



# St. Edward the Confessor Church

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Dear Friend in Christ:

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a precious gift that is necessary for the completion of baptismal graces and is offered to those who have been properly prepared. These graces strengthen us to follow Christ more closely and to be further changed into His likeness. By requesting this sacrament, we also choose to live out a greater responsibility to witness to Christ in both our words and deeds.

To be confirmed in the Spring of 2018, you must be a baptized Catholic who is a Junior in high school and who has been participating in Catholic religion classes for both semesters of your Freshman and Sophomore years of high school, or a Senior in high school who has been participating in Catholic religion classes for both semesters of your Sophomore and Junior years of high school. In preparation for this sacrament, all high school candidates in our parish must: attend an orientation meeting; participate in all classes; complete all assignments; participate in an approved Confirmation-themed retreat; participate in an interview which assesses their readiness to receive the sacrament; and receive the sacrament of Confession immediately prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. See the "Program Guidelines and Calendar" for the dates of the lessons, the retreat, the interviews, the rehearsal, and the Mass itself.

Candidates are to choose a sponsor for Confirmation. The Church encourages you to choose one of your baptismal godparents as a Confirmation sponsor. To be a sponsor for Confirmation, this person must: be selected by the person to be Confirmed; be at least sixteen years old; be a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed; lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and the role of sponsor; not be bound by any canonical penalty; and not be the parents, natural or adoptive, of the person being confirmed.

Candidates are also to choose the name of a recognized Catholic saint as their "Confirmation Name" and will be required to complete a research paper on the life of the saint whose name they choose.

A Parent Information Session will take place on **Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m.** in our cafeteria for the parents of Confirmation candidates. High school students and potential sponsors are also welcome to attend. This session will provide an opportunity for individuals to ask questions. Please save the date!

To register, please contact me before the end of August to schedule an orientation appointment. Bring a copy of your baptism certificate and payment of the \$80 fee (cash or check made out to "St. Edward the Confessor Church") to this appointment. If you are not registered with our parish, you must ask for a "letter of permission" from the parish in which you are registered or, if not registered anywhere and living outside the boundaries of our parish, you must ask for a "letter of permission" from the parish within whose territorial boundaries you reside granting you permission to be confirmed with our parish.

I assure you that I am praying for each and every one of you as you prepare for the reception of this important sacrament. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns (see my contact information above).

In His Love,

Trevor D. Huster  
Director of Religious Education

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## Confirmation Program Guidelines

1. Be on time for each event (orientation, classes, retreat, interview) and have a way to get home at its conclusion. Those arriving late may be dismissed and counted as absent. Please contact Mr. Huster prior to any event (orientation, class, retreat, interview) if you will be absent and provide the reason for your absence. You are to contact Mr. Huster to make up for an absence with him at a time that is mutually convenient. We will attempt to notify you of the cancellation of any event through our website, [www.steddy.org](http://www.steddy.org).
2. Once you enter the black school gate, immediately proceed to the school's second floor and remain on that floor until class is dismissed for the evening.
3. Complete all assignments according to the instructions given by your teacher.
4. You are responsible for bringing your textbook and a pen to each class.
5. Be respectful of others and their possessions—no offensive clothing or language.
6. No food or drink is allowed, including gum.
7. Be attentive, participate, and follow all instructions. Do not speak while others are speaking.
8. All cell phones must be turned off. These may be confiscated.
9. Wear weather-appropriate clothing during the retreat. Girls may not wear dresses during the retreat.
10. Please keep your parents and sponsors informed of what they ought to know throughout this process.
11. All requirements for this sacrament must be completed by the end of March.
12. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in dismissal from an event (class, retreat, interview) and/or dismissal from the Confirmation program.

### \*2017-2018 Calendar and Syllabus:

Dates Vary (May-Aug.):	Candidate Orientation (In Mr. Huster's Office; Times Vary)
Sept. 17 (Lesson 1):	Chosen—Discovering God as the Source
Oct. 1 (Lesson 2):	Chosen—The Person and Mission of Christ
Oct. 15 (Lesson 3):	Chosen—Discovering the Church Jesus Founded
Nov. 5 (Lesson 4):	Chosen—The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments
Dec. 3 (Lesson 5):	Chosen—Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family
Jan. 7 (Lesson 6):	Chosen—Meeting the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity
Jan. 21 (Lesson 7):	Chosen—Gifts for the Journey
Feb. 25 (Lesson 8):	Chosen—Sealed and Sent in Confirmation
Saturday, March 3:	Retreat (Chosen—To the Heart: Your Journey Continues)
March 19-23:	Confirmation Interviews (in Parish Center)
Sunday, April 22:	Practice (Begins in cafeteria at <b>5:45 p.m.</b> ; ends in church; Sponsors are to attend with Candidates)
Thursday, April 26:	Confirmation Mass w/ Archbishop Aymond (Begins at 7 p.m.; Candidates and Sponsors meet in cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.)

\*Lessons will take place on the second floor of our school's **Main Classroom Building** from **5:45-7:15 p.m.** The teacher may dismiss class anytime between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Enter the school through the black, iron gate between the Pre-K Building and Park Drive no earlier than 5:30 p.m. You will not be allowed to enter the classroom and must make up the lesson if you arrive after 5:45 p.m. and the black gate has been closed. You will be given your assigned class room number when you arrive for the first class, or via e-mail prior to the first class.

The retreat will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in our **Cafeteria** and will conclude at approximately **5 p.m.** (with our participation as a group in church at the 4 p.m. Mass). Doors will be unlocked at 9:15 a.m. Lunch from Domino's Pizza will be provided. However, candidates may bring their own lunch.

Keep this sheet as a reminder of the dates and time of events.

Information is subject to change. You will be informed via e-mail of any possible changes.