

Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands.

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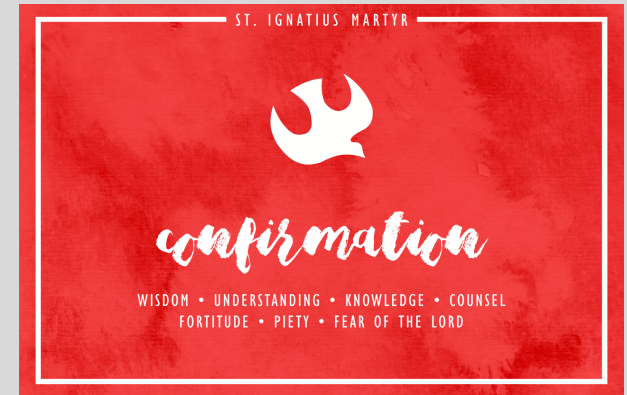
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Confirmation

Religious education and faith formation is a life-long process.

Many struggle with the attitude of confirmation being the "graduation" sacrament. Confirmation is part of a four-year high school catechetical program and the celebration of the sacrament can take place anytime within that period for those adequately prepared.

"A (young) Christian who is preparing for Confirmation finds himself in one of the most important phases of his life. He will do everything possible to grasp the faith with his heart and his understanding; he will pray alone and with others for the Holy Spirit;" YouCat 206

The Details:

- All sacramental preparation at St. Ignatius for teens and children is at minimum, a two year process.
- If the Confirmation Candidate attended a program outside of St. Ignatius, a letter verifying enrollment and attendance in that program is asked to be provided.
- If a youth has been attending Catholic School, only one year of Catholic School attendance will be included as part of the two years of the faith formation requirement.
- The Confirmation Candidate is encouraged to enroll in the St. Ignatius Martyr Life Teen Youth Ministry, especially in their second year (the year in which they are to celebrate Confirmation.)
- Students who are non-parishoners will need to provide a letter from their pastor giving permission to enroll in this program.

Parent Classes begin in October!

Basic Guidelines of St. Ignatius, Martyr Life Teen Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Candidate:

- Professes belief in the understanding of God, the Trinity, the Eucharist and the Nicene Creed. It is also important that the candidate maintain an active prayer life.
- Is to attend mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- In addition to their involvement in Religious Education or Youth Ministry programs, are to participate in Confirmation classes.
- May only miss 1 of the scheduled classes. Please notify our Youth Minister or a Confirmation adult team leader if you are unable to attend beforehand to make us aware of your absence.
- Will arrive on time to all class sessions along with the required materials.
- Will complete a minimum of 10 hours of service during the duration of their formation. Hours are to be logged in using the X2Vol program and should be turned in upon completion of hours and before candidates are to be Confirmed. Several opportunities are provided within the parish for service, but service can be performed outside of the parish as long as it is confirmed by the youth minister.
- Will attend at least 10 hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the year of their Confirmation.
- Will attend either the Sunday or Thursday session Confirmation classes. If a student has to miss one of their Sundays or Thursdays for any reason, the class may be made up only if the Youth Minister is notified beforehand of the absence.
- Is asked to pick a day's session and stick with that day for the best possible Confirmation program experience which would allow for community building within that day's session.
- Are to attend at least 1 of the youth ministry activities/events listed on the back of the Confirmation Calendar during the months that there are no Confirmation Sessions.
- Must be enrolled and have consistent attendance in a Faith Formation program for two years prior to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, either in a Religious Education Program or Youth Ministry Program.
- Will attend the Confirmation Retreat in the year of Confirmation preparation.
- Will schedule a discernment meeting with one of the Confirmation teachers prior to Confirmation to discuss whether they feel they are ready to be confirmed.
- Will respect a proper dress code at all Confirmation classes and Mass. Clothing should always be modest and appropriate, with no vulgar or questionable content (including text or pictures), tube tops or plunging necklines.

*Sunday Classes: 2-4pm
Annex*

*Thursday Classes: 7-9pm
Upper Room*