, attending Mass every week is essential (and required) so you can spiritually prepare yourself for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm

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