

## **St. George Confirmation 2020/21: FAQs**

### **When do you get confirmed?**

At St. George we confirm teens in the spring of their Junior Year of High School. Registration opens in July, our program begins in August, and the Sacrament is celebrated in May.

### **What are the requirements for my teen to be confirmed?**

Teens who wish to be confirmed should be active, practicing Catholics who are registered at St. George. They have to have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist. They must be current in their religious education, either through a Catholic School or a Parish School of Religion program, and they must participate **fully** in our Confirmation Program

### **What if my teen isn't a parishioner but wants to be confirmed at St. George?**

Please contact our Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator. You will need written permission from your pastor for your teen to participate in our program and receive the sacrament at St. George.

### **How can I register my teen for confirmation?**

Please visit <https://www.st-george.org/48> to register. Families must also send our Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator the following:

- A completed sponsor form including a letter of recommendation from the sponsor's pastor *if the sponsor isn't a St. George Parishioner*
- A copy of the teen's baptismal certificate *if they were not baptized at St. George*
- The registration fee of \$85.00 to cover costs associated with our program. If that fee is difficult for your family, please contact us about assistance.

### **How do I stay current with news and reminders about Confirmation?**

We communicate largely through email, and teens will be sent reminders through their Discord group, updates will also be shared in our parish bulletin and on our confirmation website. To stay up to date, email our Confirmation Coordinator at [CatherineS@St-George.org](mailto:CatherineS@St-George.org).

### **What changes are being made because of COVID-19?**

We are watching COVID-19 related regulations from Government and Diocesan officials closely. Registration is online, and our orientation meeting is offered at two different dates to allow for greater distancing. We will follow all of St. George's guidelines for meetings in-person, as long as we are allowed to have meetings in-person, which may include mask-wearing, distancing ourselves, and cleaning the rooms we use more frequently.

If we are unable to meet in person, we will transfer our small group sessions completely to our online platform for virtual meetings called **Discord**. You can read more about this platform on our confirmation website, candidates are required to register an account and join our confirmation server.

### **What if my teen misses an event?**

Know that we understand there will be conflicts given the busy schedules we all have and the constant competition for our time and attention. There will be makeups offered, either virtually or in the Youth House, in the week that follows each small group session, and those who miss the scheduled sessions are expected to attend the makeups.

### **What are the requirements for sponsors?**

Sponsors cannot be the teen's parent or step-parent, must be 16 years or older, a confirmed Catholic, attends Mass weekly and on Holy Days, receives Holy Communion and Reconciliation regularly, and is a witness of the teachings of Christ in their daily lives. They must be a registered, active member of a Catholic Parish. If currently married, they must have been married by a Catholic priest or deacon, had their marriage "blessed" in the Catholic Church, or be working with a Catholic priest or deacon to have the marriage "blessed."

### **What events does a sponsor attend?**

Sponsors attend the Rite of Welcome in October, the Rite of Enrollment in March, Confirmation Practice, and Confirmation Mass in May. Sponsors are also responsible for completing three "Sponsor-led" sessions with their candidate over the course of the Confirmation Preparation Program.

### **Where are small group meetings held?**

On St. George campus, unless COVID-19 related regulations prevent us from meeting in person. Your teen's group will either meet in one of the rooms at the Kleinpeter Activity Center OR in one of the rooms of the Youth House. Small Group discussions will have the opportunity to continue outside of sessions through our secure Discord Server to encourage continued discussion of faith related matters. Small Group assignments will be announced via email in the week preceding the first small group session on September 20th.