



CONFIRMATION

Registration Packet 2023-2024

"... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." - Acts 1:8





July 1, 2023

Dear families,

We are thrilled you are taking the final steps to full initiation of your teen into the Catholic faith! We are preparing a dedicated team of catechists and evangelists who are passionate about helping you grow and are prepared to answer your questions.

Confirmation preparation for teens is a two-year program in the Diocese of Orange, which includes biweekly meetings, retreats, Eucharistic Adoration, and service. In your first year, you will pick a patron saint and a confirmation sponsor. In your second year, you will write a letter of request to the bishop expressing your desire to be confirmed.

This summer, we gathered the catechists twice and brainstormed what went well and what needed improving upon from last year. Ultimately, we talked about ways to make our Confirmation program even better. We have made some changes for this new year, so if you are returning for your second year, please pay extra attention to the Policies Sheet included in this packet. Our hope is that going forward, our program will bear even more fruit for the Kingdom of God.


Please come appropriately dressed and leave behind your mobile devices when you come to class. People learn best without distractions; and we're serious about making the most of our time with you each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to the Office of Faith Formation. We are praying for you as we move forward together in faith!

Sincerely in Christ,

St. Hedwig Office of Faith Formation:
→ Susan Rossi, Faith Formation Assistant

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Dates	Time	Year	Lesson / Due Dates / Notes
Sun., Aug. 13, 2023	6-8pm	1 & 2	Parent Information Meeting
Sun., Aug. 20, 2023	6-8pm	1 & 2	Kerygma: The Problem
Sun., Aug. 27, 2023	6-8pm	1 & 2	Kerygma: The Solution
Sun., Sept. 3, 2023			<i>No Formation – Labor Day</i>
Sun., Sept. 10, 2023	6-8pm	1 & 2	Kerygma: The Choice
Sun., Sept. 17, 2023	6-8pm	1	Lessons 1 & 2
Sun., Sept. 24, 2023	6-8pm	2	Lesson 13
Sun., Oct. 1, 2023			<i>No Formation – Autumnfest</i>
Sun., Oct. 8, 2023	6-8pm	1	Lesson 3 // Sponsor form & retreat permission slip due (C1)
Sun., Oct. 15, 2023	6-8pm	2	Lesson 14
Sun., Oct. 22, 2023	6-8pm	1	Lesson 4 // Sponsor Night
Sun., Oct. 29, 2023	6-8pm	2	Lesson 15 // Sponsor Night
Sat., Nov. 4, 2023	TBD	1	Day-long Confirmation 1 Retreat
Sun., Nov. 5, 2023			<i>No Formation – Retreat Decompression</i>
Sun., Nov. 12, 2023			<i>No Formation – Veteran's Day</i>
Sun., Nov. 19, 2023	6-8pm	2	Lesson 16
Sun., Nov. 26, 2023			<i>No Formation – Thanksgiving</i>
Sun., Dec. 3, 2023	6-8pm	1	Lesson 6 // Saint report due (C1)
Sun., Dec. 10, 2023	6-8pm	1 & 2	Safe Environment training
Sun., Dec. 17, 2023	6-8pm	2	Lesson 17
Sun., Dec. 24, 2023			<i>No Formation – Christmas</i>
Sun., Dec. 31, 2023			<i>No Formation – New Years</i>
Sun., Jan. 7, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 7
Sun., Jan. 14, 2024			<i>No Formation – Martin Luther King</i>
Sun., Jan. 21, 2024	See notes	1 & 2	Teens: Speaker, 6-8pm (Quinn Hall) Parents: Parent Meeting, 7-8pm (Church)
Sun., Jan. 28, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lesson 18 // Retreat permission slip due (C2)
Sun., Feb. 4, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 8
Sun., Feb. 11, 2024			<i>No Formation – Super Bowl</i>
Sun., Feb. 18, 2024			<i>No Formation – Presidents' Day</i>
Sun., Feb. 25, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lesson 19 // Bishop Letter due (C2)
Mar. 1-3, 2024	TBD	2	Weekend Confirmation 2 Retreat
Sun., Mar. 3, 2024			<i>No Formation – Retreat Decompression</i>
Sun., Mar. 10, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 9 // Adoration & Reconciliation logs due (C1)
Sun., Mar. 17, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lesson 20 // Adoration & Reconciliation logs due (C2)
Sun., Mar. 24, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 10
Sun., Mar. 31, 2024			<i>No Formation – Easter</i>
Sun., Apr. 7, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lesson 21 // Sponsor Night & Service hours due (C2)
Sun., Apr. 14, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 11 // Sponsor Night & Service hours due (C1)
Sun., Apr. 21, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lesson 22
Sun., Apr. 28, 2024	6-8pm	1	Lesson 12
Sun., May 5, 2024	6-8pm	2	Lessons 23 & 24
Sun., May 12, 2024			<i>No Formation – Mother's Day</i>
Sun., May 19, 2024	6-8pm	1 & 2	Sharing of graces



