

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Confirmation preparation program is free-standing, that is, distinct from any grade in the parish religious education program or Catholic school. Since the readiness level will vary from person to person, **it cannot be assumed that a student is automatically ready to receive the sacrament at a specific grade level.**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will occur each year. High school students who have completed the necessary pre-requisites in the parish religious education program or two years in a Catholic high school may participate in the Confirmation preparation program after completing a process of discernment.

Discernment is a decision-making process, which includes prayer and dialogue between the person seeking the sacrament, their parent(s), and the Confirmation team. General signs of readiness include:

- ❖ fundamental commitment to Christ and a life of continual conversion
- ❖ an openness to the work of the Spirit in one's life
- ❖ active involvement in the parish community through regular participation in Sunday liturgy
- ❖ active involvement in a ministry of service in the parish/community
- ❖ sufficient knowledge which would enable the person to celebrate the sacrament fruitfully and fulfill any responsibilities assumed.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INCLUDES:

Discernment:

Parent-Student Meeting
Letter to Pastor requesting Confirmation
Interview with Pastor
Acceptance as Confirmation candidate

Immediate preparation for Confirmation:

Rite of Enrollment of Candidates
Candidate-Sponsor/Mentor meetings (Candidates will meet individually with their sponsor/mentor approximately 6 times.)
Retreat
Service/Ministry involvement
Mandatory Preparation Sessions
Candidate is expected to attend Mass
Rehearsal and Confirmation celebration
Reflection Session on Confirmation Celebration

Remember that we are here to help you prepare, so if anything comes up and you have a problem with anything, please talk to us.