



**“There is a God who loves me. He lives within me.  
There is a world that needs Him, so He sent me to them.”**

The confirmation program at St. Pius X is designed to be a two-year program that works alongside High School Youth Ministry, our parish Faith Formation for High School students in grades 9-12. Confirmation preparation is a unique experience offered to youth of the parish during their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade school years. The program, which includes community building and fellowship, small and large group formation and service, gives the candidates a holistic approach to what it means to live out a Catholic identity in their daily lives.

The focus of Year 1 (9<sup>th</sup> grade) is on integrating candidates into parish life by encouraging their participation and reflection on various elements of the parish community. In Year 2 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) candidates gather twice a month for the Confirmation prep sessions and break open what it means to be Catholic and the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

### **Year 1 Confirmation Program**

#### ***Step 1: Register***

1. Register online at <https://stpiusxloudonville.org/sacraments/confirmation/>
  - a. If you chose the option to pay by cash or check, please coordinate with Heidi Cummins ([confirmation@stpiusxloudonville.org](mailto:confirmation@stpiusxloudonville.org)) to submit the payment.

#### **Step 2: Complete All Year 1 Requirements**

1. Meet & Greet
  - a. The purpose of this meeting serves as an introductory meeting with the candidate, their family and our youth minister. We want to get to know your family, answer any questions that you have about confirmation requirements and learn how we can best minister to you this year!
  - b. Each Confirmation Candidate and at least one parent/guardian are required to attend this meeting (entire family is welcome to attend as well!)**
  - c. Confirmation Candidates can schedule this meeting by going to Sign Up Genius and selecting a time that works into their schedule. A link will be emailed to all candidates/parents via Constant Contact.

## 2. Reflection Journal

- a. The main focus for the Year 1 Confirmation Program is to integrate candidates into the life of the parish. In addition to their attendance and participation in various aspects of parish life, candidates will be keeping a “Reflection Journal” that requires them to provide personal insight on different aspects of their experience in the St. Pius X community.
- b. **Candidates are required to attend, reflect and participate on:**
  - i. **Four Masses** – Candidates are encouraged to attend mass regularly at St. Pius X but if circumstances prevent this, journal reflections submitted can be from attending mass elsewhere.
    1. Each reflection is on a specific topic/part of the mass (Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Apostle Creed & Prayers), therefore reflections should be on four different masses (i.e. 4 distinct dates).
  - ii. **Two HSYM Nights** – High School Youth Ministry meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Please see the HSYM schedule for dates
  - iii. **Two Parish Events** – Parish Events are activities that are anything besides Mass, HSYM or Service Projects (examples: Parish Picnic, Super Freeze Party, Stations of the Cross, Hospitality, etc.).
- c. After attending and participating in each event, **candidates submit a reflection through our online “Reflection Journal.”** Guided questions will help each candidate reflect on their spiritual experience and prayer life. The online journal can be found at: <https://stpiusxloudonville.org/sacraments/confirmation/>
- d. We strongly encourage that candidates complete the reflection within a couple of days of the event or activity so they can recall the experience.

## 3. Service Component

- a. Candidates are **required to complete 10 hours** of service during the Confirmation Yr. 1 Program
  - i. **5 in-church hours** (service offered through St. Pius X)
  - ii. **5 outside-church hours** (service completed at school or directly through outreach programs in the Capital Region)
- b. A Service log should be kept while completing this requirement. Service logs can be downloaded at <https://stpiusxloudonville.org/sacraments/confirmation/>
- c. **Once you have completed all 10 hours, candidates will submit their service log along with one final reflection journal about their service experience.**

## 4. Confirmation Yr. 1 Come Back Nights

- a. Candidates are **required to attend two additional predetermined HSYM Nights.**
  - i. Because the direct preparation component for Confirmation is in the Yr. 2 program only, there are certain required topics that we must cover that do not fit in the schedule. Therefore, we have taken these topics and incorporated them into dynamic and engaging HSYM nights.

- ii. Confirmation Yr. 1 Come-Back Nights Dates
  - 1. Wednesday, October 12, 2022 (6:30-8:00pm)
  - 2. Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (6:30-8:00pm)
- iii. **These nights are separate from the two required HSYM nights for the reflection journal.**

5. Retreat

- a. During our two-year confirmation program, candidates are required to attend at least one retreat through St. Pius X.
  - i. ***St. Pius X will be hosting a confirmation retreat on Saturday November 12, 2022 from 12:00-6:00pm.***
- b. If you do not attend the retreat this fall, you will have to complete the requirement during the Confirmation Yr. 2 Program.

Step 3: Utilize the “Purpose” App for Candidates & Parents/Guardians

- a. Download the Life Teen Purpose App
- b. Check your email inbox for an email from [webmaster@lifeteen.com](mailto:webmaster@lifeteen.com)
  - i. We create an account for you from our administration account. Once we enter your email into our account, you will receive an email from [webmaster@lifeteen.com](mailto:webmaster@lifeteen.com) with your log-in information. We use the email address given on registration forms. In order for each person to have their own account, we need individual email addresses. (\*we cannot use the same email address for multiple accounts).
- c. Log in with the username and temporary password found in the email from [webmaster@lifeteen.com](mailto:webmaster@lifeteen.com)
  - i. Username will be your email address (\*note this is case sensitive)
  - ii. Temporary password will include a special character (ex: \*!-\_.:;#)
  - iii. Temporary password will expire after 7 days
- d. Create new password
  - i. All passwords must be at least 8 characters in length and must include at least one uppercase letter, lowercase letter, number and special character.

Please reach out to us at [confirmation@stpiusxloudonville.org](mailto:confirmation@stpiusxloudonville.org) if you have problems accessing your account on the Purpose app, we can reset your temporary password for you.