



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Confirmation Program 2021-2022

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Please email the Coordinator of Confirmation & Youth Ministry, Jeny Aquino, for questions.

Program Requirements - General Information

The Confirmation program is a two year program purposed for the spiritual and personal enrichment of high school students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students will receive this final Sacrament of Initiation upon successful completion of the two-year program and the students personal request to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

In order to be eligible to enter into the program, teens must be in high school. Most teens tend to begin their Confirmation preparation at the start of 9th grade.

THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ONLINE FORM WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL & WILL BE POSTED PRIOR TO THE START OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES
*****Teens will be required to complete this form during their first week*****

Confirmation Payment: Cost is **\$150** for Confirmation classes for the first child and **\$80** for each **additional child** - Payment is **due** at the time of **registration**

Baptismal/First Communion certificate copies: Please email Jeny a **COPY** of your child's **Baptism & First Communion Certificate** (include first/last name in subject line please) - If your child received their sacraments at Corpus Christi, please contact Jeny. You may still have to turn in a copy. If your child has **NOT** received one or both of these prior sacraments, **please note** so in the registration form & **contact Jeny for additional steps**.

*If you submitted your certificates last year, you **DO NOT** need to send in additional copies.

High school seniors are eligible to complete the Confirmation preparation but must complete both Confirmation 1 & 2 classes during their senior year in order to be Confirmed alongside their high school peers. **CONTACT JENY BEFORE REGISTRATION!!!!!!!**

Catholic High School Students may complete one year of Catholic high school education to opt-out of the first year of Confirmation. **TEENS MUST BE IN GRADES 10-12 TO REGISTER!!!!!! NO FRESHMEN/9th GRADE TEENS CAN REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION 2!!!!!!**

Catholic school students registering for Confirmation 2, must be **AT LEAST** a sophomore when entering into the Confirmation 2 program. Current Catholic high school students who choose this option: **PLEASE READ THE LAST PAGE OF THIS PACKET FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT-ONLY INFORMATION! CONTACT JENY BEFORE REGISTRATION!!!!!!!!!!**

**The requirements for this program are subject to change for any COVID-19/pandemic related reasons in order to best serve and protect the youth and families of this parish.*

Class Sessions are every other Sunday from 2:00-3:30PM

Small groups & materials:

Class sessions will be held **in-person** this year. Teens will be assigned to designated small groups and will have a 1-2 Teachers and a Young Apostle volunteer. Teachers are responsible for the catechetical preparation of your teen and are given the curriculum and class guides of the program that I provide. Teens may have a book and Bible that will be used in class. Please have teens bring their Bible and book and a binder to every class. Teens should set aside a special Binder just for Confirmation information, handouts, and homework.

The Young Apostle Team:

Young Apostles will be assisting the Confirmation program. The Young Apostle Team is composed of high school students who have completed the Confirmation program, are confirmed, and have chosen to come back and share their gifts with the program. They help with small groups, share their stories and experiences and share their faith with the Confirmation teens.

Class time / Arrival / Dismissal

Class sessions have a strict starting time at 2:00PM. Doors will open at 1:45PM for teens to enter the building and go straight to their Confirmation classrooms. **For safe environment purposes, all outer doors will be LOCKED by 2:15PM.** Parents **MUST PARK** when dropping off kids at ALL in-person events.

During the first few weeks, teens may have a hard time finding their classes. Teens will enter the Parish Hall at arrival and there will be tables set up with name tags and volunteers who will have direct teens to their groups. Confirmation teens must do their best to remember where their groups meet. After the first few classes, there will be no tables and teens will have to head straight to their class. **Jeny will be in the Parish hall at the beginning of every class to help if any teens are lost.**

Classes will end at approximately 3:15PM and teens must be picked up ON TIME at 3:30PM. This is a new process for everyone, so the first few weeks may be a little chaotic while we get used to this dismissal process. **Parents MUST PARK** and can contact teens on where they are parked or they may come to the outside of the Parish Hall to pick up their kids. Cars cannot pull up the Hall and block traffic, as this can lead to accidents and inconvenience towards other families/cars.

