



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2025 Confirmation Seminar Recordings

Seminar 1: Practically Speaking: Models of Transition on Jan. 31, 2025

Link: <https://youtu.be/jJ0skdx3q8Y>

Description: This video features members of the S.E.N.T. core team spearheading the Confirmation age changes across the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This first session, which takes place at Most Blessed Sacrament on January 31, 2025, offers parish staff from across the diocese some options for moving from 11th-grade Confirmations to 7th-grade over the next 3-4 years. Speakers include Bishop Michael Duca, Dina Dow, the Director of Evangelization & Catechesis for the diocese, and West Giffin, the Director of Christian Formation of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish. Video is 1:06:27 in length.

Seminar 2: Formation: Evangelizing Catechesis on Feb. 21, 2025

Link: <https://youtu.be/uhZTXJT75CY>

Description: This video features members of the S.E.N.T. core team spearheading the Confirmation age changes across the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This second session, which takes place at the Catholic Life Center on February 21, 2025, dives into key concepts surrounding evangelizing catechesis and forming missionary disciples. It dives into some of the content of the new Handbook on the Catechetical Accompaniment Process developed by the USCCB Institute on the Catechism, including the catechetical goals for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Dr. Christopher Ragusa, Jr., an Assistant Professor of Theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University and staff member of the USCCB's Institute on the Catechism, gives the keynote presentation. Other speakers include Katherine Broussard, Youth Minister and Confirmation Director at St. George Catholic Parish, and Shannon Sales, Associate Director of Catechesis for the Diocesan Office of Evangelization & Catechesis. Video is 51:40 in length.

Seminar 3: Living the Mystery: Mystagogy & Discipleship on Mar. 14, 2025

Link: <https://youtu.be/kts3qqxz-3U>

Description: This video features members of the S.E.N.T. core team spearheading the Confirmation age changes across the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This third session, which takes place at the Catholic Life Center on March 14, 2025, focuses on Living the Mystery of the Sacrament of Confirmation, particularly for our youth. It focuses on "what's next" for our young people after receiving their final Sacrament of Initiation, including best practices and formation. Presenters include Trey Weaver, Coordinator for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Michaelyn McGinnis, Director of Youth Ministry for Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Video is 1:02:24 in length.

Seminar 4: Engaging the Family on Apr. 11, 2025

Link: <https://youtu.be/qSXXNexATdI>

Description: This video features members of the S.E.N.T. core team spearheading the Confirmation age changes across the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This fourth session, held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs on April 11, 2025, focuses on "Engaging the Family." Opening Prayer is given by Fr. Matthew Graham, pastor at Immaculate Conception. Presenter Dr. Brian Pedraza explains what family catechesis is and what it should look like. He shared insights from his work with The Dominus Project, an initiative of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, which aims to help families encourage one another in holiness, becoming places where Christ's presence is encountered daily. The MCs of this event are S.E.N.T. team members, Kerry Ferrara, Director of Religious Education for St. Jean Vianney Parish, and Rozalyn Duplantis, Director of Religious Education for Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs. Video is 1:31:02 in length.

Seminar 5: Celebrating the Sacrament: Liturgy & Worship on June 13, 2025

Link: <https://youtu.be/ogdViKWhSg8>

Description: This video features members of the S.E.N.T. core team spearheading the Confirmation age changes across the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This fifth and final session, held at the Catholic Life Center on June 13, 2025, focuses on "Celebrating the Sacrament: Liturgy & Worship," where participants will take a close look at the liturgical rite of Confirmation. Sometimes, as ministers, we get caught up in the logistics of the night - "Is everyone complying with the dress code? Are my kids answering the Bishop's questions? Did we order enough finger sandwiches?" - that we overlook the beauty of the rite. We've reached the pinnacle of what we've been preparing our young people for, and often, we see it

as something to just "get through." Let's take a closer look at how this incredible rite of the Catholic Church harkens back to our Baptism and bestows upon us the great gifts of the Holy Spirit. Presenters include S.E.N.T. core team members Kathleen Higgins, Director of Youth and Young Adults for the diocese, and Catherine Broussard, Youth Minister & Confirmation Director at St. George Catholic Church. Video is 1:48:44 in length.