

RATIONALE
District Sacrament of Confirmation
Vicariate 3 District 3
Greene/ Southeast Washington

The clergy of Vicariate 3 District 3 have been meeting every six weeks since April 2016. Efforts continue to focus on opportunities where ministry and resources can be shared to strengthen the faith experiences for Catholics throughout our district, in particular for our youth.

Among the areas of consensus reached is the establishment of a district wide celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The request has been submitted to and approved by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated in April or May 2019 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington, Pennsylvania. The site location has been selected to accommodate seating for family, friends and parishioners as a result of the number of candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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District Collaborative for the Sacrament of Confirmation

One of the most common statements offered by the members of our parishes is: “where are our young people?” Collaboratively, our parishes need to consider, reflect upon, research, and develop processes of formation to engage our youth in the rich tradition of our Catholic faith experience. Together we can accomplish so much more than our individual, stand-alone parishes can through the sharing of resources.

Therefore, a Confirmation Collaborative comprised of clergy, faith formation leaders, catechists, resource personnel and representatives from among our youth will be formed to begin this process effective in Fall 2017. District-wide gatherings with our Confirmation candidates and their families, as well as providing a common Confirmation retreat experience, are the first steps of this journey. These efforts can strengthen formation in the ways of the Catholic faith to benefit all.

The desired outcome is to maximize the Confirmation preparation experience for our candidates and to establish a springboard to create the foundation for a vibrant youth ministry program for the benefit of the entire district.