

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

PAPERWORK DUE: Sunday, March 1st, 2026

- † Confirmation Register Information Form
- † Baptism Certificate
- † Confirmation Sponsor / Proxy Affidavit
- † Saint Board Project (*to be distributed in class*)
- † Works of Mercy Service Project (*to be distributed in class*)
- † Confirmation Fee, \$75 per student
- † Candidate Height, due by December 14th, 2025

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT

- † Thursday, March 26th, 2026, 7:45 am – 6:30 pm

INTERVIEW WITH PARISH PRIEST:

- † The weeks of March 9th and March 16th, starting at 3:30pm
- † Signup link will be sent in an email/text

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

- † Time: 7:30 pm
- † Students will gather in Hayden Hall
- † Sponsors will gather in the church

NOTE: In order to prepare for this important sacrament, your child must go to confession the days prior to Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION

- † Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 5:30 pm
- † Arrival time for candidates: 5:00 pm in Hayden Hall
- † Arrival time for sponsors: 5:00 pm in the church
- † Procession to the church will start at 5:20 pm; the Mass will start at 5:30 pm

CONFIRMATION ATTIRE

- † Boys: dress/formal pants, shirt and shoes; red neck tie; no sneakers
- † Girls: formal and modest (not revealing) dress, skirt or pants. Spaghetti strap dresses/tops are not allowed; no sneakers; formal shoes or sandals
- † Confirmation robe must be worn during the Mass and for pictures after it
- † The Confirmation robe will be available at the interview

SERVICE HOURS

- † It will be distributed in class

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO:

- † Religious education office: RE@stphilipfc.org

More information about some of these items in the back

REQUIRED PAPERWORK FOR CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION REGISTER INFORMATION FORM: Must be filled out by parents and the information must be accurate and complete. Parents must attach a birth certificate (if not already on file).

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE: All student must submit a certificate with notations of First Holy Communion, unless the child was baptized at St. Philip.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR/PROXY AFFIDAVIT: Each student will choose a Confirmation Sponsor based on the qualifications in the form. The sponsor certificate will **NOT** be accepted **without** the signature of a priest or deacon, and the church seal.

SAINT BOARD PROJECT: It is the tradition that the candidate chose the name of a saint (a canonized person in the Catholic Church), a virtue, an archangel or a holy person from the bible as a helper in his/her spiritual life. The candidate must present a report about the life of the saint or characteristics of the virtue or archangel or holy person in the Bible following the guidelines provided by the RE office or religion teacher if the candidate attends a Catholic school.

WORKS OF MERCY SERVICE PROJECT: The candidate and his/her parents should read the Guide to the Works of Mercy and the students are expected to keep a record of all the Works they have performed.

CONFIRMATION FEE: This fee covers the cost of the retreat and Confirmation robe, and it is not refundable.

CANDIDATE HEIGHT: Parents must provide the height for their candidate to ensure a proper fit of the Confirmation Robe which will be ordered by the RE office. The robe will be distributed the evening of the rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: It will be held in the shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Maryland. Please see the handout for more information.

INTERVIEW WITH A PARISH PRIEST: The interview will last 15 minutes and will be held in the rectory.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY DURING CONFIRMATION MASS: In keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, once the Confirmation Mass has begun, and during the Mass, photographs will not be permitted. Our priests will be available in the church for pictures with the confirmand and their family. The Parish *may* hire the services of a professional photographer for the Rite of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE: It will be announced when the certificate is ready to be picked up from the rectory. The certificate will not be mailed.