

10th Grade



**Welcome to Sacred Heart Church 9th & 10th grade
Confirmation Orientation**

This is a check list of the contents of this packet

- **Confirmation Program Booklet**

This booklet contains an overview of everything you need to know about your participation in the Confirmation program.

- **By Now You Should Have...**

This is a page showing what 10th graders should have completed already (and what's left before you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation). If you are missing a requirement from last year a bright orange sheet is attached indicating what you need to complete from last year.

- **Letter to the Bishop**

Detailed information on writing this letter is in this packet.

- **Community Service Project Reflection**

This is a reflection page to be completed after your service.

- **Book titled: Have Faith, A Candidate & Sponsor Resource Book**

BEFORE YOU LEAVE TONIGHT.... PLEASE SIGN UP FOR...

- **The Retreat : March 7, 2010**

This requires a check for \$38.00 and a permission slip

- **1 Community Service Project**

Choices are in the "Confirmation Program" Booklet

These require permission slips filled out.

- **The Catholic Youth Spectacular**

This is an optional event. More info is in your pack.

This requires a \$30 payment tonight and permission slip.

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By Now You Should Have....

As a 10th grader in the 2nd year of our Confirmation Program you should have:

- Chosen a Confirmation Saint name.
- Handed in a report on that Saint.
 - Chosen a Sponsor
- Submitted a "Sponsor's Certificate" for your sponsor
 - Attended 2 of the 4 Workshop
- Attended a Liturgical Service or Mass other than Sunday Liturgy

Here's what you have left to do before you are officially sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit:

- Attend all 6 Gift Sessions.
 - Participate in 1 Community Service Project.
 - Participate in 1 Parish Service Project.
- Attend 2 Workshops (& more if you didn't attend 2 last year).
- Attend a Liturgical Service or Mass other than Sunday Liturgy
 - Write a letter to the Bishop.
 - Participate in the "Rite of Covenant".
- Work on your "Have Faith" book with your sponsor.
 - Attend the Retreat in March 2010.
- Be interviewed by a member of our staff about your Confirmation journey.
 - Attend a Confirmation rehearsal.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and be sealed with the Holy Spirit !

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Letter to the Bishop



We are asking you to write a letter to the Bishop asking to be confirmed. This is an important part of the Confirmation process because it shows that it is your decision to receive this special sacrament. Make your letter personal to the Bishop as if you were writing to a friend telling him or her about the process you've gone through and your decision to be Confirmed.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Address your letter: Dear Bishop and a copy of the same letter to Dear Father Joe
- Introduce yourself and the parish you're from.
- Tell him about the preparation process - the last 2 years (service, workshops, retreats).
- Tell him what it means for you to be a Catholic.
- Tell him the saint's name you chose and why you chose it.
- Tell him who you chose to be your sponsor and why you chose him or her.
- Tell him how your faith has grown in the last 2 years.
- Think of an example how one or more of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (which you will receive at Confirmation) might be useful to you in the future.
- Tell him if anything in the last several years of faith formation has made you want to pursue a career in service to others and or the church.

These are just some good ideas as to what you can put in your letter. Remember, it's your letter, so say it from your heart. Your Confirmation is a really a big day. You will be receiving the Holy Spirit. That's what the apostles received after Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection. The power of the Holy Spirit was so strong that the apostles were willing to lose their life rather than not spread the word about this guy called "Jesus Christ". That's awesome !

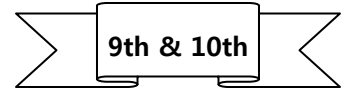
Letter should be: Typed and save it on your computer—just in case
Double spaced and about 1 page.

Due: March 7, 2010 - The Retreat Day

P.S. If you need help on this let me know and we'll work on it together !



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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT REFLECTION



NAME _____ GRADE _____

After you have completed your choice of a "Community Service" project please fill out this form and return it to the Faith Formation office. You can leave it in the bin outside the office door any-time the church is open. Have the form signed by one of the adult supervisors who participated in the event with you. Make a copy for yourself too. Someday it will be a nice reminder of how good it feels to help others.

Community Service project you participated in _____

Date of Community Service Project _____

Who did you serve? _____

What did you do? _____

What difference did this project make in lives of those you served?

Do you think this service experience changed you?

How do you think what you did reflected Christian Discipleship?

Supervisors signature _____ Date _____