



St. Patrick's Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for All Beginning their Confirmation Journey

In keeping with our parish vision of accompanying parents as primary catechists, we revamped our preparation program in 2020. We believe this new process enriches relationships between parents and their children and deepens the love between individuals and God – Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. This method allows more days at home with family. And, the young church transforming their lives on this journey will have a greater understanding of Confirmation.

Students and an adult partner (preferably parent but sponsor, grandparent, or another adult is fine) attend preparation together 2 days per month– one Sunday, and one Tuesday evening (you attend both). Each encounter is approximately two hours. These sessions are interactive; they are full of dialogue; they are a balance of discussion, video, activity, and prayer. Our sole job is to help each candidate fall in love with his/her creator. We do this by learning about Him and spending time with Him in prayer, worship, study, and relationships.

We recognize that any sacrament should be entered into without reservation or coercion. And so, we concede that each candidate must decide on his/her own whether they are ready for this spiritual journey and undertaking. While this is their decision, this decision is not made in isolation. Candidates are to seek sponsors who will accompany them on this journey, who they have an established relationship with and with whom they can discuss matters of faith and life. Family, friends, and Church staff are also here to guide each candidate's decision.

Preparation begins in September with anticipated Confirmation date in November of the following year. Some learning and contact will take place throughout the summer in order to continue spiritual growth and transformation. In alignment with Diocesan guidelines, confirmation retreats, service experiences, and pastoral interviews are required components in St. Patrick's Confirmation Preparation program.

