

# St. Pius V Church

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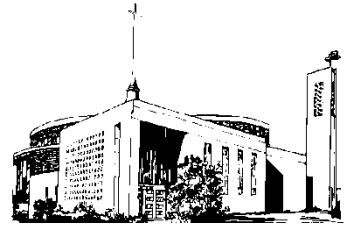
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## **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONFIRMATION**

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the person to be confirmed receives an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus, especially by encouraging others in the faith.

- **MASS AND PRAYER:** Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is essential as Confirmation preparation. Encourage your candidate to start developing a routine of prayer each day. There are many encouraging books, singers, and podcasts that can strengthen faith.
- **MASS OF CONFIRMATION:** The Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Robert C. Evans on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7 pm** at St. Pius V Church. Candidates and sponsors are to arrive in the church hall **no later than 6 p.m.** A light reception will follow in the church hall.
- **MASS OF CONFIRMATION PRACTICE:** A mandatory practice for the Mass of Confirmation will be held in St. Pius V Church on **Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6 p.m.** Sponsors and candidates need to be in attendance.
- **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET:** Please complete and return by **March 13, 2018.** (*A note for St. Pius V School candidates: If you are a registered parishioner in another parish, please ask your pastor to write a letter to Fr. Augustine permitting your child to receive Confirmation at St. Pius V Parish. This letter must be submitted to Sr. Chiara, O.P. by 3/13/17.*)
- **CONFIRMATION PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING:** Parents/Guardians of Confirmation candidates must attend a meeting on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. All forms are due at this meeting.
- **CONFIRMATION NAME:** Confirmation candidates choose a saint as a special patron. Often it is the same patron given at Baptism, but it does not have to be. The name of that saint will be the candidate's Confirmation name.
- **SPONSOR:** A Confirmation sponsor is a person that the candidate can turn to with questions, advice, and support in living out the Catholic Faith. The requirements to serve as a Confirmation sponsor are as follows:
  - A fully-initiated (have received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) Catholic who lives out their commitment to Christ and the Church community by participating in the Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
  - At least 16 years old
  - If the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church.
  - Cannot be the biological or adoptive father or mother of the candidateSponsors must request a "Sponsor Certificate" from their pastor or parish office. This certificate must be submitted by **March 13, 2017.**
- **DRESS CODE:** Confirmation candidates are asked to wear semi-formal, modest attire at the Confirmation Mass. See the "Confirmation Dress Code" sheet for additional information.
- **RETREAT:** Students will attend a Confirmation retreat led by student leaders from Providence College's Campus Ministry on **March 24, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Church.** Families are invited to join their candidates at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- **SERVICE:** "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Faith Formation:** Candidates are required to complete and submit a "Confirmation Service Reflection Sheet" for their class's combined service opportunity. "Confirmation Service Reflection Sheets" are due by **March 13, 2018.** **School:** The service requirement for Confirmation candidates is fulfilled by St. Pius V School's service requirement.