

Requirements of Confirmation

Class Attendance: **Class attendance is required by the diocese.** As such, no more than three (3) classes may be missed during the class term (September 18, 2016 thru March 3, 2017). Any worksheets or assignments done in the missed class shall be completed at home and turned in the following class.

It is also important to **be on time to class.** Class begins at 10:30 am or immediately after Mass. The Confirmation classroom is located in the SOR building.

Retreat: Each Confirmation Candidate is required to attend the retreat scheduled by the Confirmation Coordinator. The retreat this year is scheduled for **October 22, 2016** here at Our Lady of Lourdes and lead by the Retreat Team from Benedictine College. The retreat is a requirement for Confirmation as set forth by the Diocese in its Confirmation Policy guidelines.

Regular Mass Attendance: While it is sometimes necessary to be out of town, you still have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass wherever you are. If you attend Mass at another location, please bring me a bulletin from the Catholic Church you attended.

Request for Confirmation Letter to the Pastor: This is a formal letter you will write which tells our pastor why you want to be confirmed. These letters shall be done outside of class. The deadline for these letters is Sunday, **January 29, 2017**. This letter needs to be at least 1 page double-spaced in length. Hardcopy or electronic copy is acceptable. If the letter is handwritten, please take your time and make it legible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: We recommend you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Confirmation Ceremony (no more than 1 month prior). If you are confirmed while not in a state of grace you are still confirmed. However, you may not have the advantages of the graces from the Confirmation sacrament until you are in a state of grace.