

HOLY TRINITY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FIRST RECONCILIATION/CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If your child was **NOT** baptized at Holy Trinity Parish, we require the following information **on or before October 1, 2017**

- 1) A copy of your child's baptism certificate
- 2) The complete mailing address of the church your child was baptized in along with their e-mail and/or fax number.

We require this because when a child receives the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish, we are obligated to provide the church where the child was baptized with the Confirmation information so they can record it in their Baptismal Register.

If we do not receive this information by October 1, 2017, you and your child will not be able to participate in our sacraments program.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

The expectation is that children and their parent(s) will attend every class. Should an illness or an emergency arise that would prevent you from attending class, please contact Val Magnuson before the class to advise of your absence.

Should extenuating circumstances exist such as custody or visitation issues, or another event has already been committed to on the same weekend as a class is scheduled, please speak with Val Magnuson to make alternative arrangements.

In any instance, please contact Val Magnuson before the class to advise of your absence. Not showing up and not calling ahead would indicate to us that you have decided not to continue with the classes.

SPONSORS FOR CONFIRMATION

1. If at all possible, the Confirmation sponsor should be the baptismal godparent.
2. The father or mother of the person to be baptized **CANNOT** be the sponsor.
3. A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and have received all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).
4. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. *Two men or two women cannot be sponsors either at Baptism or Confirmation and secondly, there may be no more than two sponsors.*
5. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Christian community cannot be a sponsor except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a Christian witness.
6. Sponsors stand as representatives of the faith community. They are models of faith who support the person being confirmed on their faith journey.

RITE OF WELCOMING CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION

The Rite of Welcoming Candidates will take place the weekend of January 27/28, 2018. It will depend on how many children we have in the program as to whether we will have this Rite at more than one Mass.

At this Rite, the children and their sponsors are presented to the faith community. The children state to the faith community that they want to come to know Jesus better and to deepen their commitment to him. The sponsors are asked if they are willing to assist the children in their journey to full initiation in the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This is why it is important for the sponsors to be at this Mass. Should this not be possible, another person can stand as proxy on the sponsor's behalf.

There is a class after the 11:00 Mass on this weekend. If we happen to celebrate the Rite of Welcoming at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday and at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, the children are still expected to attend class on Sunday regardless of which Mass they attended.

The Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist is not a sacrament, but an important step in the journey towards the sacraments.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECTS

The sacrament of Confirmation has traditionally been tied to the candidate participating in a Christian Service Project. Considering most of the candidates are now young children, we felt that the children and their families could participate in the following:

We have decided on two projects; one of service, and one of prayer.

The prayer project involves praying daily for an unborn child whose life and health may be in danger. Your child can choose whether they wish to pray for a baby girl or a baby boy. A copy of the prayer will be handed out at the first class. On the bulletin board upstairs will be a display that follows the life of a baby developing in the womb. The children can check on how "their baby" is growing as they pray the baby to birth. If your family chooses to, you can bring a baby item to the retreat that will be given to Birthright who assist mothers in difficult pregnancies.

The service project is providing a ministry to the parish. This can be done as a family. It involves coming to Mass about 15 minutes early to greet people as they come into the church. Then at the Offertory part of the Mass, your family would carry the gifts of wine, water, and bread to Father Ron at the front of the church. You would choose the Mass that your family would participate in this ministry by putting your names on the signup sheet.