

STUDENT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2021 - 2022



As a community of faith we are responsible to minister to and to call forth for ministry this entire group within the community. The confirmation preparation process is both individual and communal. Confirmation (typically 10th grade) draws us more deeply into God's power and love that lives within each of us and the Church. Having first experienced the Spirit of God through Baptism, we are drawn into a deeper, more intimate relationship with God the Father through a continuing unfolding of the gifts of the Spirit which gives us strength to boldly witness Christ.

Please let me know how I can help!

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IMPORTANT INFO

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates are typically at least 15 years old (10th grade) by the time of receiving the Sacrament. They must be Baptized, received their First Communion, have been previously registered in Parish formation. Those with no previous formation may need to wait to begin Sacramental Prep.

We will assess each Candidate's readiness and willingness to receive the Sacrament. As the parent(s), you may obligate them to do the preparation however they must desire the sacrament in order to be admitted to receive the sacrament.

REGISTRATION

Formation Registration can be found on the home page of our website - www.svdpsc.org. There you must register for both Youth Group & Student Confirmation Preparation. Additionally, "Chosen" workbooks with video access need to be purchased at Ascension press.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group happens on Sundays from 6:30-8PM. We will be meeting every Sunday via our parish Facebook Page or Youtube Channel starting at 6PM until in-person sessions resume.

ASCENSION ONLINE

After you register online through our website/Activeworks, you'll receive an email inviting you to make an account with Ascension Press. There you'll be entered into our Parish preparation module. You'll need to order the Student Workbook from the website in order to properly complete each lesson (Parents accompany Child). No need to purchase anything else!

PREP EXPECTATIONS & ATTENDANCE

Youth Group Night (Sundays 6:30-8PM in the Basement). We take attendance at all Youth Group nights and keep track of the online Confirmation Sessions.

- Confirmation Candidates are expected to attend the weekly Youth Group.
- Attend any Spiritual Retreat/Camp/Conference SVDP offers throughout the year.
- If serious circumstances beyond your control causes you to miss a session, be sure to email Nic and inform him.
- There is no make-up work required for missing a Youth Group session.
- **Complete each online Ascension Chosen chapters with at least one Parent. Complete workbook as you go. Make sure to comment a 3-5 sentence reflection in the discussion tab about the video lesson. (e.g. "In Chapter 5 I learned...")**
- Your workbook will be reviewed during the post-Confirmation Prep Interviews and will be returned to you at a later date.
- An additional chapter will be added if an assignment is late or incomplete.
- If a Confirmation Candidate misses a majority of youth group and is not tending to their online preparation then we will suggest the candidate wait a year to be Confirmed.

NEEDED DOCUMENTS & INFO

Submit all information online - www.svdpsc.org/confprep

1. Turn in a copy of your **Baptismal Certificate**.

- If you have misplaced your child's certificate you'll need to contact the parish where they were baptized and request the sacrament record.

2. **Pick a Sponsor**.

- If from another parish, obtain a letter from the Sponsor's parish stating that they are **Catholic, in good standing, and suitable to be a Sponsor for Confirmation**.
- Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, fully practicing Catholics in full communion with the Catholic Church (must have received all sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Godparents may be your sponsor. Your parents cannot be your sponsor; however, they can stand in as proxy in the event that your sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Mass.

3. **Pick a Confirmation Name**.

- We find people in scripture whose names were changed. This is an outward sign of an interior change!
 - ABRAM --> ABRAHAM "No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations." - Genesis 17:5
- Changing" your name shows a conversion of heart, and radiates God's goodness to the entire world. Throughout scripture, when someone was assigned a new name, it signaled a growth in Christian maturity to the world—choose a name of a Saint that has helped you grow in that Christian Maturity.

GROUP PREPARATIONS & MASS

We are introducing preparations by grouping this year. This means your child will complete their sacrament preparation within four months. Each candidate is still expected to remain a part of the life of the youth group even when sacrament preparation is complete.

CONFIRMATION MASS DATE: TBD

Typically our Bishop has given St. Vincent's a Confirmation Mass date in early August. This date is subject to change every year. You will be notified by email once we received word from the Diocese.

SUPPLEMENTAL MASS DATE

We may also petition to the Bishop to have our Pastor celebrate a separate Confirmation Mass in addition to the Mass our Bishop will be celebrating. This separate Mass may or may not happen but we will let families know should we get permission to do so.

GROUP 1: SEPT-DEC

Lesson Schedule

Each lesson will be made viewable a week prior to its due date. All Candidates must be registered with Ascension and have workbook in-hand by Sept 1. Lesson must be complete by...

Sept 5 - Lesson 1: "Why am I here?" (An Introduction to Chosen)
& Lesson 2: "What makes me happy?"

Sept 12 - Lesson 3: "What's your story, God?"

Sept 19 - Lesson 4: "How do I know God is real?"

Sept 26 - Lesson 5: "Who is Jesus?"

Oct 3 - Lesson 6: "Why be Catholic?"

Oct 10 - Lesson 7: "Where am I going?"

Oct 17 - Lesson 8: "How do I get there?"

