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Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Confirmation Ministry
Danville, KY



“Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

-Pope St. John Paul II

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Program Purpose

This three-year Confirmation preparation program is designed to deepen a personal, joyful relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church for our maturing young disciples of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and their families. (Note: While the program extends over three years, like earlier programs in our parish *only one year – the third year – includes an additional evening of Confirmation Catechesis each week.* The first and second year experiences are much less frequent and offer a greater measure of flexibility – but they are no less important or optional.)

Our desire is to prepare our maturing disciples well to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by helping them ***come to know Jesus as Lord and friend and experience the joy of living life on a mission to make that love known in the world around them.*** We also hope to foster an abiding relationship with His Body, the Church.

Parents and families are the primary catechists of our young disciples. We are mindful of this role and seek to empower and join with parents and families in this role. That’s why our program intentionally includes opportunities and activities for and with parents and families during the Confirmation preparation years.



Young disciples: We love you! Jesus loves you! We are praying that these experiences open your heart and mind to receive the great graces that come through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over these years of preparation, we will together focus on the Eucharist as that most amazing moment of encounter with Jesus which leads us into becoming – each one of us – Priest,

Prophet, and King according to the example of Jesus as joyful missionary disciples for the rest of our lives!

The preparation program, rooted in the Eucharist, provides formation in Christian service, a foundation in Sacred Scripture as the living word of God speaking to us today, emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and awakens our Catholic identity as being sealed and sent in the sacrament and mission of Confirmation.

Confirmation is the sacrament of initiation which strengthens the work begun at Baptism. *“Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us*

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more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1316)

Each year of the program includes three key elements: **Service, Retreat, and Preparation**. The outline and details of this program are designed for the benefit of the youth desiring to receive the sacrament.



"Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life!'"

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General Overview

8TH GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Service	Retreat	Preparation
Two required service projects of the confirmand’s choosing—to be discussed as a family	An introductory session to Confirmation preparation for family and confirmandi A day retreat for family and confirmandi at the parish	Presence and participation at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation Routine participation in the middle school youth group (Edge) on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm

At the start of the 8th grade school year:

- Sacramental preparation registration form is to be turned in during registration time in August.

Before the start of the 9th grade school year:

- Two short reflection papers on the required service projects.
- Choose a Confirmation sponsor and turn in required forms.

Before the completion of three-year program:

- Parent participation in the parish’s “Belonging” sacramental preparation program.

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9TH GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Service	Retreat	Preparation
One group service project involving the whole 9 th grade class of confirmandi Train for and participate in liturgical ministry or relational ministry	Retreat experience of the confirmand’s choice	Presence and participation in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation Routine participation in the high school youth group (Life Teen) on Sunday nights from 6-8pm

By December of 9th grade year:

- Write a one-page paper on a saint.

Before the completion of the three-year program:

- Parent participation in the parish’s “Belonging” sacramental preparation program.

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10TH GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Service	Retreat	Preparation
30 minimum required service hours, which includes 10 hours served with the Confirmation sponsor.	<p>Weekend retreat for the confirmandi: Priest, Prophet, King.</p> <p>Participate in one diocesan or parish sponsored vocations event or activity.</p>	<p>Presence and participation in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation</p> <p>Routine participation in high school youth group (Life Teen) on Sunday nights from 6-8pm.</p> <p>Routine participation in weekly Confirmation preparation classes on Sundays from 5-6pm.</p>

By December of the 10th grade year:

- Submit Baptismal certificate from the Church of record dated within the last six months.

During the months of January and February:

- Schedule a meeting with the pastor.

Within one month prior to the sacrament of Confirmation:

- Submit a letter to the Bishop requesting to be confirmed.
- Turn in appropriate service hour log.

Before the completion of the three-year program:

- Parent participation in the parish’s “Belonging” sacramental preparation program.