



Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Confirmation Guideline Form 2023 - 2024

As parents, we are the first and most important teachers of our children in the Catholic Faith. As we work together, our goals here at St. Elizabeth Seton are to provide each child with a religious education in the Catholic Faith, inspire in each child an eagerness for the Word of God, encourage worship and prayer, motivate each child to become active members of our church community, and to encourage community involvement with the help of parents.

I, the parent, or guardian of a Confirmation student understand that in order for my child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, he/or she must fulfill all of the following requirements and expectations:

- **Attendance and Absences**

Sessions will begin at 4:30 PM. Please do not be tardy. Parents will be informed of tardiness and unexcused absences. Students are required to attend all scheduled sessions. If the child is ill or has to miss a class for an emergency, we ask parents to email Mr. Harson at blake@setonchurch.org to inform us when possible. The work missed can be made up when the student returns.

- **Behavior/Discipline**

Students are expected to cooperate fully with the Confirmation team at all times. No disruptions during Sessions or other activities will be tolerated. Parents will be notified of behavioral or disciplinary problems after the 2nd warning. If the behavior persists, the child will be asked to leave the program. Our team members are volunteers and are giving of their talents to minister to our children. We should respect them.

You, as the parent hereby release to St. Elizabeth Seton Church and all affiliated with St. Elizabeth Seton Church from any liability. They will not be held responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the Confirmation Program activities because of behavioral or disciplinary problems. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church volunteers and employees reserve the right to ask anyone to leave due to inappropriate behavior.

- **Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices**

It is encouraged that these be left in the car. If absolutely necessary to have a phone, then they must be turned on silent. This time frame is dedicated to praying and learning more about our Church teachings. The team member may decide to have a basket to collect these until the end of the session.

- **Weekly Mass attendance**

Students will be required to attend Sunday Mass. Student will need to write their name on the top of the bulletin and turn it in at your next session or drop it at the office with a signature of the welcome minister or other minister on duty at the Mass, beginning the weekend of **September 23-24th**. If you will be out of town, you will need to get a bulletin from the Catholic church you attended.

- **Greeting the Priest**

Greeting the Priest after mass is important for Father to get to know the students and for him to see them actively participating in their faith. Father will stand at the back of church after mass and we would like the students to come and greet him.



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- **Service Project and other activities not listed on the schedule:**
 - Students will work with their group for a service project. This will be decided and planned at a Confirmation Session. A Report (green form) will be turned in and more information will be given out at a later date to the candidates.
 - Students will be required to have Adoration time as part of their formation. A report (pink form) will be turned in and more information will be given out at a later date to the candidates.
 - Confirmation interviews before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in March. Times and days will be given to the candidates to choose for the interviews.
- **Confirmation Retreat:**

All students must attend the Confirmation Retreat on **February 25, 2024 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the Family Center.**
- **Select of a Confirmation Sponsor that is-**

A confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing with the church. This means that the person follows the commandments of God by participating each week in Sunday Mass, frequents the Sacrament of Reconciliation and has his/her marriage blessed by the Catholic Church (if applicable). The sponsor must have celebrated all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and may not be a parent of the Confirmation candidate. Sponsor Form (blue form) will be due around November.
- **Saint Name**

Confirmation Candidate's will pick a Saint that is important to them. It may be a patron saint of interest. A report (pink form) on their saint and due date of the report will be given at a later date.
- **April 8, 2024 – CONFIRMATION PRACTICE (6:00 – 7:00 PM Church)**

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsors are required to attend practice. Dress code – We will be in Church, so appropriate clothing is required. If sponsor cannot make practice or Confirmation Mass another adult must sit in proxy. This information should be given prior to the practice if at all possible. Sponsor dress should be Mass appropriate.
- **April 11, 2024 – CONFIRMATION MASS (6:00 PM Church)**

More information will be given on arrival times for Confirmation Candidate and Sponsors at a later date.
- **Confirmation Mass dress code:**
 - **Females:** White or Off-white dresses are usually worn. The dress must have a high cut back and front. Please no sleeveless or spaghetti straps, and nor sheer or with holes in material. It must be knee length or longer.
 - **Male:** Solid white or off white, long sleeve button down dress shirt. Dark colored dress slacks with dark socks and dress shoes. Dark solid colored tie or Bowtie.
- **Parent Confirmation Guideline Form** (white form) **and Confirmation Candidate Covenant Form** (yellow form) need to be returned back by **September 24, 2023.**



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Please print and sign your name below stating that you have read our guidelines.

Guidelines for Confirmation Program

Child/ren's Name: (please print) _____

Parent Name: (please print) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

DUE NO LATE THAN SEPTEMBER 24, 2023