

Confirmation Program

for Fall 2022

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Confirmation

For it had not yet fallen on any them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” (Act 8:14-17)

The Sacrament of Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal gifts. It unites us more firmly to Christ by the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost, giving us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian’s soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one’s life. [CC 1317]

This special outpouring of the Holy Spirit not only completes the baptismal grace but also brings about a closer union with Christ. Through this deeper union, those confirmed share more perfectly in God’s life as his Children and are more perfectly united with the entire family of God, the Church. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are increased in Confirmation and through them we receive the power to “be not afraid” so that we can spread and defend the Christian faith. [Mt28:19; Acts 18:9; Heb13:6].

A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both with the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs. [CC 1319]

Confirmation Preparations

Students must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist prior to receiving Confirmation. Prior to beginning Confirmation preparation, he/she must have completed at least one year of religious study.

Confirmation preparation at St. Mary on the Hill usually takes place in the eighth grade. Religious studies in preparation for the sacraments may be completed either through the CCD program or St. Mary on the Hill School. Permission is required from Fr. Ross, in order to homeschool your child's religious studies in preparation for confirmation. Preparation includes retreats, service, Adoration, and parent/sponsor/student meetings.

Confirmation takes place in the Fall (usually in November) of the student's freshman year in high school. The sacrament is administered by Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, Most Rev. Stephen Parkes.

Parents and students should be attending Sunday mass on a weekly basis.

Parents and students should be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis.

During Holy Week all candidates and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the Tridium. The Liturgies celebrated during this most Holy Week encourage and allow us to be a part of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

Starting in **the Fall of 2022 (September & October)**, students and sponsors and/or parents will meet in the Church on Sunday evenings for the final preparation sessions. The date of Confirmation and practice will be announced once we know the Bishop's schedule.

The Confirmation name may be the Confirmand's original baptismal name or one chosen by the Confirmand. The name used must have Christian roots (i.e. a recognized Catholic saint) and chosen name should have personal significance to the Confirmand. Attention should be taken that the name used corresponds to the gender of the Confirmand. The saint's name will be your confirmation name and will be the name the Bishop uses when he anoints you during Confirmation.

Attached is a confirmation checklist for your child. Please review this checklist to ensure the information is correct. Periodically, this checklist will be updated and sent to you. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required to ensure proper record keeping is maintained with your child's church of baptism. The attached checklist indicates whether or not your child's baptismal certificate is currently on file. If not, please submit a copy to the CCD or Church office by **October 30, 2021**.

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

2021 -2022

Saturday, October 16, 2021	Day Retreat – St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School, conducted by NET Ministries
Sunday, October 30, 2021	Baptismal Certificates Due
TBA - Saturday, March 2022	Day Retreat – Camp Long, Aiken, SC
May 31, 2022	Sponsor Information (Name, address, sponsor's Church)
September – October, 2022	Sunday evening classes
October 2022	Confirmation Name - TBD
October/November 2022	Reconciliation/Practice/Confirmation Date to be announced

Retreats

Students are required to attend **either** the one day retreat on Saturday, October 16, 2021, **or** the one day retreat on Saturday, TBD.

The retreat brings together the youth from St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Community and gives them an opportunity to get to know each other while sharing their faith.

The retreat at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School, Saturday, October 16, 2021 will be conducted by NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries. NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. The NET retreat provides a wonderful opportunity for the youth to explore their faith by seeing the witness of the young adult team members who come from all across the country to share their Catholic faith.

The retreat at Camp Long, Saturday, TBD gives the students an opportunity to meet the challenges of the ROPEs course. This is a low ROPEs course which is all about team work and working together to accomplish a goal. They also attend different workshops related to aspects of confirmation. The Camp Long Retreat is a one day retreat and there is no cost.

Sponsors

When choosing a sponsor, please be sure that the person meets the canonical directives for sponsors (attached). After you have chosen a sponsor, please provide the name of the sponsor, sponsor's address, and the sponsor's Church, including the Church's address. **The sponsor information should be turned into the CCD Office or Church Office no later than May 31, 2022.**

Confirmation Name

You will choose a saint's name for your confirmation name. The saint's name will be the name the Bishop uses when he anoints you during Confirmation. The Confirmation name may be the Confirmand's original baptismal name or one chosen by the Confirmand. The name used must have Christian roots (i.e. a recognized Catholic saint) and chosen name should have personal significance to the Confirmand. Attention should be taken that the name used corresponds to the gender of the Confirmand.

Adoration

Adoration is a quiet time to spend with the Lord. The Adoration Chapel is located at 1220 Monte Sano Ave beside the school. The adoration chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Quiet time in the Church outside of Mass is another way of spending time with the Lord.

Service

Part of our Catholic faith teaches us we are part of a community and are responsible to give back to the community. Service may be done individually or as a group.

Examples of individual service:

- Babysitting – without pay
- Yard work for a neighbor – without pay
- Volunteer work at hospital
- Visitation at nursing home

Examples of family service:

- Visitation at nursing home
- Master's Table Soup Kitchen
- Family Promise
- Catholic Social Service Thrift Store

Service Opportunities

Many service opportunities are available through the ministries at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church, such as altar servers, church nursery, St. Joseph's Guild, Golden Harvest Food Bank, Catholic Social Service Thrift Store, etc. Please see the ministry catalog for a complete list of ministries and the contact information.

Watch the bulletin for service opportunities. Service Opportunities are usually listed in the Youth section upon receiving notification of the service event.

CONFIRMANDI _____

I am prepared to begin my final year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As parents or guardians of the above Confirmandi, it is our intention to actively participate in the preparation for Confirmation. As faithful Catholics, we, the Confirmandi and parents/guardians, understand and accept our responsibility to.....

- Attend mass each week.
- Pray regularly, both as individuals and as a family
- Celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation on a regular basis
- Provide all necessary documentation as required and on time
- Participate in Adoration
- Participate in Service projects
- Attend a one day retreat
- Attend religious education classes
- Encourage and pray for each other
- Participate in the final preparation which is held in the Fall of 2021

_____ I will attend the one day retreat on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School conducted by NET Ministries.

_____ I will attend the one day retreat on Saturday, TBD at Camp Long, Aiken, SC

_____ The information provided on the Confirmation Checklist is correct. If not, please provide the correct information in the comments section below.

Signature of Confirmandi

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Comments: _____