

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Confirmation Program! I'm excited to begin this year with all of you as we step into a **new format** and **new program** — [*Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation*](#).

Why Chosen?

This program is dynamic, engaging, and designed to speak directly to teens. Every student will receive the same teachings, while our small group model ensures they have a safe space to reflect, discuss, and build friendships. Students will sit in small groups at tables on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center. Lessons and videos will be presented to the entire group at once, while small group sharing and discussions will happen at their tables. Each table group will essentially function as their “class.”

Program Expectations

- **Attend Confirmation Kick Off meeting on Sunday, October 5** — Join us for the **11:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes Church** and stay for the **meeting immediately following** in the church.
- **Attend Class & Mass** regularly; **12 sessions total** (Year 2 includes a Saturday retreat instead of one Sunday class).
- **Earn 10 Confirmation Credits** (experiences that help teens *live* their faith — things like Mass, Adoration, service, and parish events).

We know life is busy! Sports, drama, dance, and family events will sometimes conflict — and that's okay. But in most cases, the time commitment for Confirmation is lighter than many of the other activities your teens are already part of. **We ask for your support in encouraging them to give these 12 Sundays their “Yes.”** Sometimes it just takes a quick conversation with a coach or director to make space for that one hour — and it can make a big difference in their faith journey.

Beyond the Classroom

Confirmation prep isn't just about the classroom — it's about living the Catholic faith. This year we're excited to offer:

- **Parish-Wide Outdoor Mass & Picnic:** THIS Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 AM, St. Athanasius Lawn. Click [HERE](#) for details.
- **Seasonal Events such as our Family Hike** → Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 AM, [Charles W. Ward Reservation in Andover](#). A chance to get outdoors, build community, and enjoy God's creation together.

- **First Sundays Youth Group** (Nov–May, 5:30–7:00 PM) → Service, snacks, games, and community. Teens will have a chance to live their faith in fun and meaningful ways.
- **Ongoing Service Opportunities** → We'll continue to partner with parish ministries and community organizations to help teens grow into a habit of serving others, just as Jesus did.

More information will be provided on the parish website as well as in upcoming parish bulletins.

We'll Ignite a Spark. Will You Fan the Flames?

With over 200 students across Grades 7–10, we need a strong team of adults to walk alongside our teens as they grow in faith through prayer, service, and community. Whether you lead a small group, track attendance, set up a Sign Up Genius, shop for supplies, supervise service projects, play games, or support our Youth Mass, **your gifts of time and presence will make a difference**. All volunteers will be supported in their role — and by serving, you'll find your own faith and connection to our parish community grow deeper.

How will you support us? [Adult Volunteer Interest Form](#)

And Last, but Certainly Not Least...

We are honored to have **Archbishop Richard Henning celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation** with our Year 2 candidates this spring! We have been assigned the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 15 @ 7p - Church TBD
- Sunday, April 26 @ 2p - Church TBD

The Confirmation page on the parish website has the most up-to-date information—a **few dates had to be adjusted**, so if you added them to your personal calendar earlier this summer, **please double-check for changes**.

I'm really looking forward to kicking off this journey with you and your families. Thanks for saying "yes" to this important step in your teen's faith — it's going to be a great year!

With gratitude,

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