

Peace in Christ!

We are so excited to begin this year's journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a beautiful and important time in the life of our young people and of the entire Church. Confirmation is not simply another step in a program—it is a sacred encounter with the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and seals us with His gifts so that we can live as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world.

In the Catholic Church, Confirmation completes the graces first received in Baptism. Through the anointing with Sacred Chrism and the laying on of hands by Bishop, our young men and women are marked as fully initiated members of the Church. They are strengthened to live their faith with courage, to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, and to embrace their mission as disciples of Christ.

This preparation is open to all high school students who desire to deepen their relationship with the Lord and commit themselves more fully to the life of the Church. Together we will pray, learn, serve, and reflect, so that each candidate may enter into this sacrament with a ready and joyful heart.

Parents, your role is vital—you are the first and most important teachers of the faith. We look forward to walking alongside you in supporting your son or daughter during this holy time of growth.

Registration is now open! Parents may register their child for Confirmation by signing up after Mass or by emailing me directly. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's, and a tentative calendar of sessions is available.

Let us entrust this journey to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our young people. May this time of preparation be filled with grace, joy, and excitement as we move toward the celebration of Confirmation.

In Christ,
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