

The Confirmation Process

Saint Patrick and Saint Columbanus Parish

2023-2024

Definitions:

Candidate/Confirmandi: the person preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sponsor: the Catholic person, other than a parent, who is invited by the candidate to accompany them on the faith journey

Registered member: someone who has filled out the appropriate paperwork to be considered a member of the parish and supports the parish ministries through stewardship and tithing

In order to participate in the Confirmation preparation process, the family must:

- Be a registered member of Saint Patrick or Saint Columbanus parish
- Have attended Mass regularly at the parish they belong to and been an active member of the parish
- Have participated regularly in the Faith Formation program at the parish they belong to

In order to participate in the Confirmation process, the child must:

- Be enrolled in the tenth grade (for home-schooled students, they must have started high school curriculum. Interviews may be necessary with home-schooled students if grade-level determination cannot be made).
- Must have achieved 80% attendance in Faith Formation sessions from ninth grade. (This requirement is for both home-schooled and public-schooled children. Those who attend Saint Albert's do not have to attend Faith Formation sessions, although it is encouraged to allow the student a chance to connect with the parish they are members of).

The Confirmation preparation process includes:

- 13 gatherings to which confirmandi are to attend with a parent and/or sponsor
- A candidate retreat in the Fall with Reconciliation
- Participation in the Adolescent Catechesis Classes (High School Youth Group) during the preparation process (October through the celebration of Confirmation)
- Family participation in the Parish Faith events during the preparation process (September through the celebration of Confirmation) – parish auction, annual parish auction, fish fry's, etc.
- Attendance at a rehearsal/reconciliation to prepare to celebrate Confirmation
- Attendance at the Rites of Enrollment and Commitment Masses
- Consistent attendance at Mass

Attendance at the above listed events is required. If more than two events are missed, the family will need to schedule a meeting with Alyssa to discuss re-committing to the process. After missing three events, a letter will be mailed to the family explaining the process.

The student will also be required to:

- Complete a Saint Project
- Complete a Faith Journey Project
- Complete a service project/Community Service that entails 20 hours (10 hours within Parish)
 - Service requirement: Altar Serving does not count towards service hours. A great way to serve is by becoming an assistant Catechist for our Sunday Faith Formation program 10:45AM-11:45AM. If interested, please contact Alyssa Beasley
- Complete a Sponsor Verification Form
- Follow the Regional Sacramental guidelines

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations for the Confirmation process.

Parent/sponsor

Candidate