

Saint Agatha Parish

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION GRADES 9-10

Young Church Ministry
432 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186-4398
Spring, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is that time of year; you can now **register for the 2017-18 Confirmation program year for all students who will be going into grades 9 and 10 in fall, 2017.**

As we continue to consolidate all of our parish records into one database, this form also gives us an update to the parish information system. You will note several items that are not directly related to the Faith Formation program, but I assure you that these are valuable pieces of information for the parish to know. I appreciate your assistance in keeping the parish records current.

If you have a child entering the program for the first time who was NOT baptized at St. Agatha Parish, you need to provide a copy (do NOT send originals) of the new child's Baptismal Certificate.

As we continue to grow more "green" in business practices, we are using email as much as possible. Therefore **it is critical that your family's email address is printed legibly and clearly on the form.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS TIME IS CHANGING THIS YEAR: Classes will now be held at 3:15-4:45pm on the specified Sundays in the Gathering Space. Participants are heavily encouraged to attend the 5pm high school Mass with their families. Teens are welcome and encouraged to come to Life Teen high school youth group following the 5pm Mass.

I am always in special need of about 25 Catechists (teachers). Responsibilities include taking attendance, facilitating short small-group discussions, and helping them maintain their focus in class. On the fence? Not to worry, our classes are small (10 students) so perhaps you could team up with a friend and co-teach a class if you like. I would be happy to discuss any volunteer positions with you.

Pleas return this form with your payment and copy of any required Baptismal records to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st, 2017!** Returning them even earlier is highly encouraged to aid me in the preparation process. You may return your registration materials by sending them into Confirmation meetings being held this spring (such as spring retreats, meetings, sessions). You may also drop them off in our locked mailbox at the rectory office or mail them to the above address.

Faith Formation is a lifelong endeavor in which we are continually learning and growing in faith. I know I am not even close to finished learning about my Catholic Faith! Therefore, **attendance is mandatory to ensure the continuity of formation. Learning the basics is extremely important in order to begin to understand why the church is relevant for each one of us as well as our mission within it.** For this reason, **no more than 2 classes may be missed, and in addition, the missed classes must be made up by the end of the Confirmation academic year.** We cannot claim our adult faith unless we first know it and begin to value it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Grades 9 and 10 specifically are the time of immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We concentrate on what it means to live as an adult in the Catholic Church. This is a two-year program, culminating in the reception of the sacrament in May of 10th grade. **Attendance to Faith Formation in prior years is prerequisite for advancement in the Confirmation process.**

St. Agatha Parish is proud to be able to offer structured catechesis at each of these levels to supplement the learning that takes place at home. We are confident families will ensure that there are no gaps in this process; we never "take a break" from our faith.

Due to space limitations and availability of catechists, we will follow these procedures:

- Children will be assigned to classes in the order in which registrations are received.
- No child will be assigned to a class until there is a catechist to teach it. In the last few years this has meant that, even children who were registered by the deadline or close to it were unable to be placed in a class because there were no more catechists available.
- If you register after June 1st, we cannot guarantee that your child will be assigned to a class by the first session.

In light of the above procedures, we urge you to register your child(ren) ASAP. Thank you.

With a strong desire to allow all of our parish children to participate in Faith Formation sessions, financial assistance is available if needed. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for all you do to form your children in their Catholic faith!
I sincerely pledge you my continued support.

In the abundant joy of Christ,
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PLEASE FIND THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

ST. AGATHA PARISH
Confirmation Registration Form and Parish Family Information Update
Grades 9-10
2017-2018

By completing this registration form you become/continue to be a registered member of the St. Agatha Parish community.

---FAMILY INFORMATION--- (Please print clearly) * = Mandatory information

* Family Last Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____

Zip _____

*Home Phone () _____

Cell Phone(s) Father () _____

Work Phone(s) Father () _____

Mother () _____

Mother () _____

*E-mail address _____

Father: *First Name _____ *Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Mother: *First Name _____ *Last Name _____ *Maiden Name _____

*Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Emergency Contact (**Do not** list yourself as the Emergency Contact. We will always try to contact the family first.)

*Name _____ *Relationship to child(ren) _____

*Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

---CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION---

	Child #1	Child #2
First Name		
Gender		
Date of Birth		
School as of Sept. 2017		
Grade as of Sept. 2017		
Disabilities (confidential)		
Medical Conditions/Allergies (confidential)		
Additional Information you think we should know (confidential)		
Baptism Date		
Baptism Church		
Baptism Church Address		
First Communion Date		
Communion Church		
Communion Address		

If your child was not baptized at St. Agatha Church, please provide a **copy** of the baptismal certificate.

If you have filled out the following information **this year** for any child(ren) in Gr. 1-8, it is not necessary to answer again.

So that St. Agatha Parish may better minister to your family's needs, please let us know the following information:

Are you a multi-faith family? _____ If yes, please indicate the other faith tradition _____

Is a secondary language used in the home? _____ If yes, please indicate the other language _____

Would you like to use the weekly offertory envelopes? Yes _____ No _____ Already receive them _____

Would you like to use the on-line giving option? Yes _____ No _____ Already contribute in this way _____

OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation is a two-year process beginning in Grade 9 and ending in the spring of Grade 10.

Attendance over this period of time is mandatory.

If you are interested/willing to serve as a Catechist (class facilitator) please see "TO VOLUNTEER" section below.

GRADE 9

These sessions focus on the big picture, salvation history, the Gospel message, why by Catholic?, Jesus' message of discipleship, what will make us happy?, how does God help us in suffering? and why do we have the sacraments?

Includes: An Incoming meeting with the confirmation candidate, catechist and parent(s) that will be held in September.

Approximately ten sessions can be expected to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2018.

GRADE 10

These sessions focus on who the Holy Spirit really is and what it does for us. We focus on why we go to Mass in the first place, marriage, Holy Orders, Mary, virtues, how we've been chosen for a mission, deepening our relationship with God, true worship, and accepting God's guidance towards our future selves.

Includes: An Incoming meeting with the confirmation candidate, catechist and parent(s) that will be held in September.

Approximately ten sessions can be expected to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2018. It will also include a closing meeting with parents, the sacrament of Reconciliation for all candidates, rehearsal for Confirmation and the actual Confirmation Mass in May of 2018.

TO VOLUNTEER – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Please consider enriching our program as a catechist. In appreciation of sharing your time and faith, you are exempt from the registration fees for your 9th or 10th grader (s). A donation of \$20 per child to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated.

I am willing to be a catechist. NAME _____ GRADE _____

---REGISTRATION FEES---

The fee for the Confirmation program, including all retreat fees, is \$90 per year. **The deadline is JUNE 1, 2017.**

Grade 9 \$90 _____ Grade 10 \$90 _____ / Catechist Registration Fee Waiver _____ or Donation for Materials \$20 _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____ Amount _____ Check Number _____