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Confirmation Year 1 Requirements	Confirmation Year 2 Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Info Night (Aug 13) <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Form (due Oct 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat permission slip (due Oct 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saint Report (due Dec 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoration Log (due Mar 10) <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation Log (due Mar 10) <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Service Hours (due Apr 14) <input type="checkbox"/> Class attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment training (Dec 10) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-day retreat (Nov 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Info Night (Aug 13) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat permission slip (due Jan 28) <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Letter (due Feb 25) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoration Log (due Mar 17) <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation Log (due Mar 17) <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Service Hours (due Apr 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Class attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment training (Dec 10) <input type="checkbox"/> 3-day retreat (Mar 1-3)

PROGRAM POLICIES

Please read this sheet in its entirety and have both parents and the student sign at the bottom of the next page.

BEHAVIOR - Candidates should come to each session prepared, with homework completed, and are expected to be respectful toward the adult catechists, teens leaders, facilitators of the program, and their fellow classmates. Absolutely no profanity should be used on campus, and candidates' behavior should always reflect their status as Christian men and women.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL & WEAPONS - The use of illegal drugs and alcohol is expressly forbidden, and anyone found in possession of these substances or any weapons will be immediately dropped from the program.

COMMUNICATIONS - The Youth Minister and the Office of Faith Formation will communicate with parents regularly. We will send program communications through and upload all files/docs/assignments to Basecamp, as well as sending text message reminders via Flocknote. Please ensure that we have the correct contact information for all parents so that we can add you to Basecamp and Flocknote. Throughout the year, it is your responsibility to stay updated on all the happenings of our program and to raise issues and ask questions in a timely manner.

MASS - The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life as Christians. Families should make attending Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation an utmost priority. It's a requirement of our program, it's a precept of the Church, and Jesus told us it was important when he said that we have no life apart from the Eucharist (John 6:53). To this end, students will complete an online survey every week throughout the entirety of the program, including during the summer months and on weeks where there is no class, and those who consistently miss Mass or fail to complete the online survey may be asked to withdraw and re-enroll at another time.

CLASS ATTENDANCE - Class attendance and active participation are important parts of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the candidate's responsibility to sign in every time they arrive at Confirmation. A maximum of 3 absences with make-up assignments are allowed. If the candidate is more than 15 minutes late to the meeting or leaves more than 15 minutes before class is scheduled to end, this will be considered an absence. Any candidate who has more than 3 absences is subject to being dropped from the program. Community is an essential part of our preparation, and apart from situations involving profound and debilitating illness, St. Hedwig will not be able to make accommodations for students who want to finish the sacramental preparation online, apart from their small groups.



ASSIGNMENTS - Please be attentive to the due dates of various assignments indicated on the program calendar. Confirmation 1 students will fill out a sponsor form and turn in a saint report in the fall. Confirmation 2 parents will schedule an interview with the youth minister in the fall & Confirmation 2 students will write a bishop letter in the spring. Students in both years will turn in retreat permission slips, adoration & reconciliation reflections, and service hour logs.

RETREAT - The weekend retreat is a mandatory part of our program. If schedules conflict and you are not able to make St. Hedwig's retreat, please arrange to attend another parish's Confirmation weekend retreat. You should (1) let us know via email that you will not be attending St. Hedwig's retreat, (2) coordinate directly with the coordinator at the other parish to make arrangements, and (3) let us know which retreat you will be attending instead.

