

## **Curriculum Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

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### **Pedagogical Notes:**

- Confirmation preparation is not meant to take the place of an entire year (or multiple years) of ordinary formation in the faith. Ideally, remote preparation for the sacrament has been occurring since baptism.
- The aim of Confirmation preparation is to help the candidate fulfill the personal expectations regarding the sacrament. Having presented themselves as baptized and at or above the age of reason, they must also be suitably instructed, properly disposed, and able to renew the baptismal promises (CIC 889).
- It is expected that individuals who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation are practicing the faith and obedient to the precepts of the Church.
- It is important to instruct in such a way that the candidate can both learn or deepen their understanding of the content being presented and consider whether they intend to live according to it, as both are essential to being suitably instructed and properly disposed to receive the sacrament.

### **Prayers to use during preparation that Confirmandi should be introduced to or review:**

- Come, Holy Spirit - Encourage Memorization
- Litany of the Holy Spirit
- Apostles Creed - Encourage Memorization
- Baptismal Promises and Responses

<b>The Baptismal Promises (6 Hours)</b>		
<b>Do you reject Satan...?</b>	<b>Do you believe in God...? Do you believe in Jesus Christ...?</b>	<b>Do you believe in the Holy Spirit...? Do you believe in the holy, Catholic Church...?</b>
Review of LIFE IN CHRIST  Including: - 10 Commandments of God - Precepts of the Church	Review of THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  Including: - Faith; God the Father; Trinity; Creation; Man & Woman; the Fall - Jesus; Incarnation; Mary; Paschal Mystery	Review of THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  Including: - The Holy Spirit; Pentecost - The Church; Forgiveness of Sins; Resurrection of the Body; Eternal Life

<b>The Sacrament of Confirmation (6 Hours)</b>		
<b>What is Confirmation? &amp; Effects of Confirmation</b>	<b>The Rite of Confirmation</b>	<b>Christian Life After Confirmation</b>
CCC 1285 - 1292 CCC 1302 - 1305	CCC 1293 - 1301 CCC 1306 - 1314	Sunday: The Lord's Day Daily Prayer Monthly Confession Regular Mortification