

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

— Confirmation —



Dear Candidates and Families:

Thank you for your interest in the Sacrament of Confirmation. According to the Archdiocese of Seattle, teens between the ages of 11 and 18 are now eligible to begin the process. The Archbishop has asked parishes to begin offering Confirmation for youth as young as 7th grade. MOP will implement this by offering Confirmation to 9-12th grade youth for the 2019-2020 year, and to 7-12th grade youth for the 2020-2021 year. Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism and Eucharist are the other two). To be confirmed, a candidate must go through a two-year process.

Year One (the Formation Period): The candidate is enrolled and actively participates in at least one of the following: Catholic fellowship, Catholic schooling, parish faith formation and youth ministry, or a ministry of the parish. For many teens at Mary, Queen of Peace, this means involvement with our middle school or high school youth ministry program.

Year Two (the Sacramental Period): Candidates will attend Confirmation classes, service projects, retreats, and grow in their faith while still participating as did in Year One.

There are some minimum expectations for candidates who wish to be Confirmed:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith – specifically what is taught in the Confirmation classes.
2. Attends Mass and receives the Eucharist weekly.
3. It is the **candidate's decision to be Confirmed, desiring to continue** a relationship with Jesus.
4. Be in a state of grace (attended Reconciliation/Confession prior to Confirmation).

Why is the Sacrament of Confirmation important? Here are some of the reasons:

- It perfects our Baptism, sealing the gifts of the Holy Spirit received at our Baptism.
- Confirmation increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit (which will be taught in the classes).
- Confirmation unites us more firmly to Jesus.
- Confirmation gives us the strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly and to never be ashamed of the Cross.

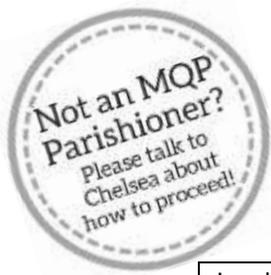
We will provide appropriate preparation in the time leading up to Confirmation so that each candidate is prepared according to these expectations. More details of the Confirmation Program are included with this letter. Confirmation is a beautiful sacrament. It is a rich and important step in the spiritual growth of young people. We believe that while parents can strongly encourage their **teen to attend Confirmation classes, it needs to be the teen's decision to be confirmed.** Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chad Green
Priest Administrator

Chelsea J. M. Smith
Pastoral Assistant for Confirmation & Communications





CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

<p>Individual Meetings – schedule by August 10th, 2019.</p>	<p>Each candidate must attend an individual meeting with Chelsea Smith prior to the beginning of Confirmation classes. The meeting will last 15-20 minutes. Please email Chelsea prior to August 10th to schedule this meeting: confirmation@mqp.org</p>
<p>Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>There are 9 classes in total from September through February. Each class is 1.5 hours and held at Mary, Queen of Peace. Class is offered on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Students need to sign up for either the Tuesday or Sunday class and are only allowed to miss one class. Students may attend the other class if needed as long as Chelsea is contacted prior to that class.</p>
<p>Retreats</p>	<p>Candidates are required to attend two retreats. One is in September and is one day (held at MQP). The other is in November and is over a weekend. These are specific to Confirmation and cannot be replaced by other activities or retreats.</p>
<p>Liturgies</p>	<p>Candidates are expected to attend Mass every Sunday. The 5 pm Sunday Mass is specifically designed for teens.</p>
<p>Parish Life Involvement</p>	<p>As Catholics, we are called to participate in our parish community. Read the parish bulletin or talk with Chelsea to get ideas.</p>
<p>High School Youth Ministry</p>	<p>Candidates are required to register for youth ministry and attend regularly and participate in youth ministry events.</p>
<p>Additional Faith Events (Such as a retreats or service projects)</p> <p><i>Optional events included in this packet. Reflection form will be passed out at Class # 1.</i></p>	<p>As Catholics, we are called to express our faith through loving service. Candidates are required to do service, events and retreats outside of the two Confirmation retreats. These must add up to a total of 7 points. Possible options are listed at the end of this packet. A reflection form is to be filled out about the events and will be due Feb. 8th, 2020.</p>
<p>Sponsors</p>	<p>Each candidate must choose a sponsor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years old, fully initiated (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and active Catholics who are in good standing with the Church. Parents cannot be sponsors.</p>
<p>Verification of Sacraments</p>	<p>Candidates must provide MQP with a copy of their baptismal certificate and a copy of your sponsor's baptismal certificate, both issued within the last 6 months, with notation of the Sacrament of Eucharist. This can be obtained by calling the parish of baptism and requesting it be sent to Mary, Queen of Peace.</p>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Candidate Year	Needs
Proximate Formation (prior to sacramental year)	Parents are required to help with the Confirmation reception. We need volunteers to help set up and take down the day of Confirmation. Please indicate your preference when completing the Youth Ministry registration form.
Immediate Formation (year receiving the sacrament)	Small Group Leaders are needed at both the Tuesday and Sunday classes. Leaders will facilitate discussions and activities along with being a role model in their faith. You need to commit to either all the Tuesday or Sunday classes as well as the two retreats. Chelsea can absolutely help train and equip you to feel confident in this role.
Immediate Formation	Snack providers are needed for each of the Tuesday and Sunday classes as well as for the retreats.
Immediate Formation	Drivers are needed (at least 21 years old) to transport the teens to and from the Led by the Spirit retreat location in Stanwood, WA. Drivers are needed for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon.

