

## Holy Angels Confirmation Prep – 2023-24 Sacrament Overview

Welcome to Confirmation Prep! This is an overview of important dates and what to expect this year:

### Important Dates:

Late August/early September – Welcome interviews

**Sunday, September 17** – Prep Session #1, 3:00-5:00pm, Holy Angels Church Hall

**Sunday, October 15** – Prep Session #2, 3:00-5:00pm, Holy Angels Church Hall

**Retreat – Friday, November 10 – Sunday, November 12;**

Camp Whitcomb-Mason, Hartland

**Sunday, December 3** – Prep Session #3, 3:00-5:00pm, Holy Angels Church Hall

**Sunday, January 28** – Prep Session #4, 3:00-5:00pm, Holy Angels Church Hall

**Sunday, February 25** – Prep Session #5, 3:00-5:00pm, Holy Angels Church Hall

Month of March – Confirmation Interviews (by appointment – similar format to Welcome Interview)

**Tuesday, April 9** – **MANDATORY** Practice for Confirmation Mass –

6:00-7:00pm, Holy Angels Church

(Sponsors are asked to attend; if sponsor is unable, one parent should attend in their place)

**Thursday, April 11** – Confirmation Mass at Holy Angels, 7:00pm

(Confirmands and sponsors should arrive by 6:30pm, Bishop Haines presiding)

Your teen is expected to participate in all scheduled Prep Sessions and other dates listed above. If your teen cannot make a session, please contact Brian in the Faith Formation Office at [maseb@hawb.org](mailto:maseb@hawb.org) or by phone at 262-343-2370 before the session date. **Make-up work** will be assigned for any missed session. Makeup work, by nature, cannot fully replicate the community aspect of formation that we promote here at Holy Angels with our mixed large group and small group formats, which is why we require attendance. Multiple missed sessions may also result in delayed Confirmation.

**Retreat:** SAVE THE DATE! As listed above the Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for November 10-12, at Camp Whitcomb-Mason in Hartland. Our approximate time frame is as follows:

- Friday, November 10: Gather at HA by 5:45pm, departing at 6:00pm for Camp Whitcomb
- Sunday, November 12: Leave Camp Whitcomb at 11:00am, arriving back at HA by 11:30am

Note: Weekend Mass will be included as part of the retreat. More detailed information about the retreat, including permission slips and packing lists, will come out in late September.

**Sponsor:** Part of the Confirmation process is for the Confirmand to choose a sponsor, someone in their life who can walk along with them on their faith journey and act as a mentor figure. This can be an older sibling, another relative, a family friend, perhaps even a coach or teacher that has had an impact on your teen's life. Per the Archdiocese and canon law, there are a few guidelines as to who can be a sponsor:

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic
- Must be a registered member of a parish
- Cannot be a parent of the Confirmand

We spend part of our first prep session discussing this with the teens, and they will have until the end of September to complete the Sponsor Information Form on our website. The Sponsor Guide sheet is for the sponsors themselves, giving them some guidelines as to what is expected of them. I will also be in contact with them directly as the year goes on.

**Saint Name bio:** Another part of the Confirmation process is for the Confirmand to choose a saint that they can look up to and pray with. There are several connections that a teen may find with a saint:

- Family name of some significance
- Patronage/virtue that the teen connects with
- A saint who the teen has read about in the Bible or other stories

We spend part of our third prep session discussing this with the teens, and they will have until session #4 (January 28) to complete the Saint Name Bio Google Form on our website.

**Service hours:** Your teen is expected to complete a total of 45 hours of service during their 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade years. This service should consist of both parish events and community (non-parish) events; serving family members is another great way to participate, provided you don't live with them and you don't get paid for your work. All service hours should be logged on our Religious Ed website, [www.hawb.org/reled](http://www.hawb.org/reled).

**Confirmation Interview:** During the month of March, after the prep sessions are done and before Confirmation Mass, we'll sit down and chat about your impressions of the year and how your faith journey is going. This will be similar to the Welcome Interview everyone did in August; you'll choose a date and time slot that works for your schedule, and we can meet in-person or via Google Meet. **The schedule for the interview time slots will be released in February.**

**Program fee:** \$200, which is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. This can be paid online on our Confirmation website or by check (made payable to Holy Angels).

**Paperwork:** If your teen was baptized at Holy Angels, we will have their baptismal certificate on file. If your teen was baptized **at a different parish**, please get us a copy of that baptismal certificate.

**Please visit our website:** [www.hawb.org/confirmation](http://www.hawb.org/confirmation)

- Registration and online payment
- Saint Name Bio/Sponsor Information forms
- Sponsor Guide and Wild Goose videos/study guides
- Retreat paperwork (coming in late September)
- Confirmation Interview schedule (coming in February)

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