PAYMENT & REFUNDS - Payment for program and retreat is due by the time the program begins on August 13, 2023. (A 3% processing fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions.) If needed, please contact the Office of Faith Formation for special payment arrangements prior to that date. An additional processing fee of \$10/month may be added to your balance if you have not paid in full by the start of classes or made arrangements with our office. Once the program begins, all fees are non-refundable. Prior to the program start date, fees are refundable, less a \$50 processing charge for each refund.

SPECIAL NEEDS - We acknowledge that certain students have special needs that affect how they learn, socialize, and relate to others. We want to serve all of our students to the best of our ability. Please communicate all special needs with us before the program begins so that we can anticipate challenges and brainstorm solutions.

GENDER IDENTITY - St. Hedwig follows the gender identity policy of the Diocese of Orange, which states that all parishes "shall respect the biological sex of the human person as given by God and shall apply all policies and procedures in relation to that person according to that person's God-given biological sex." This includes, but is not limited to, pronoun usage, bathrooms, attire, and retreat dormitory assignments.

DRESS CODE - Students should come to class appropriately dressed, as if they were going to a formal event. Inappropriately dressed students, including those dressed in pajamas or loungewear or shorts of any kind, will be sent home and an absence will be incurred.

DINNER - We begin each Confirmation session with a meal for our candidates. This is made possible through the generosity of families who volunteer to bring food, water, plates, napkins, and utensils. When your program registration is processed, we will send you a welcome email with a link to sign up for dinners. Please plan to help with 2 sessions.

CELL PHONES - In lieu of extenuating circumstances, candidates should leave their cell phones at home. If we see a candidate using a phone during class, we will hold it until the end.

SERVICE HOURS - Candidates are to complete a total of 20 hours of service per year, logged in the MobileServe app. Service hours can come from anywhere service is performed and opportunities for service hours at the parish are available throughout the year. Examples include: Bible Camp, Autumnfest, youth nights, parish events, hospitality ministry at the 5pm Mass, and Fish Fry dinners during Lent.

SPONSOR NIGHTS - Each year there are certain nights designated "Sponsor Night." On these nights, the candidate is to be accompanied to class by their Confirmation sponsor. In the event where a sponsor cannot make it, please arrange for a parent with their child to attend instead.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2023-2024

☐ Confirmation – Year 1

☐ Confirmation – Year 2

Please print legibly.

Youth Information

Full Name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____ T-Shirt size (Adult): ____

Name of School (Fall 2023): _____ Grade (Fall 2023): ____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: ____

Home Phone (____) _____ Youth cell (optional): _____

!! For Year 1 registration, please attach copies of the youth's Baptism & First Communion Certificates.

Date of Baptism: _____ Parish: _____ City/State: _____

Date of 1st Communion: _____ Parish: _____ City/State: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Father's Email: _____

Mother's Cell: _____

Father's Cell: _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____

Father's Work Phone: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Circle one: Single Married Separated Divorced Remarried

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Address if different from above: _____

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▪ Parent/Guardian with whom child resides: ☐ Both Mother and Father ☐ Mother ☐ Father

▪ Send Basecamp invitation (for program communications) to: ☐ Both Mother and Father ☐ Mother ☐ Father

▪ Send text message reminders (via Flocknote) to: ☐ Both Mother and Father ☐ Mother ☐ Father

▪ List any special needs, family concerns, or custody issues: _____

Parent Volunteer Help

☐ I would like to volunteer with Youth Ministry. Please contact me. ☐ Both Mother and Father ☐ Mother ☐ Father

Areas of interest: ☐ Middle School Youth Nights

☐ Confirmation small group leader/substitute

☐ SRE teacher/aide/substitute

☐ Youth Night Volunteer/Leader

☐ Occasional Event Chaperone

☐ Occasional Carpool/Driver

☐ Office Help

☐ Other: _____



EMERGENCY INFORMATION & ACTIVITY PERMISSION, EMERGENCY & RELEASE FORM FOR CONFIRMATION FORMATION MEETINGS AND OTHER YOUTH EVENTS 2023-2024

Emergency Information

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____ DOB: _____

Allergies (including food): _____ Asthma: ☐ Y ☐ N

Routine Medications: _____

List any medical conditions we should be aware of: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

Health Insurance Co: _____ Policy #: _____

In the event of apparent serious illness or accident, when I cannot be reached, I wish one of the following persons to be notified by phone. They are authorized to act in my absence, and they will be notified that their names have been used on this form. **(Please do not list parent or guardian below; it must be someone nearby who can be reached quickly.)**

1. Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Phone Number: _____

Activity Permission, Emergency and Release for Confirmation Preparation 2023-2024

THE FOLLOWING PERMISSION AND RELEASE PERTAIN TO MINORS PARTICIPATING IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITY/EVENT.

