

St. Maximilian Kolbe Confirmation 2017-2018

Yearly Guidelines

- ❖ Sessions will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm the first two weeks of each month. Candidates must attend one session per week (either Sunday OR Wednesday).
- ❖ Candidates must make a faithful effort to attend all Confirmation sessions. Candidates will not be allowed to miss more than 2 sessions. If they miss more than 2, the candidate must participate in a make up activity.
- ❖ Candidates and parents must participate in an interview with the Confirmation team during the second year of preparation.
- ❖ Candidates are asked to attend at least one High School Youth Ministry Event per year to begin experiencing the ministry offered after Confirmation.
- ❖ Candidates must choose a sponsor by January of their 1st year.

Retreat Guidelines

- ❖ Candidates must attend 1 retreat per year.
- ❖ If a candidate is unable to attend St. Max's retreat, they must notify Kia immediately and make arrangements to attend another parish's retreat. Kia will provide a calendar of nearby parish retreat dates.
- ❖ Candidates **MUST** attend the full retreat each year, **from start to finish**. Candidates may not arrive late, leave early, or be gone for a period of time during the retreat.

Retreat Fees

- ❖ Year I retreat fee is \$50 and is due by November 1st, 2017.
- ❖ Year II retreat fee is \$165 and is due by January 1st, 2018.

Service Hours

- ❖ Candidates must participate in 4 hours of parish service and 4 hours of community service. They may choose any service they are interested in. Ex: altar serving, helping at VBS, etc. for parish; and may choose any outside organization to work with for completion of community service. Their service hours must be signed off by a witness.
- ❖ Each candidate must keep track of their own service hours on the Service Form found in the candidate folder. Kia and the Confirmation team **DO NOT** keep logs of each candidates' hours.
- ❖ Candidates must turn in their completed Service Form by April 1, 2018 to Kia

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Confirmation Goals

Help teens to:

- ❖ Have the desire to attend and be active in their faith formation
- ❖ Understand, attend, and relate to weekly Mass
- ❖ Understand their Catholic faith and how it relates to Christianity at large
- ❖ Understand the history and development of our faith
- ❖ Come to real faith conclusions and use it in daily life habits and practices
- ❖ Develop a deeper commitment to social justice and helping others
- ❖ Develop a trusting relationship with their team leaders and group so that they can discuss challenges and feelings
- ❖ Develop a rewarding prayer life
- ❖ Build a stronger Catholic teen community and fellowship
- ❖ Understand the sacrament of Confirmation and its relevance in their faith journey
- ❖ Select and develop a deeper spiritual relationship with a Sponsor
- ❖ Offer engaging and spiritually enriching retreats
- ❖ Get the most from their weekly meetings by making them interesting, valuable and faith enhancing
- ❖ Connect to their parish and Catholic faith so they continue their involvement after Confirmation and into adulthood

Help parents to:

- ❖ Be active partners in their teen's faith life through family activities at home and in the parish and through parent education
- ❖ Be spiritually inspired in order to better support their teen's faith growth