Oct 24 - Lesson 9: "When did my journey begin?"

Oct 31 - Lesson 10: "Why tell my sins to a priest?"

Nov 7 - Lesson 12: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

Nov 14 - Lesson 13: "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?"

Nov 21 - Lesson 14: "Why have I been Chosen?"

Dec 5 - Lesson 23: "How do I build the kingdom?"

Dec 12 - Lesson 24: "Where do I go from here?"

Dec 16 - Post-Preparation Interviews

Form Submission Deadlines

Sept 19 - Baptismal Form

Oct 24 - Sponsor Form

Nov 21 - Confirmation Name Form

GROUP 2: JAN-APR

Lesson Schedule

Each lesson will be made viewable a week prior to its due date. All Candidates must be registered with Ascension and have workbook in-hand by Jan 1. Lesson must be complete by...

Jan 9- Lesson 1: “Why am I here?” (An Introduction to Chosen)

& Lesson 2: “What makes me happy?”

Jan 16 - Lesson 3: “What’s your story, God?”

Jan 23 - Lesson 4: “How do I know God is real?”

Jan 30 - Lesson 5: “Who is Jesus?”

Feb 6 - Lesson 6: “Why be Catholic?”

Feb 13 - Lesson 7: “Where am I going?”

Feb 20 - Lesson 8: “How do I get there?”

Feb 27 - Lesson 9: “When did my journey begin?”

Mar 6 - Lesson 10: “Why tell my sins to a priest?”

Mar 13 - Lesson 12: “Who is the Holy Spirit?”

Mar 20 - Lesson 13: “What does the Holy Spirit do for me?”

Mar 27 - Lesson 14: “Why have I been Chosen?”

Apr 3 - Lesson 23: “How do I build the kingdom?”

Apr 10 - Lesson 24: “Where do I go from here?”

Apr 14 - Post-Preparation Interviews

Form Submission Deadlines

Jan 23 - Baptismal Form

Feb 20 - Sponsor Form

Mar 20 - Confirmation Name Form

GROUP 3: MAY - AUG

Lesson Schedule

Each lesson will be made viewable a week prior to its due date. All Candidates must be registered with Ascension and have workbook in-hand by May 1. Lesson must be complete by...

May 6 - Lesson 1: "Why am I here?" (An Introduction to Chosen)
& Lesson 2: "What makes me happy?"

May 13 - Lesson 3: "What's your story, God?"

May 20 - Lesson 4: "How do I know God is real?"

May 27 - Lesson 5: "Who is Jesus?"

June 3 - Lesson 6: "Why be Catholic?"

June 10 - Lesson 7: "Where am I going?"

June 17 - Lesson 8: "How do I get there?"

June 24 - Lesson 9: "When did my journey begin?"

July 3 - Lesson 10: "Why tell my sins to a priest?"

July 10 - Lesson 12: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

July 17 - Lesson 13: "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?"

July 24 - Lesson 14: "Why have I been Chosen?"

July 31 - Lesson 23: "How do I build the kingdom?"

Aug 7 - Lesson 24: "Where do I go from here?"

Aug 11 - Post-Preparation Interviews

Form Submission Deadlines

May 20 - Baptismal Form

June 17 - Sponsor Form

July 24 - Confirmation Name Form

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child is younger than 15 and has already received their first communion and baptism. Can he/she be eligible to receive Confirmation?

Yes! Some parents opt to have their child Confirmed around the same time their friends get Confirmed but if a candidate exhibits maturity, a willingness, and a readiness to receive the sacrament, then he/she is eligible to start preparation.

My child goes to Catholic School, does he/she need to do Sacrament Prep?

Yes. Sacramental Preparation is catechetically and communally based whereas Catholic Schooling is academically driven.

Are service hours required to get Confirmed?

No, however exhibiting parish life involvement is part of our Christian duty.

My child's Sponsor won't be able to attend the Confirmation Mass date. What can we do?

This is normal. You'll need someone to stand-in as a proxy. The Sponsor may still be recorded as the Sponsor in our official records. Parents can stand-in as proxy.

Can a parent be the Sponsor for their own child?

No.

FAQ CONT.

We belong to another parish. Can we have our child prepared and receive Confirmation here at SVDP?

Yes! We'll need a letter from the Pastor where you belong stating he's aware and approves of your child's preparation and reception of the Sacrament at St. Vincent's.

What happens if my child goes through preparation but states they don't want to get Confirmed?

We will simply delay the reception. Since the preparation entails *readiness* and *willingness* aspects, both are necessary for the reception of the Sacrament. You may require your child to attend preparation but we can not admit them to receive the Sacrament if they have no desire for God's grace. It'll be up to the Parents and the Director of Youth Ministry to remain in touch and reassess the candidates desire to be Confirmed.

What happens if my child goes through the preparation process, is *willing* to receive the Sacrament, but is not *ready* to receive the Sacrament?

We will determine this in our post-preparation interviews. If they are not ready we will simply delay the reception. It's not uncommon for candidates to have more preparation in order to properly be disposed to the grace of the Sacrament.