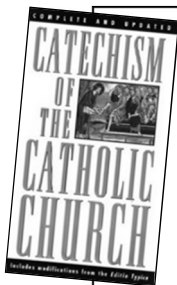


CONFIRMATION PREPARATION OVERVIEW

In the hopes of fulfilling CCC #1309 (below), Confirmation preparation is designed to be done in a one-on-one discipleship/mentorship model. There are no regular class times or teachers. Instead, students choose a sponsor who they will meet with 6-8 times over a 6-month period (April-October), and then they are Confirmed in November.

1. **Material:** Students and sponsors each receive a Confirmation Handbook which will give them all of the material and discussion questions they need. Students should also have access to a Bible.
2. **Sponsor Role:** This is a big responsibility and we ask a lot of our sponsors, please choose your sponsor wisely. If you cannot find someone, please contact Sarah for options. Sponsors will receive ongoing support and we'll teach them how to fulfill this role. *Qualifications and more info on the next page.*
 - Assist in the preparation for the Sacrament:
 - i. Attend the Kickoff (April) and Vigil (Nov) half day retreats.
 - ii. Meet with your candidate at least 5 times, leading the discussion with guidebook.
 - iii. Ideally, participate in a service and prayer experience with the candidate. If this is not possible, the candidate can complete on their own.
 - Present the candidate to the Bishop at the Confirmation Mass.
3. **Candidate Responsibilities:** *See Checklist on next page*
 - Attend Kickoff Half-Day Retreat (with sponsor)
 - Meet with Sponsor 5x to work through the handbook, finish by Oct
 - Complete a service experience and a prayer experience (ideally with sponsor)
 - Attend July half-way check-in
 - Attend 1-on-1 wrap up meeting with Sarah to turn in checklist and letter to bishop, 15 minute meeting in early October
 - Attend Confirmation Vigil Half-Day Retreat (with sponsor)



1309 *Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands.*¹²⁷

CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST

- Kickoff 1/2 Day Retreat (circle one) April 30 May 6

Sponsor Sessions: Meet for a total of 5 sessions, working through this *handbook*.

- 1: Repent & Believe Date: _____ Location: _____
- 2: Pray Everyday Date: _____ Location: _____
- 3: Desire Holiness Date: _____ Location: _____
- 4: Run with Saints Date: _____ Location: _____
- 5: Sent on Mission Date: _____ Location: _____

- Attend a half-way check-in**
July 9, 9-10am - OR - July 13, 7-8pm - OR - July 24, 11am-12pm

- Choose a Confirmation Saint** See session 5.

- Serve Others:** Do some corporal work of mercy (CCC 2447) together with your sponsor. Look for opportunities at the parish, serve with another local organization, or create something on your own. See pg. 9 for ideas!

Date: _____

- Prayer Experience:** Make a Holy Hour together, Stations of the Cross, an Arise Worship Night, or another prayer experience. This is a time of prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to be with you and guide you throughout this process and after your Confirmation. See pg. 8 for ideas!

Date: _____

- Wrap-Up Meeting: Turn in Bishop Questionnaire and Checklist**
Schedule a 1:1 meeting with a member of our Confirmation team. This 15 min meeting will serve as a "wrap-up" of the preparation process and will solidify your request and commitment to receive this sacrament. Candidates will turn in their final forms showing they have completed their preparation.

- Attend Confirmation Vigil Retreat Day: Nov. 5, 2-7pm**

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- Step #1:** Find someone to sponsor you. See next page for qualifications and expectations.
- Pray. Ask God to bring into your mind the name of someone who would be a good support and mentor for you.
 - If you cannot find someone, don't panic. Contact Sarah for options.
- Step #2:** Register online by **Apr. 19**
Be ready to provide your baptism date and location, your sponsor contact info, and know which Kickoff Retreat date you will attend
- Step #3:** Attend Confirmation Kickoff Retreat with Sponsor
April 30, 10:30am-3:30pm - OR - May 6, 12-5pm
Sunday Mass and Lunch included. At this event you will receive your materials, and all the information you need to get you started.
- Step #4:** Meet with Your Sponsor to complete 5 Discussion Sessions
Meet May-September, on your own schedule
1. Pray Everyday
 2. Desire Greatness
 3. Authentic Friendship
 4. Be Fed by the Church
 5. Sent on Mission
- Hands-On Experiences (ideally completed together)
- Prayer Experience
 - Service Experience
- Step #5:** Attend a half-way check-In (*candidates only*)
July 9, 9-10am - OR - July 13, 7-8pm - OR - July 24, 11am-12pm
- Step #6:** 1-on-1 Wrap Up Meeting: Checklist & Form for Bishop Due (*candidates only*)
At this 15 minute meeting to turn in your material and formalize your request for the sacrament. Various days/times available at end of September/early October.
- Step #7:** Confirmation Vigil Retreat for Candidates & Sponsors
Nov. 5, 2-7pm, includes Sunday Mass and Rehearsal
- Step #8:** Confirmation Mass with Bishop Schuermann at Christ King, **Nov. 6, 7:00pm**



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