

Genesis FAQ

(Confirmation Year 1)



What is Genesis?

Genesis is the first year of our parish's two-year Confirmation program. We meet on Sunday evenings from September - April, with 8 additional monthly **Wednesday sessions called "Ignite."** The teens will also attend a two-day **Year 1 Retreat** (Friday & Saturday) held at St. Martha. Upon completion of **Genesis**, you may register for **Revelation** (Year 2) to complete the preparation process and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

When/ Where is Genesis?

Genesis occurs on Sundays from 6:15 - 8:15 pm at our Faith Formation Campus. **Drop-off and pick-up** will be at our Family Life Center at 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. **Ignite**, the Wednesday, once-a-month sessions, are held in the Church. A teaching of our Catholic faith will be presented, followed by 1-on-1 reflection time with the teen and the Sponsor/Parent, and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or other prayer forms and traditions.

When is registration open?

Registration will be open from **July 15 - August 16**.

What does this program look like?

We start the evening with dinner and fellowship. We then play a fun game to get our teens moving and to help them get to know each other. A dynamic talk will be presented as the lesson for the night and then the teens will move into their small groups where they will have the chance to dive deeper into these subjects and ask any questions they might have. Our Confirmation program strives to deepen the faith of our teens. We pray our efforts will strengthen their connection with Jesus, our parish, and their identity as Roman Catholics. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare our teens to be life-long disciples of Jesus.

Is there a Home School program?

The Archdiocese requires that preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation be involved with the parish community. As such, we do not have a homeschool option for High School.

Do those attending Catholic Schools participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process?

YES. Because "Confirmation is a parish community celebration uniting all persons who seek the Sacraments with the other members of the parish, the candidates should participate together in immediate, focused Confirmation catechesis. Formation should focus on building the Body of Christ in the parish, as it is the primary community of faith. A well-designed Confirmation catechesis will complement existing programs, building on what is being taught in both school and parish religious education classes." (**Page 30** – The Arch Diocese of Galveston-Houston's – *Confirmation Guidelines and Resources*).

How many classes can my teen miss?

No more than **2 classes** for the year.

Is my child required to go on retreat?

YES. The Archdiocese requires a retreat at the beginning and at the end of Confirmation prep. These are fulfilled with the **Genesis Retreat** (Year 1) & the **Revelation Confirmation Overnight Retreat** (Year 2).