



Confirmation Handbook

Faith Formation 2021-2022

Faith Formation begins
September 19, 2021



Sacrament Registration Deadline:

➤ September 15th

Confirmation Enrollment Requirements:

All 2nd year Conformandi must be registered by Sept.15th, Saint Gabriel has a 2-year confirmation program utilizing Chosen curriculum. All candidates must complete a 2-year program to be recommended as a confirmation candidate.

The Sept 15th deadline is crucial to making sure we have enough Catechists and facilitators to teach. If your teen has not been participating in faith formation classes from 3rd-to 7th grade level, please make an appointment with Dcn. Mike in the parish office.

Confirmation Mass Date:

The sacrament of confirmation is officiated by the Bishop and the date of the Mass will be announced by the office of the Bishop

Parent Responsibility:

Parents are responsible for encouraging their teens to attend preparation activities while maintaining their child's freedom to make the final choice to be confirmed.

- Parents will attend parent classes and aide in the catechesis of their children
- Parents will volunteer to help at least twice in the confirmation class
- Parents will help encourage their children to attend all classes and not miss more than 4 classes. 75% attendance is required for completion of sacramental years. Once the candidate falls below the

threshold, He/She will meet with coordinator and Dcn. Mike to assess how the student can make up class work missed.

- Parents will homeschool the candidate if necessary and complete the lessons at home and turn in the lesson(s) missed due to attendance.

Confirmation Retreat:

Saint Gabriel retreat begins Friday April 1st, 2021 and ends Saturday April 2nd at 5pm. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the retreat.

Transportation is on your own. Location to be announced.

- If the confirmandi cannot attend the mandatory retreat at Saint Gabriel's, they will look for an alternative retreat at another parish that is equivalent in length for fulfilling the Diocesan

confirmation requirement for completion.

- The responsibility of locating a retreat will rest on the parents and proof of attendance will be provided to the confirmation coordinator prior to confirmation Mass date.
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Mass Attendance 2021-2022

Attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligations has been given to us in the 3rd Commandment and is a basic precept of our Catholic Faith.

This is the guide and premise for completing Mass reflection sheet.

Please have candidate complete a Mass reflection sheet for Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation

Please see bulletin or website (www.saintgabriel.net) for Mass times.

Inside the Narthex you will find a table with a box on it, please return the reflection sheet inside the box.



Attending Mass at Another Roman Catholic Parish:

If you are unable to attend Mass at Saint Gabriel, please use www.masstimes.org to help you find a Roman Catholic Church near you. It must

be a Roman Catholic Church.

Please take a bulletin or some other brochure or handout showing that church location, your conformandi may write their name on it and turn it in.

Please turn it into Saint Gabriel's box as soon as you can.

Saint Report:

Conformandi are asked to research and choose a saint they want to emulate. Specific details about the saint project will be completed and turned in on time. The form can be found on the Saint Gabriel website. www.saintgabriel.net

The confirmation candidate will research the life of the saint whose name they have chosen. List and elaborate on the character traits and qualities this person possessed that may help you on your faith journey.

Bishop Letter:

Candidates will write a letter to our Bishop detailing why they are asking to be confirmed. They will turn in the letter¹ by due date. For specific information that should be included in the letter please review the sample form on our website.

Works of Charity log:

Candidates are encouraged to begin completing their service hours and works of charity in their first year of sacramental prep. Candidates will complete 21 hours service in 3 categories. They include the world, community, and parish service. By participating in our Walk with the Martyrs event candidates can obtain all hours necessary for world category

Candidates will attempt to have hours in each category and may not have more than 10 hours in one single category.

Please visit website to obtain the WOC log.

Dress Code for the Confirmation Mass:

The following guidelines for appropriate attire come from the document of Sacramental and Liturgical planning from the Diocese of Colorado Springs

While the church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each of its members, it holds that modesty is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 25234)

Jeans, shorts, tennis shoes and flip flops are never appropriate.

Ladies:

- Dress in good taste. Attire should be appropriate for the important life occasion. (Church, banquets, and special occasions but not formal)

- Dress should be White
- Girls' shoulders should be covered. If they wear sleeveless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses, they are required to wear a sweater or shawl to cover their shoulders.
- No plunging or revealing necklines, no bare midriffs.
- Skirts should fall at knee length and not be tight or suggestive. Pant suits or full-length pants with appropriate white top are acceptable. Please no shorts, capris or flip flops please.

Gentlemen:

- Dress is good taste is requested.
Dress white shirts with collar and tie (sport coat or suit jacket is optional)
Shirts should be tucked in and pants fitted at waist with belt. Shoes should be appropriate for outfit and church (no tennis shoes or flip flops)

Confirmation Commitment Form

Saint Gabriel The Archangel

Catholic Church

“A Candidate for Confirmation ... Must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the {church} and in the [everyday life].”

As a Candidate for Confirmation, I recognize the following requirements:

- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- I will attend all confirmation sessions and turn in all required work on time.
- I will live my life in service to others by living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
- I will memorize the required common Catholic Prayers.

- I will attend the confirmation retreat.
- I will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation.
- I will commit myself to daily personal prayer.
- I will continue to live my life as a witness to Jesus Christ through prayer, service, and worship long after my Confirmation.

I understand that these requirements help me to assume the role of “disciple and witness to Christ” I understand the Sacrament of Confirmation is a GIFT from God, rather than a requirement to get done. Therefore, I take this step freely and without reservation.

X

Candidate

As the primary educator of my child, I pledge to make my best effort to prayerfully support my child in this endeavor, and I will work with my child to successfully meet these requirements in preparation for his/her confirmation.

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Parent/Guardian

Sign and return this page no later than Aug. 29th at check in.

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