



St. Pius X Church Confirmation Program 2025-2026 Packet

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 responsibility for the preparation of the confirmands (CCC 1309).

Although Confirmation is sometimes called the “sacrament of Christian maturity,” we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need “ratification” to become effective (CCC 1308).

Confirmation is a gift and is offered to those who have been properly prepared and who freely choose to be confirmed. Parishes have the responsibility to provide adequate opportunities to prepare for celebrating this sacrament.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All young people should be actively participating in faith formation either at a Catholic school or in a parish catechetical program to further develop the formation that they are receiving from their parents, who are the primary teachers of the faith.

PARISH ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a member of St. Pius X Parish *OR* you must obtain a Letter of Permission (release) from the pastor of the parish in which you reside. This letter must be forwarded to St. Pius X Parish: 6666 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124.
2. If you are a registered member of St. Pius X Parish and you will, for whatever reason, be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in another parish, you must obtain a Letter of Permission (release) from the pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Fr. Jonathan P. Hemelt.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Registration:** please go to our parish website: <https://parish.stpiusxnola.org/confirmation> and click on the sign-up link located under the registration section.
2. **Items you will need for this registration:**
 - 1) **Baptismal Certificate:** You will need to upload your Baptismal certificate to the registration form. If you have issues locating your Baptismal certificate, please call the Church where you were Baptized at, and they will write you a new certificate.
 - 2) **Fee:** The fee goes to the candidate’s materials and retreat. Please go to our parish website and click on “Donations.” Then, click on Confirmation Registration.
3. **Letter of Permission (release):** if you are not a registered member of St. Pius X Parish, you will need a letter of permission from your current parish (you can call your parish to get this).

PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the religious educational requirements, called remote preparation, Confirmation preparation also consists of a deeper, more explicit program specifically designed for the Confirmation candidate. This is called proximate preparation. For the dates of the items listed below, see page 3 of this document. The following are the requirements:

1. **Parent & Candidate Meeting:** mandatory meeting for candidates and parents.
2. **Seminars:** participation in the six seminars on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm.
3. **Retreat:** participation in the retreat.
4. **Service Hours:** there are two options for service hour requirements:
 - 1) An accumulation of 5 community service hours which can be hours you have completed for your school. The **Confirmation Service Hours** google form must be completed.
 - 2) Participate in one of the mornings of service at St. Pius X with other classmates. No paper will be required.
5. **Confirmation Name:** fill out the **Confirmation Saint & Sponsor Information** google form. Note: because of the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation, it is completely appropriate (but not required) to keep your Baptismal Saint name as your Confirmation name. The name you choose should have significance to both you and the Church.
6. **Sponsor:** your sponsor should be at least 16 years old, a confirmed practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church who can act as a spiritual and moral role model for you. Your sponsor may be one of your Baptismal godparents, but not one of your parents. You will need to complete two forms for your Sponsor:
 - 1) Fill out the **Confirmation Saint & Sponsor Information** google form.
 - 2) Turn in the **Sponsor Testimonial for Confirmation** form at Seminar 3 or via email (see page 4).
7. **Interviews:** you will have an interview with a member of the catechetical team; the sign-ups will be given prior to the interviews.
8. Participation in the life of the parish community: attending Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening), reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, involvement in parish ministries and activities.
9. **Confirmation Rehearsal:** your sponsors should be in attendance at the rehearsal.
10. **Confirmation:** April 7, 2026, at St. Pius X Church at 7:00pm.

For questions/concerns, contact our Parish Office at 504-282-3332

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Confirmation Dates and Curriculum 2025-2026

<u>Confirmation Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Parent & Candidate Meeting	August 26, 2025 @ 7-8pm @ St. Pius X
Seminar 1	September 9, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X
Seminar 2	September 23, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X
Seminar 3	October 7, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X *“Sponsor Information & Confirmation Name” form due: https://forms.gle/4vU6T2b4dciazyjG9 *“Sponsor Testimonial for Confirmation” due: see page 4
Seminar 4	October 21, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X *“Service Hours” form due: https://forms.gle/uwj7BWU6BpVLhcUW6
Seminar 5	November 4, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X
Seminar 6	November 18, 2025 @ 6-8pm @ St. Pius X
Service Day Option 1 *St. Pius X’s Morning with Santa	December 6, 2025 Time TBD (expect morning) @ St. Pius X
Retreat	January 10, 2026 @ 9am-5pm @ St. Pius X
Service Day Option 2 *St. Pius X’s Mother/Son School Event	February 28, 2026 Time TBD (expect morning) @ St. Pius X
Final Interviews	Date & Time TBD
Blessing at 5pm Mass & Rehearsal with Sponsors	March 29, 2026 Blessing of Confirmation candidates @ 5pm Mass Rehearsal with sponsors following the 5pm Mass
Confirmation	April 7, 2026 @ 7pm *Candidates & sponsors arrive @ 6:15pm @ the Gym

Sponsor Testimonial for Confirmation

Date: _____

Name of Person to be Confirmed: _____

Proposed Date of Confirmation: April 7, 2026

Criteria to Serve as Sponsor for Confirmation

1. The Sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church who has been Confirmed and regularly practices his/her Catholic faith.
2. The Sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age.
3. If married, the Sponsor must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Person may not be cohabiting (living together without marriage).

Statement of Sponsor

"I meet the above-stated criteria to serve as a Sponsor, and I will do all in my power to assist the parents of this child to raise their child in the Catholic faith, or - if an adult - to assist him/her in living faithfully as a Catholic Christian."

By signing below, the proposed Sponsor solemnly swears that he or she has read the above criteria, and that the statement above is a true and correct indication of his/her intentions.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Name Printed: _____

Signature of Pastor or Delegate (In Parish where the sacrament is to be celebrated)
