

CONFIRMATION

Candidate Letter

Dear Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

The parish community supports you in prayer as you prepare this year to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To assist you in understanding and appreciating the preparation for the Sacrament, this letter describes the different parts of the sacramental preparation program.

Checklist for the Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program:

- Fill out Registration Form.
- Attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate to the Registration Form.
- Submit payment of the **\$50 program fee** to your parish or speak with your pastor for assistance. The program fee covers the cost of program materials and a red robe or gown to be worn for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- You are welcome and encouraged to attend the Confirmation Information Night for Parents, Sponsors, and Candidates.
- Attend the 10 sacramental preparation sessions at your parish. If a schedule challenge emerges with the dates or times, talk with your pastor about attending the session at another parish.
- Complete the homework assigned after each session.
- Attend the day of retreat and prayer. If a schedule challenge emerges with the date for the retreat, talk with your pastor about attending the retreat at another parish.
- Choose a Sponsor for Confirmation. The candidate's sponsor is at least 16 years old, s/he is a practicing Catholic, s/he has received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, s/he is not a parent of the candidate, and s/he is leading a life in harmony with the Roman Catholic faith.
- Submit the Sponsor's Personal Attestation Form.
- Attend Sunday Eucharist at your parish. Candidates will be asked to write five reflections on the Masses they attend before Christmas and to submit them in December. Then write five reflections on Masses you attend after Christmas and submit them at the conclusion of the sacramental preparation program. You will be provided with a Mass Journal for this purpose with guiding questions and statements to inform your reflections.
- Attend the Welcoming Rite (with prayer partner invitations), an Enrollment Rite, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the parish.
- Submit a proposal for the Apostolic Service Project and obtain the pastor's (or designate) approval for the project before beginning.

- Complete eight hours of service for the Apostolic Service Project; complete the log and submit the log in December and at the conclusion of your sacramental preparation program.
- Complete the Confirmation Saint Project before the scheduled retreat day following the guidelines and requirements which will be distributed in January.
- Draft a letter to His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop McGrattan expressing your faith and reasons for seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Bring the draft letter to a meeting with the pastor or designate and review with him your desire to be confirmed.
- Finalize your letter to His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop McGrattan and submit it to your parish to be sent to the Bishop. The parish will send all of the candidates' letter together to His Excellency.
- Wear a red robe or gown provided by the parish at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and return this robe after the celebration to the parish.
- Pick up your Certificate of Confirmation signed by His Excellency and your pastor following the celebration. This will happen either in the parish hall or at school.

There will be a Confirmation Information Night, ten catechetical sessions and a retreat day.

2018	1 st Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, October 2
	2 nd Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, October 16
	3 rd Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, November 6
	4 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, November 16
	5 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, December 4
2019	6 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, January 15
	7 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, February 12
	8 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, March 12
	9 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, April 9
	10 th Session	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday, May 7
	Confirmation	10:30 am	Sunday, June 9 Small reception to follow