

# 8th Grade Confirmation 2023

**To be filled out by the Confirmation students themselves.** *Please print.*  
Candidates are expected to attend all classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CELL PH # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City Zip code

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS PH # \_\_\_\_\_

Were you baptized at St Paul's? If "YES", when? \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

If "NO", Please attach a copy of your Baptismal certificate.

**BAPISMAL CERTIFICATES MUST BE TURNED IN BY FEB 1, 2023**

Are you a registered member of St Paul Cathedral? \_\_\_\_\_ (required). Parents, please register your family at the Cathedral Offices (15 S 12th Ave) if you have not already done so.

## **ST PAUL CONFIRMATION** Sign up

### ***Requirements***

1. Your family should be registered members of St Paul Cathedral (*Candidates and their families should be registered members of St Paul Cathedral. All others should prepare for Confirmation in their own parish.*)
2. Attend Mass every Sunday
3. Fully participate & attend SPY Edge (*youth group*) each Thursday Evening 7:00pm-8:30pm
4. Participate in St Paul's Confirmation Retreat (date to be determined).
5. Perform 20 Hrs of Volunteer Community Service

**Confirmation Ceremony will take place in the spring**

**Questions? Please contact Shawn at 575-3713 Direct Line (509-902-7150)  
or by e-mail [stpaulifetime@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaulifetime@hotmail.com)**

### **STUDENT PLEDGE**

*I will make certain to attend Confirmation Class on a regular basis.*

**I understand attendance will be taken and unexcused absences could result in not receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

*As part of my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation,  
I agree to actively participate in the SPY Edge Middle School Youth Group.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents and Students

As some of you have heard, the Diocese of Yakima is changing the requirements for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The diocese has lowered the age for Confirmation for those in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Beginning this fall, St Paul Cathedral will begin Confirmation Prep for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Who, God willing, will be adequately prepared to be confirmed in May/June of 2023.

In recent studies, *the average age that young people leave the Faith is age 13. Age 13.* There are various reasons for this Exodus. At the top of the reasons our teens (and pre-teens) are leaving the Faith is that they do not see Faith & Science as being compatible. Nothing can be farther from the Truth.

Along with teaching the principles of the Catholic Faith, Lifeteen, Spy Edge and our Confirmation Program are striving to share that Science & Reason go hand in hand with our Catholic Faith and are not opposed to each other.

The dates for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes have not been set or scheduled. However, they most likely take place on Wednesday evenings. Since we are just beginning this transition of Confirmation to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate how we can best prepare 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as those high school students who have not yet received the Sacrament. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school students **will not** be in class together but will be receiving similar instruction at the same time.

As part of the Confirmation Preparation, we are instructing 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation candidates to participate in our Thursday Night **SPY Edge Middle School Youth Group** on a regular basis. SPY Edge begins Thursday Sept 15 7:00pm-8:30pm in the School Cafeteria. SPY Edge is for ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. We are a Catholic Youth Group, but you do not need to be Catholic to participate in SPY Edge. SPY Edge gives our students the opportunity to build community with others their age from their Cathedral Family, whether they are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation or learning how to live their Catholic Faith as a middle schooler.

If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email me at [stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com) or call me at the Cathedral Offices (Direct Line) 509-902-7150 or my cell phone 509-833-8091. (Sorry, I do not speak Spanish.)

I look forward to having your son/daughter participate in the SPY Edge Program and the Confirmation Program if they are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and wish to receive the Sacrament in 2023.

May God Bless you and your family as we continue in our faith journey together!

Peace in Christ

Shawn Exner  
LIFETEEN/Spy Edge Coordinator  
St Paul Cathedral

Estimados padres y estudiantes:

Como algunos de ustedes quizás ya sepan, la Diócesis de Yakima está cambiando los requisitos para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación. La diócesis ha cambiado la edad de los candidatos de Confirmación para incluir los que están en octavo grado.

A partir de este otoño, la Catedral de San Pablo comenzará la preparación para la confirmación de estudiantes de octavo grado. Quienes, si Dios quiere, estarán adecuadamente preparados para ser confirmados en mayo/junio de 2023.

En estudios recientes **la edad promedio en que los jóvenes dejan la fe es a los 13 años. 13 años.** Una de las razones principales por las que nuestros adolescentes (y preadolescentes) abandonan la fe es que ven a la fe y a la ciencia como incompatibles. Nada puede estar más lejos de la Verdad.

Además de enseñar los principios de la fe católica, Lifeteen, Spy Edge y nuestro programa de confirmación se esfuerzan por compartir que la ciencia y la razón van de la mano con nuestra fe y no se oponen entre sí.

Las fechas para las clases de confirmación para el octavo grado no han sido fijadas ni programadas. Sin embargo, lo más probable es que tengan lugar los miércoles por la noche. Dado que apenas estamos comenzando esta transición, les pedimos su paciencia y comprensión mientras analizamos cómo podemos preparar mejor a los estudiantes de octavo grado para el Sacramento de la Confirmación, así como a los estudiantes de la preparatoria que aún no han recibido el sacramento. Ambos grupos de estudiantes **no** estarán juntos en la clase, pero recibirán instrucción similar al mismo tiempo.

Como parte de la preparación, estamos instruyendo a los candidatos del octavo grado a que participen en el **grupo de jóvenes de la escuela secundaria “SPY Edge”** de manera regular. SPY Edge comienza este jueves, el 15 de septiembre de 7:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. en la cafetería de la escuela SPY Edge es para TODOS los de sexto, séptimo y octavo grado. Es un grupo de jóvenes católicos, pero no es necesario ser católico para participar en SPY Edge. SPY Edge brinda a los jóvenes la oportunidad de construir una comunidad con otras personas de su edad de la Familia de la Cathedral, ya sea que se estén preparando para la Confirmación o aprendiendo a vivir su fe como estudiantes de secundaria.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o duda, sepan que estoy para servirles. Me pueden enviar un mensaje por correo electrónico [stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com) o llamar a la oficina de la catedral (509) 575-3713.

Espero que sus hijos participen en el Programa SPY Edge y el Programa de Confirmación si actualmente están en octavo grado para recibir el Sacramento en 2023.

Continuamos juntos en el camino de la Fe. ¡Dios los bendiga!

Paz en Cristo

**Shawn Exner**

Coordinador de LIFETEEN/ Spy Edge

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