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CALENDAR 2019 -2020



Students must sign up for either Tuesday or Sunday classes.
 If they have a conflict, they may attend the alternate class (Chelsea should be notified in advance).
 Classes take place in the San Pedro room (N147).

Class/ Activity	Tuesday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Sunday 3:00 – 4:30
Class 1 (parents present)	9/24/19	9/22/19
Strengths Retreat (Saturday)	9/28/19 12:00 – 6:00pm	9/28/19 12:00 – 6:00pm
Class 2	10/8/19	10/6/19
Class 3	10/22/19	10/20/19
Led by the Spirit Retreat (weekend)	11/1/19 – 11/3/19	11/1/19 – 11/3/19
Class 4	11/12/19	11/17/19
Class 5	12/3/19	12/8/19
Class 6 (sponsors present)	1/7/20	1/12/20
Class 7	1/21/20	1/26/20
Class 8	2/4/20	2/9/20
Confirmation Rehearsal	TBD	TBD
Confirmation	FEB 2020 TBD	FEB 2020 TBD
Class 9 – Reunion Class	TENATIVELY 3/3/20	TENATIVELY 3/1/20

Note:

Students are only allowed to miss ONE Confirmation class, and makeup work for that class must be completed. We also want to see you participate in the MQP Youth Ministry program in addition to the Confirmation classes and retreats. See you there!

For more information about Confirmation & Youth Ministry please email Chelsea:

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ADDITIONAL FAITH EVENT

REQUIREMENT CALENDAR

Please note: It is required teens attend service projects and retreats **IN ADDITION** to the two Confirmation retreats—both the Strengths retreat and the November Confirmation retreat are required. The additional events you attend must add up to a total of **7 points and take place between June of 2019 and March of 2020**. If you would like to attend something at another parish or within your Catholic school, points to allot should be discussed with Chelsea. These can include mission trips, service projects, retreats, parish events, and much more. Financial aid is available for all trips. A Faith Event Reflection Form is to be filled out for the events and is due on **Feb. 8th, 2020**.

Activity	Day	Location	Points
Agape Mission Trip	6/30/19 - 7/4/19	Bellingham, WA	7
Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer	7/15/19 - 7/19/19	Mary, Queen of Peace	7
Steubenville Conference	7/26/19 - 7/28/19	Gonzaga University Spokane, WA	5
MQP Summerfest Volunteer	8/25/19	Mary, Queen of Peace	3
Youth Ministry Small Groups	A weekly small group - starts in September	Mary, Queen of Peace or offsite	1 (1 pt. each time you attend)
Parish Mission with Steve Angrisano	Evenings of September 15-17	Mary, Queen of Peace	1 (1 pt. each night you attend)
Children's or Middle School Ministry volunteer	Wednesdays or Sundays	Mary, Queen of Peace	7 (Consistent Volunteer)
Parish Event (such as 1 st Fri Pray the Rosary)	TBA	Mary, Queen of Peace or Your Parish	1
MQP Auction Volunteer	10/12/19	Mary, Queen of Peace	3
Pet Blessing Volunteer	TBD (October)	Mary, Queen of Peace	2
Catholic Youth Convention	TBD (January)	Lynwood Convention Center	5
March for Life	TBD (January)	Olympia	3
Crab Feed Server	TBD (February)	Mary, Queen of Peace	3

For more information about these events, Confirmation & Youth Ministry please email Chelsea.

Interested In registering for Confirmation? Email Chelsea: confirmation@mqp.org