Confirmation Class & Youth Event Dress Code:

Yes, there is a dress code for Confirmation! Formal wear is not necessary, but teens should be dressed nice, as most teens will have attended mass earlier in their day.

Tops: T-shirts with big logos and designs are NOT allowed. Teens cannot wear tube tops, crop tops, or tops that over expose their chest, back, or midriff. If a top has a strap or is like a tank top, a jacket, cardigan, kimono open top can be worn to cover shoulders. Blouses, nice tops and shirts are okay. Polos, henleys, appropriate short sleeve shirts are okay if they are not too casual, long sleeve shirts, button up shirts are all okay.

Bottoms: No blue denim jeans are permitted. Teens MUST adhere to this dress code and parents and families need to enforce these guidelines for their kids. This is because when blue denim has been permitted, teens always tend to wear jeans that have holes in them and we are unable to permit them. Workout gear (aka tight leggings, leggings with cutouts, sweats) are not permitted. PJs are not allowed. Shorts are not allowed. Any other pants so long as they are appropriate for church are allowed. Dress pants, corduroy, and black/white pants/jeans are OK as long as they are not washed out, ripped, or torn. Pants need to be appropriate for church-wear.

Dresses, skirts, rompers, pantsuits are OK but they must be an appropriate length. To test if they are an okay length, have a teen stand up straight and place their hands flat on each side. The length of the clothing should meet/pass their fingertips.

Footwear: No Flip flops are not allowed. No casual sandals without a back. Shoes do not have to be dressy, but should be appropriate. No neon colors or anything that isn't okay for church. Tennis shoes are okay if they are not too flashy.

Please don't argue with me regarding the dress code. This dresscode has been place for almost a decade in the Confirmation program. I have made many adjustments to it and have made it much easier for the teens to have clothing and wear that complies with it. While there are restrictions to what teens can wear, these restrictions all exist for a reason and help to have our teens in the Confirmation program ready for church and looking their "Sunday's best".

The above rules also apply to Youth Night/in-person events with these exceptions:

Teens may wear blue denim jeans to youth nights so long as they do not have giant rips and holes in them. Teens may wear casual shirts so long as there are no inappropriate words or logos on them. All tennis shoes and casual shoes are okay.

Please send me an email for any questions regarding the above dress code guidelines.

Online Class Information:

There will also be an online option provided for teens who are at-risk or have family members who are currently at risk. Online class may be the only option for some families. You **MUST** indicate if you will be choose the online class option at the time of registration. We will be having teens access their virtual Confirmation class/material via Google Classroom and class will **NOT** be “live”. This means, the class will be completely self-study with the assistance of video and provided material by me. If teens choose the online option, I recommend they try to attend virtual youth events to give them some face-time with me and other teachers/teens. The Google Classroom link will be made available at the beginning of September and teens will have more than enough time to set up an email and join the “class” via the link. Please read information and directions for our online classes:

1. Each class will be known as a “session”. For example, the first class on September 12th for Confirmation 1 will be “Session 1” for Confirmation 1. A session will be based on a certain topic. Sessions will include video and/or reading material & may include an assignment. Class sessions will be posted by 2PM on the day of class.
2. Homework & completion of watching videos of a previous session will be due the next session by 8:30pm. Teens have more than enough time to complete the classwork throughout the days prior to a due date. Work **DOES NOT** have to be completed the day it is assigned but by the day/time it is due. **Please see the Confirmation year calendar to know when classes will be posted.**
3. Youth Events are not mandatory, but help greatly with learning and retaining information taught in the video sessions. I recommend teens attend at least 1-2 Youth Events a month to give an ample amount of time and opportunity to virtually discuss with their peers and teachers the Confirmation class content and material.
4. All work and classes/classwork is posted on **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**. Teens need to use a **NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION** email account to log in to the “class”. They cannot use school organization emails due to their schools having restrictions on outside school google classrooms. Emails **MUST DISPLAY** a students **FIRST & LAST NAME**. **It is the teen’s/family’s responsibility to set this different email up & join the Google Classroom.** I am **NOT** responsible for teens who use a different name as their display and if their First & Last name is not visible, I may not see their homework.