I, the parent/guardian of the above named child(ren), hereby give my permission for his/her participation in the above named activities. I agree to direct my child(ren), to cooperate and conform with directions and instructions of St. Hedwig parish or diocesan personnel responsible for these activities.

As a condition of my child(ren) being allowed to do so, I hereby release and discharge the Diocese of Orange, its constituent organizations, including but not limited to The Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange, a Corporation Sole, and their officers, employees and volunteers from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage that he/she may suffer as a result of his/her participation in the activity described above, whether or not such injuries or damage are caused by the negligence, active or passive of any of the entities, individuals named or described above.

I agree that in the event my child(ren) is/are injured as a result of his/her participation in the above named activities, including transportation to and from these activities, whether or not caused by the negligence, active or passive, of the parish, school, or diocesan youth activities program, or any of its agents or employees, recourse for the payment of any resulting hospital, medical, dental treatment or related costs and expenses will first be had against any accident, hospital, medical or dental insurance, or any available benefit plan of mine or my spouse. I am not aware of any medical condition of my child which would render it inappropriate for him/ her to participate in any activity.

I hereby authorize the making of photographs, audio/video recordings, or other memorializing of said events and my son/daughter's participation therein, and the publication and duplication or other use thereof. I hereby waive any right to compensation or any other rights that otherwise I might have to limit or to control such making or use.

I, hereby give permission to the physician, nurse, dentist or licensed care staff selected by the supervisory personnel then present to render medical, dental, or other appropriate treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician, nurse, dentist or licensed care staff.

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

This consent will remain active August 2023 through July 2024.



FAITH FORMATION FEE SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Please note: only **ONE** Fee Schedule Form is needed per family. If you have children in SRE and Confirmation, please use **one** Fee Schedule form for all your children.

FAMILY NAME _____

Questions: faithformation@sainthedwig.org or (562) 296-9040. Checks payable to St. Hedwig.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date:

1. _____ 2. _____

Check/RN #

1. _____ 2. _____

Amt Paid:

1. _____ 2. _____

Amt Due:

1. _____ 2. _____

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE): SUNDAY SCHOOL & 1ST-8TH GRADE

Fee Type	Number Enrolling	Cost	Total	Name of Child(ren) Enrolling
Family Registration Fee- includes 1 child (On or before Sept. 1, 2023)		\$150		
Additional Child Fee (For families registering more than 1 child in SRE)		\$25 for each additional child		
Late Registration Fee* (Registrations received Sept. 1, 2023 and after)		\$50		
SRE Additional Fees for children in 1st Communion preparation:				
1 st Communion Year 2 Retreat		\$25		
TOTAL:				

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Fee Type	Number Enrolling	Cost	Total	Name of Child(ren) enrolling
Confirmation Year One Registration Fee		\$150		
Confirmation Year One Retreat		\$50		
Confirmation Year Two Registration Fee		\$150		
Confirmation Year Two Retreat		\$250		
Late Registration Fee* (Registrations received Aug. 1, 2023 and after)		\$50		
TOTAL:				

Close of Registration: Registration closes on September 12, 2022. We need to know how many participants to plan for so that we may secure materials, rooms and teachers. If space is available, we will accept late registration. There is a LATE REGISTRATION FEE of \$50 if you register after the close date. **Non-Refundable Fees:** Once the program begins, fees are Non-Refundable. Prior to the program start date, fees are refundable, less a \$50 processing charge for each refund. I understand that I am responsible for the total amount due listed above and will pay this amount **at the time of registration**. If needed, I will contact the Office of Faith Formation for special payment arrangements prior to September 1, 2023. I understand that if I have not paid in full by the start of classes or communicated with the Office of Faith Formation an additional processing fee of \$10/month may be added to my balance.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____