



Philosophy and Schedule



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 1 of the 4 parts of our overall our Youth Ministry Program. **Teens are expected to continue learning about their faith after Confirmation in our Youth Ministry Program until they graduate from high school.**

“There is more to parish youth ministry than preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and it's celebration which is only one component or part of the total process of catechesis and faith development for adolescents”. (Diocesan Policy #310)

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 teaching from Youth Ministry Topic Night topics
3. a commitment to service
4. consistent attendance at mass a minimum of 1 year before Confirmation **and an ongoing pledge to fulfill the Sunday Mass Obligation after Confirmation**
5. Confirmation Immediate Preparation Classes and Confirmation Retreat - mandatory.

Each Confirmation Immediate Preparation 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 dates listed below. **Missing more than 1 class or not doing a Confirmation Retreat is an automatic deferral to next year. There are no make-up classes.** This process involves a commitment to prioritize your faith formation above everything else. Please start a 3 ring Confirmation binder to hold all of your Youth Ministry and Confirmation handouts and to use as a study guide for the Final Interview.

1. February 1, 2026 – Class #1 – 3:30-4:30pm
2. February 22, 2026 – Class #2 - 3:30-4:30pm
3. March 8, 2026 – Class #3 - 3:30-4:30pm - (My Personal Creed due)
4. March 15, 2026 – Class #4 - 3:30-4:30pm – (Confirmation Readiness Questionnaire due)
5. March 22, 2026 – Class #5 - 3:30-4:30pm - (Confirmation Name Essay due)
6. March 29, 2026 – Class #6 – 3:30-4:30pm
7. Confirmation Retreat – TBA
8. Final Interview – at a mutually agreed time
9. ?, 2026 – Confirmation Mass – TBA

Registration for the Confirmation Immediate Preparation Classes 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 guaranteed 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.

Teen Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date