

CONFIRMATION UNIVERSITY

A Two-Year Program

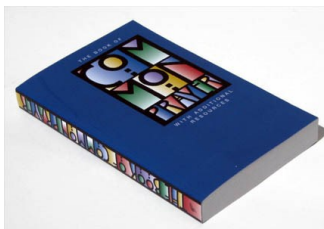


At Confirmation University, **first-year** students attend class weekly. Lessons are taken from the Re:Form curriculum. Re:Form includes interactive activities, videos and more. This is not a sit still and memorize facts confirmation class, nor is it simply a rehash of Sunday School! Activities are designed to look at the Biblical stories in a new way and to be engaging, fun, and meet different learning styles.

In **year two**, confirmation students will build off the vital foundation they form in year one to explore the Christian faith further, and really gain an understanding of the vows they'll be asked to make at confirmation. Year two includes weekly classes that cover key aspects of the Episcopal expression of the Christian faith, the sacraments (including baptism and communion), and key components of the Christian faith like the Trinity, the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and more.

Orientation and First Class

An orientation for all Confirmation University students and parents will take place on **Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 a.m.** Parents and students will learn about what to expect in the coming year, attendance guidelines and special events. The Orientation will end at 9:45 a.m., when students will go to their first class, and in plenty of time for parents to make it over to the 10 a.m. service. Registration will be available online, or students can register on Orientation Day.



Schedule of Classes

Confirmation classes for both first-year and second-year students are held each Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. **Attendance for the second part of the 10 a.m. service is an essential component to each class session.** Here is a listing of all Confirmation University courses:

Bible 101 (7th-Grade/1st-Year)

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Parish Hall/Church
This is an overview of the Bible for first-year (usually 7th-grade and older) confirmation students. Students will learn about Biblical stalwarts like Moses, David, Mary, Peter, Paul, and, of course, Jesus, through videos and creative activities

Confirmation 301: Christianity and the Episcopal Church (8th-grade/2nd-Year)

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Library/Church
Second-year (usually 8th-grade or older) students will learn about the Episcopal expression of the Christian faith and prepare for confirmation in the spring. We'll use games, contests, art, video, hands-on activities, and more to get students ready for the big day! All Confirmation students also get to take on parish ministries in Ministry Lab 302.

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Confirmation 302: Ministry Lab

*First Sundays, as scheduled for 8th/2nd Year
Second Sundays as scheduled for 7th/First Year
9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Church/Parish Hall*

Confirmation students will try their hand at various ministries at church! Past students have served as acolytes, ushers, Sunday School helpers, lay readers, and on altar guild. **Students will select their ministries in class on Sun., September 9. 8th graders will begin their ministries on Sunday, October 7, and 7th graders on Sunday, October 14.**

Night School

We know that Confirmation University students lead busy lives with homework, big tests, sports, drama, music, family commitments, and more. So we're offering night sessions this fall to help students fulfill their attendance guidelines. Students can make-up as many as five sessions by attending this great Night School course!

Faith 201: Youth Alpha

(Open to all Confirmation Students)

*January 27, February 3, February 10
4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall/Library*

This year, night school will be the Youth Alpha film series program. In the videos, Jason and Ben will take students through some of the basics of the Christian faith. Night school is open to both first and second-year students, and will also include dinner, and fun activities.



Cramming for Finals!

Thu., April 18, 6 p.m. to Fri., April 19, 12 p.m.

Old School Building, Parish Hall, Library

(Open to all Confirmation students. Required for those getting confirmed in the spring of 2019)

This is an overnight event for all confirmation students! The evening will begin with the Maundy Thursday service for Holy Week, and continue with prayer, and learning about Jesus' death and Resurrection. The overnight will end with the Good Friday service at noon. And we'll have a bunch of fun activities throughout the night! More details coming! Your confirmation student won't want to miss this!

Confirmation Day

Confirmation for all second year students will be Sunday, April 28 at the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore at 4 p.m. We'll pass on more details as we get closer to the big day!

Registration/Contact Info.

Registration information is included with this brochure. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact:

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KEY DATES 2018-2019

Date	Event/Session	Location	Time
Sun., Sept. 9	Confirmation Orientation/Registration	Library	9 a.m.
Sun., Sep. 9	Confirmation Students pick ministries	Parish Hall/Library	9:45 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 30	Ministry Training: All Students	Church	9:15 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 4	Christmas Outreach Extravaganza	Parish Hall	6 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Parish Hall	6 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 27	Night Classes	Library/Parish Hall	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 3	Night Classes	Library/Parish Hall	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 10	Night Classes	Library/Parish Hall	4:00 p.m.
Apr. 18-19	Cram for Finals (Confirmation Overnight) *Required for 2 nd -Year; Optional for 1 st -Year	Parish Hall	TBA
Sun., Apr. 28	Confirmation Day (2nd year Students)	Cathedral	4:00 p.m.
Sun., May 5	Confirmation Recognition, Gift Presentation and Ministry Day (2nd year Students)	Church	9:45 a.m.



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