

The Church of the Annunciation

# Confirmation Preparation Registration

2022/23



Dear Prospective Confirmation Candidate and your family,

Welcome! I am so happy that you are ready to take the next step in your faith formation and enter more deeply into the sacramental life and mysteries of Christ's Church. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a wonderful and important time of your life. It is also a serious undertaking on your part (candidate and family) and the parish community.

I invite you to read the list below and prayerfully discern your commitment to the task of preparation for this sacrament before you complete the attached application for Sacrament Preparation for Confirmation at The Church of the Annunciation.

**Qualifications of the Candidate** (from the Archdiocesan guidelines for Confirmation Preparation)

Each baptized Catholic has the right and the obligation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, but the candidate has the responsibility to personally choose to complete initiation into the faith life of the Church. The Candidate may request the Sacrament if he/she:

- ☐ Is no less than 15 years old at the beginning of the Confirmation preparation year.
- ☐ Is baptized and able to renew baptismal promises unless a grave reason suggests otherwise
- ☐ Exhibits an active faith life and knowledge of the Church
- ☐ Participates in the sacramental life of the Church, especially Eucharistic Liturgies
- ☐ Is committed to active involvement in parish Confirmation catechesis
- ☐ Will respond to the call of serving in the apostolate of the Church
- ☐ Has completed one year, minimum, systematic catechesis and is committed to continuing education in the Catholic Religion during the sacrament preparation year. (see next page)
- ☐ Is committed to learning and growing in the Catholic faith following Confirmation and throughout his/her lifetime
- ☐ Has received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and leads a life of faith consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. [Has received the healing and graces available in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.]
- ☐ Is committed to living the **Precepts of the Catholic Church** (*see below*). We understand that Confirmation candidates are dependent upon their parents at this time. However, this will not always be the case. Therefore, candidates should carefully review and commit to life-long obedience of these precepts.
- ☐ Is willing to participate, as a family, in an initial interview with Confirmation Catechists.

**The Precepts of the Catholic Church**

All Catholics are bound to abide by the "Precepts of the Catholic Church." These laws represent the minimum standard for living out the Catholic faith.

1. To keep holy the day of the Lord's Resurrection: to worship by participating in Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation; to avoid those activities that would hinder renewal of soul and body, these include needless work and business activities, unnecessary shopping, *et cetera*.
2. To lead a sacramental life: to receive Holy Communion frequently and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation regularly. Minimally, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year (obligatory annually only if serious sin is involved[, but a healthy practice is once a month.]); to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Lent and Trinity Sunday.
3. To study Catholic teaching in preparation for Confirmation, to be confirmed, and then to continue to study and advance the cause of Christ.

4. To observe the marriage laws of the Church: to give religious training (by example and word) to one's children; to use parish schools and religious education programs.
5. To strengthen and support the Church, one's own parish community and parish priests, the worldwide Church and the Holy Father.
6. To do penance, including abstaining from meat and fasting from food on the appointed days.
7. To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.

**Systematic Catechesis (Religious Education)** – The candidate must have completed, at minimum, one year of systematic catechesis in a parish, home school, or parochial school Religious Education program before registering for Confirmation preparation classes. The candidate must continue this education during the preparation year. Texts and work from this year must be presented at time of registration or initial meeting. Those in Home School programs should bring work to each Confirmation preparation class for review.

This is to satisfy the minimum standard of religious doctrine in the faith before the candidate for Confirmation can be confirmed. The minimum is two years of Religious Education at the parish, home school, or parochial school using a curriculum found on the "Conformity List" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). (<http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf>)

It is more beneficial if you already have participated in and completed regular grade level (age appropriate) Religious Education programs throughout your formation years. If you are lacking the first year requirement, contact the Religious Education office at [religiousED@acchtx.org](mailto:religiousED@acchtx.org) to discuss how to proceed.

