

Final Interview Questions & Information:

“To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act.”

(CCC 1310)

Overview & purpose of the final interview

This final interview is to come back together and ask/discuss any questions or concerns that may have come up during the pre-interview or preparation process. It is also the time to ask the candidates to make a choice to receive the sacrament. There needs to be an understanding that there is a distinct difference between committing to the preparation process and deciding to receive the sacrament. By agreeing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and committing to life in light of this sacrament. The focus of this interview is discerning readiness for Confirmation. In one respect it is the priest/delegate finding if the candidate has gone through any conversion through the process of preparation, but also, **and more importantly**, the conversation will help the candidate to make an informed decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Reflection Questions - Please review the below questions before your interview:

- What has been the most important thing you have learned about God and his Church these last few months?
- How have you seen God working in your life throughout the preparation process?
- What is your prayer like?
- Do you embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ and the demands of discipleship?
- Do you believe in God? How has your belief deepened these last few months? Or is there still some doubt in your heart? Can you name where that doubt came from?
- What are some teachings of the Catholic faith that you struggle with? How do you deal with uncertainty and doubt?
- Does your life in the Church impact you moment by moment or do you still separate what you do in church from what you do in school or at home?
- Is it your desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church?