Homework Assignments Homework assignments are assigned for each session unless otherwise noted. These assignments will vary and may include watching assigned video material, completion of an online form to show that the material has been viewed, written assignments, and readings of the Bible. Some homework assignments will require parents to participate (i.e. read with or discuss a certain topic with their child). Assignments will be posted in the Google Classroom. **Homework will not necessarily be the same for the online & in-person classes.** - This is because the in-person classes have separate groups/teachers and for the online classes, I will be the sole instructor/teacher.

Homework assignments are not intended to overwhelm or bring the students down, but simply to assist students in maintaining a consistent relationship with God and going deeper in their faith-life as well as to see that they are participating online. With the right attitude, most students will find the homework enjoyable and edifying.

Books and Confirmation Passport/Package Students will receive material/books for Confirmation classes to aid them in their preparation and are **expected to keep these materials through the entire 2 years.**

Students will also receive a “Confirmation Passport”—a packet that they will be required to keep in a binder (binder provided by student, filling provided by church) that contains additional resources, prayers, & standard Catholic teachings for reference throughout the two-year Confirmation Prep Program.

This Confirmation Passport will be sent via email and teens are expected to PRINT AND USE while watching the video material. Should a teen be unable to print their own Passport, limited copies will be made available for pickup with their books at the Youth Office. - Book pick-up dates/times is TBA

Youth Ministry Events Youth ministry events happening!

There is an additional handout for all Youth Event information. This year, there is NO youth event attendance requirement due to the pandemic. But I highly encourage teens to attend 1-2 events a month because they enhance the Confirmation program and truly make a much better experience for Confirmation teens. At these youth events, we get to have more social interaction, build relationships in prayer and fellowship, and learn more about our faith!

See our Confirmation Calendar for the schedule for youth events.

Currently we have scheduled all our Youth Nights IN-PERSON! For the time being, Bible Studies & Rosary Meetings are VIRTUAL/ON ZOOM. Email for the information for these events and to receive the link and code for the virtual events.

Yearly Retreat

Our information regarding Confirmation retreats is TBA! Please stay tuned!

Parent’s Responsibilities: As parents are the primary catechists of their children, we give great deference to parental involvement in the faith-education of their children.

I send out emails weekly, and like to send out reminders to parents as much as possible. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to check emails at least ONCE a week to stay up to date. The “primary email”/“additional email”/”student email” provided at the time of online registration will be the emails I send out reminders to. Parents must also refer to our Confirmation calendar. This calendar is subject to change but I will always notify families ahead of time so please refer to it for the year schedule and events.

- We will also be using “Flocknote”, an emailing platform to distribute information. Please always double check your spam folder for any of my emails.

A parent meeting will be held prior to the start of Confirmation classes. Information regarding these meetings will be emailed shortly.

Throughout the Confirmation year, parents are invited to and are encouraged to watch the video material for Confirmation classes with their kids. Should you need any assistance with questions, teens can reach out to me through email, Zoom, or Google Classroom OR parents can speak with me regarding the questions their kids may have.

Absence or Missed Assignments

To notify Jeny of absences (if we were doing onsite classes) OR of legitimate reasons for late or missed assignments, a parent/guardian must *send an email explaining the reason of absence/missed assignment*. **More than two unexcused absences may result in a repeat of the preparation year.** (for ex. valid reasons for absence/missed assignments: family emergency or illness, etc.)

Please direct emails to youth@corpuschristicatholic.org

- In the event that the student has a valid excuse to be absent from class or has missed the deadline for an assignment, the student will still need to **complete the prescribed make-up work** for the work that was missed, in order that they do not fall behind. **If this work is not completed, the assignment will not be excused.** Make-up work will be given to those who notify of absences. Make-up work as well as the regularly assigned homework will be due. There will be some classes where make-up can be completed with the attendance of extra youth event opportunities.

