



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is an important milestone along the journey in one's Catholic faith life. For teens, it represents an opportunity to look at our Catholic faith in a more adult way - exploring, discerning and deciding to make a willful and intentional commitment to learn and live the Catholic faith, beliefs, morals, and practices. For parents, Confirmation represents an important accomplishment in the parenting of a Catholic son or daughter, and an opportunity to talk about our faith with them in a more concrete way.

Confirmation completes Baptism. It is as if the Bishop seals and approves the Baptism celebrated earlier in life. It represents a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love, and practice of our faith.

When you are Confirmed, you gain a new identity as a full member of the Church. You make the decision to celebrate this sacrament, and then you carry out your decision as you learn, live and love your faith.

Every Catholic who is prepared to celebrate a sacrament may do so. This preparation is not a way of "earning" the sacrament; rather, the sacrament is God's gift to us. Our preparation is the way we show gratitude for God's goodness, by striving to appreciate as best we can the gift we are given.

To ensure that you are well prepared, you will be asked and expected to engage in several formational experiences, all listed in this guide. The parish Faith Formation program, service activities, and adult faith formation will help you to have the information and tools you need. Some experiences are yours to undertake on your own, with the support of your parents, your sponsor, your peers and your fellow parishioners.

Confirmation will take place in the fall after year two of preparation. You have plenty of time to accomplish the preparation steps. Be assured of the love, support, and prayers of the entire parish community as you undertake this important process. If you need help or advice, just ask!

God Bless,

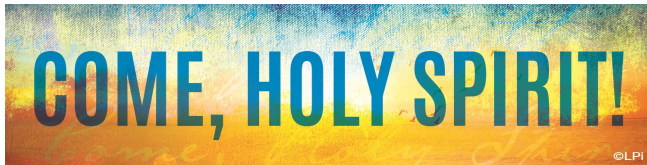
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PERSONAL PREPARATION

- ♦ All Confirmandi, along with their parents must have an "interview/candidate assessment" with the priest, pastoral associate or DRE at the beginning and at the end of the preparation process.
- ♦ In order to better understand the Communion of Saints and build relationships with those close to God, you will research one saint each year of preparation. One of those saints will be your "Confirmation Name." Presentations will be given in the spring. **APRIL 14**
- ♦ You should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year and right before you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ♦ Choose a Sponsor - someone who is already confirmed, and at least 16 years of age, and who can help you to grow in your Catholic faith. Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic and cannot be your parent.
- ♦ ***Yr 2 Confirmandi:** Get enrolled as a Confirmation Candidate and present Father Evelio your *Journey to Confirmation* paper during Mass on **TBD**.
- ♦ ***Yr 2 Confirmandi:** Write a letter to Bishop Bradley requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to you.



KNOWLEDGE OF THE SACRAMENT

You should be able to respond in an age-appropriate way to these questions.

- ♦ What does it mean to be Confirmed and why do you want to be a part of this process?
- ♦ What is your role as a member of the Body of Christ?
- ♦ How will you be a part of the parish community as one of its members following Confirmation?
- ♦ What are the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how do you incorporate them into your daily life?

Formation classes and the *Chosen* program will help the Confirmandi, parents and sponsors to develop appropriate responses to the above questions.

PARTICIPATION

- ♦ Formation Classes, 9:10am to 10:20am. See schedule.
- ♦ Complete the Confirmation *Chosen* Series
- ♦ Attend all Confirmandi, parent and sponsor classes, meetings and retreats.
- ♦ Attend at least one retreat experience each year of preparation. You will be notified when opportunities are available.
- ♦ Copy of Baptism Certificate if not baptized at St. Peter Parish.

WORSHIP & PRAYER LIFE

- ♦ Weekly participation at Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. (formation class does not replace Mass, even though both are on Sunday)
- ♦ PRAY - Know the common Catholic prayers. Please pray regularly.
- ♦ Read the Bible regularly.
- ♦ Know the seven Sacraments, the Holy Days of Obligation, and the days of fasting and abstinence. What do they mean?
- ♦ Be familiar with the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment of Jesus and be able to talk about what these mean in your life.

SERVICE

- ♦ During your preparation you must show a desire to perform works of mercy and loving Christ-like service. This includes acts of kindness, rooted in faith, in everyday life. Use the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a guide.
- ♦ Each year perform at least,
 - ♦ 5 hours of service at my church
 - ♦ 5 hours of service in my community
 - ♦ 5 hours of service in my family

Upon completion of a service, please fill out the *Service Project Form*, and return to the Faith Formation Office. We will be organizing some opportunities to do service at a group.



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8th Grade and Older

Sundays Twice a Month

Gather in the Vatican Room from 9:15 to 10:15am

September 10 & 24

October 8 & 22

November 5 & 12

December 3 & 17

January 7 & 21

February 4 & 18

March 3 & 24

April 14 & 28

May 5 & 19

It is your responsibility to view and complete the assigned videos and workbook pages from *Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation*. These topics will be discussed during the meetings.

Each season youth will be involved in a service project.