All boxes on the list above should be marked in order to begin preparation classes for Confirmation. We take the responsibility of preparing our youth for the sacrament very seriously. We expect all of the above. **We also expect candidates and their families to commit to 100 percent of our Confirmation preparation program.**

In addition to the classroom sessions, each candidate for Confirmation will discern his/her Sponsor and communicate regularly with him/her while preparing to receive the sacrament; engage in and reflect on service work at the parish and in the community - mindful of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Works of Mercy; select and write about his/her chosen Confirmation Saint; and, participate in two retreats (not overnight). (More information will be available at the parent meeting in October.)

Our program is run by volunteers and we ask that you respect their time and commitment, doing your best to participate in all facets of the programs as indicated on the published schedule that will be available at registration. We hope you will prioritize Confirmation Preparation at this time. If you cannot, then you may choose to consider committing to this in a subsequent year.

If there are extra-ordinary circumstances affecting your candidacy for Confirmation at this time, please contact Religious Education at (713) 222-2289.

I look forward to seeing you as you pass through the various elements of the Confirmation Preparation program, culminating in your completion of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Confirmation Mass.

Peace of Christ Jesus,

Fr. Paul Felix  
Pastor

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## Sacrament Preparation Form – Confirmation

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### PLEASE NOTE:

- o One form is required for EACH candidate. Please complete this form in its entirety. Please write clearly.
- o Once this form is complete:
  - o Submit the form to **Religious Education Office**.
  - o Pay tuition at time of registration (\$75.00/candidate).
  - o Include a recently made Baptismal Certificate. (Contact Church of Baptism for this.)

Have you read "Qualifications of the Candidate for Confirmation" (attached)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you committed to participating in the preparation process fully as stated on previous page?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Candidate's Full Name</b> (no initials)				
Family Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Grade	
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age: ____ City and State of Birth: _____				
Address:				
House Number	Street		Apartment Number	
City		State	Zip Code	
<b>Father</b> (Full Name, no initials)				
Family Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)		
Father's E-mail Address: _____				
Home Phone: _____		Mobile Phone: _____		
<b>Mother</b> (Full Name, no initials)				
Family Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	Maiden Name	
Mother's E-mail Address: _____				
Home Phone: _____		Mobile Phone: _____		Text? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is the best form of communication? (please circle)		Which parent is best to contact? (please circle)		
E-mail	Text	Home Telephone	Mobile Call	Father or Mother
From time to time, the Catechists may need to e-mail reminders to the candidate and families. E-mails will always be sent to the candidates AND parents. Do you permit this?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Candidate's e-mail: _____				
Is the family of the candidate currently registered at The Church of the Annunciation?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, what is the name of your parish? _____				
<i>Please note: As a matter of courtesy, you should inform your home parish, or parish of registration, that your son or daughter will prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at The Church of the Annunciation.</i>				
Which Sunday Mass does your family normally attend? <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Vigil <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday _____ (This is for planning purposes only.)				

(Turn page, please.)

**Baptism**Attach a copy of **recently** made Baptism Certificate.

Name of Church at which candidate was baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parish of Record: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** (This person must be 18 years or older and someone other than the parent(s) of the child(ren) registered.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child/children: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child(ren) to a hospital for medical or surgical treatment. In event of any accident or injury, I agree on behalf of myself, my child's other parent if known or living, other heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (its pastor or any representative of Religious Education and Youth Ministry) unless the parties involved were negligent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization for Use of Image**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as legal parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **give my permission** ☐ **do not give my permission** for the use of my child's/children's images to The Church of the Annunciation, a component of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, on banners, publications, church website, or Annunciation Facebook page.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition** (If there are multiple children from the same family preparing for the sacraments, payment can be calculated on each form and payment made with one cheque (or cash). Please keep family registrations together.) [**Scholarships are available.**] Return forms and payments to the Religious Education office. Payments can also be placed in the weekly collection basket. Seal form, documents, and tuition payment in an envelope marked: RE Office. Thank you!

Confirmation	\$75.00/youth candidate (includes \$25.00 Retreat fee)	= \$ _____
TOTAL		= \$ _____

**For office use only**

Tuition due (Total)	\$ _____	Scholarship Requested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Payment received	\$ _____	Yes? Amount Requested: \$ _____
Balance	\$ _____	Forms completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (return)
(Circle payment method) Cash                      Check (Number: _____)		Requested documents turned in? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Receipt Number: _____		