



## Philosophy and Schedule



This is different from our Youth Ministry Topic Nights or Religion Class in school. This is direct and immediate sacramental preparation. We are here to help you work on yourself and prepare you to make moral and educated Catholic life choices.

Preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation should be seen as a component of the ongoing catechesis and faith development of the candidates and is so situated as a part of our overall our Youth Ministry Program.

“Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit...in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end Catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1309)

Philosophy to show readiness for sacrament (things we are looking for in the Final Interview):

1. values and insights internalized and ability to explain yourself to yourself and others
2. an intellectual knowledge of Catholic morality - from Youth Ministry Topic Night topics or Catholic High School
3. a commitment to service
4. consistent attendance at mass a minimum of 1 year before Confirmation
5. Confirmation Immediate Preparation Classes and Confirmation Retreat - mandatory.

Also, each Class Session relates directly to material that needs to be internalized so it is important that you attend each of these Class Sessions and the other items listed below. Please start a 3 ring Confirmation binder to hold all of your handouts and as a study guide for the Final Interview.

1. February 14, 2021 – Class #1 – 3:30-4:30pm
2. February 28, 2021 – Class #2 - 3:30-4:30pm
3. March 7, 2021 – Class #3 - 3:30-4:30pm - (My Personal Creed due)
4. March 14, 2021 – Class #4 - 3:30-4:30pm – (Confirmation Readiness Questionnaire due)
5. March 21, 2021 – Class #5 - 3:30-4:30pm - (Confirmation Name Essay due)
6. Confirmation Retreat – TBA
7. Final Interview – at a mutually agreed time
8. April 25, 2021 – 12 noon - Confirmation Mass at Church of the Nativity with Bishop Bejarano

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Registration does not guarantee Confirmation. Rather, it initiates an intense process of discernment and reflection in which we hope will culminate in Confirmation. The process itself is an example to see how you will handle Catholic choices as an adult Catholic. Confirmation is only after the Final Interview has been satisfactorily completed.

I understand that attendance at all dates listed above is important, there are no make-up classes, and I am responsible for learning and knowing all the information presented in class. I understand that registering for the Confirmation Immediate Preparation Process means a commitment on my part to attend each class session and the retreat, finish my assignments, and pass my Final Interview, which will reflect my intent to carry out my adult responsibilities in the Catholic Church after my Confirmation.

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Teen Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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