

# Direct Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Catechetical Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

*Direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is that time period prior to the celebration of the sacrament which focuses on the nature and meaning of the sacrament in the life of the Christian, as well as preparing the individual and community to meaningfully celebrate the Rite in the liturgical assembly.*

*It is one component of the parish's regular high school catechetical and/or youth ministry program. (Confirmation Guidelines, page 11).*

*The celebration of the sacrament takes place ideally when the candidates are in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade with 10<sup>th</sup> grade being the earliest time. (p. 5)*

1. Does your parish offer Catechesis/Youth Ministry for high school students in grades 9-12?  
**YES** **NO**
2. Does your parish offer Confirmation preparation as a separate component of that high school Catechetical/Youth Ministry program?  
**YES** **NO**
3. How do you determine readiness of the candidate to enter into the direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation? (e.g., interview)  
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4. Do you celebrate a Rite of Enrollment? **YES** **NO**

## CANDIDATES:

1. How many sessions comprise the direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Briefly describe the content of those sessions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Briefly describe the Confirmation retreat which is a component of sacramental preparation, (e.g., location, facilitator, topics, time-frame)  
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4. How have the candidates been encouraged to integrate service into their faith formation?  
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5. How do you determine readiness of the candidate to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (e.g., 2<sup>nd</sup> interview)?

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6. In what ways are the candidates involved in the planning and preparation of the Confirmation liturgy?

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7. How many candidates will be confirmed this year at each grade level?

Grade 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORS:**

1. How many sponsor sessions are included in the direct preparation? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How have sponsors been formed in their role?

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**PARENTS:**

1. How many parent sessions were included in the direct preparation? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How have parents been invited to deepen their own faith life and to participate in the sacramental preparation of their son or daughter?

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**COMMUNICATION:**

1. Have you had the opportunity to collaborate with other parishes in planning and implementing preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation?      **YES**      **NO**

2. If yes, please explain:

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3. Would your parish like to celebrate the conferral of the sacrament with another parish?      **YES**      **NO**

4. If yes, have you communicated with the Bishop's Office?      **YES**      **NO**

5. In what ways have the regional religious education office and resource center been a support for your visioning, planning and implementation of the Confirmation process in your parish?

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