Service Hours DUE TO COVID-19, THE SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENT THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT IN PAST YEARS IS OMITTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION YEAR DUE TO THE RISKS OF EXPOSURE. *If the state of the pandemic improves we will make the necessary adjustments for next year's Confirmation. But for 2021-2022, there is NO service hour requirement.*

Weekly Mass Attendance and Mass Logs

Students are expected to attend Sunday (or Saturday vigil mass) virtually or in-person throughout the Confirmation year. The Bishop has reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday mass starting July 1st. Confirmation teens are expected to set aside time to prioritize virtual or in-person mass as part of their Confirmation curriculum. (Teens/families that are affected by at-risk factors, both physically and mentally, or who are sick are exempt from this obligation)

Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life. As future Confirmandi, we expect teens to appreciate and uphold the privilege to honor and worship God with the responsibility and dedication that He deserves. Experiencing the mass is the greatest form of worship we have as Catholics. While physically attending mass and taking the Eucharist is not always feasible depending on the household, Confirmation students have the convenience of viewing mass virtually at their own pace.

- To help students have a proper resource for “where” to view virtual mass (if families do not feel comfortable attending in person), a list of mass sources will be provided regularly. You may also watch masses with Corpus Christi on Youtube. (Just search “Corpus Christi Bonita” and it will come up. Our masses are posted within the hour after each mass.
- In order to better enter into the Mass and listen to the Lord, students are asked to **record the “one thing” God spoke to them at Mass OR something they found interesting at attended masses in a provided MASS LOG THAT IS INCLUDED IN THEIR “CONFIRMATION PASSPORT”**. Students should write this down immediately following Mass attendance so they do not forget. The “one-thing” will be reviewed by the teachers during classes (to the teachers’ discretion) and are required to be turned in at the end of the Confirmation year via their MASS LOG SHEET.

Personal Statement Paper/Exit Interview

During the second semester of the second year of preparation, students may be required to **complete an individual interview** with the youth minister, Jeny Aquino. Should in-person interviews be unavailable at that time, due to health and social distancing guidelines, teens may be asked to prepare for a comparable alternative.

Students will share about their faith journey, how they will practice their faith after Confirmation, and why they would like to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Students will also be asked to **write a Personal Statement** to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be due at the time of the interview (further instructions will be given closer to interview date) or at a given date at the end of their Confirmation 2 year.

CONFIRMATION MASS DATE/TIMES ARE TBA AS WE WAIT APPROVAL FROM THE DIOCESE ON OUR DATES. FAMILIES WILL BE NOTIFIED ASAP IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY OF 2022

For High School Seniors:

First-time registered Senior Confirmation teens are **REQUIRED to attend BOTH Confirmation 1 and 2 class**. They are expected to complete the requirements listed prior to this page. Seniors can refer to the above information for their Exit Interview. *Please see Jeny for additional questions.*

For Transfers/Catholic school students:

Transfers and Catholic school students are able to move forward and **complete the Confirmation program in ONE YEAR** as a Confirmation 2 student.

Transfers must turn in a letter from their previous parish/Confirmation coordinator certifying the completion of one full year of Confirmation preparation. This letter must have a seal from the parish.

Catholic School Students must be AT LEAST a SOPHOMORE in high school at the beginning of the Confirmation 2 year. Meaning, your child should be **AT LEAST in 10th GRADE** this Fall of 2021 WHEN STARTING Confirmation classes. **9th graders in Catholic high school are NOT eligible** for this accelerated program, and need to register when they are about to enter into their 10th grade year. Parents must contact me **BEFORE** registering if this is the option they are interested in. If a teen attended Catholic school K-8 but is enrolled in a public high school, they are **NOT** eligible for this accelerated program. I cannot stress enough how important it is to contact me **BEFORE** registering. No exceptions.