

“ . . . be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”
Anointing Rite for Confirmation



How do I know I am ready?

No one is ever *ready, worthy* or *deserving* of the gift of a sacrament. However, you do need to be ready to be open to how God will strengthen you as well as continue to be present in your life. You can make an effort to be prepared to celebrate Confirmation in a way that shows your sincerity, you can participate all the way, making your responses come alive and keeping your eyes and ears ready to see what God is doing. The community is here to help you to feel prepared.



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CONFIRMATION

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... Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit,
that they give witness to Christ by lives
built on faith and love. . .”

General Intercession from the
Rite of Confirmation

“ The love of God has been ported into our hearts by his spirit living in us. . .”

Entrance Antiphon for Rite of Confirmation C.f. Romans 5:5; 8”11

Confirmation:

- ✠ Welcomes us and deepens our belonging to the faith community
- ✠ Deepens our relationship to God, as Creator, Redeemer and Spirit
- ✠ Strengthens us as disciples.
- ✠ Completes your initiation into the Catholic Church

What is the Rite of Confirmation?

A ritual is a patterned way of doing something. The Rite of Confirmation is a prayer ritual of the Church that witnesses to the sacrament. The Rite usually takes place within Mass. Some special parts of the rite include:

✠ Renewal of Baptismal Promises

A chance to promise again that we will be open and will strive to be faithful.

✠ Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil

Like a friend putting their hand on your shoulder or a parent’s loving embrace, gestures can make love and support feel real and connected. God’s love and support is made visible through these signs which call upon the Holy Spirit. Since ancient times, being anointed sets one apart and makes them special.

What will I do to prepare for Confirmation?

- Provide copy of Baptismal / Eucharist Certificates with Registration form.
- Attend Information Meeting
- Select a Sponsor
 - Age 16+
 - Has been Confirmed
 - Practicing Catholic
 - Be present at the Rite
 - Be free from canonical / legal impediments
 - Not one’s parent
 - Verification of Qualifications needed
- Write a Letter of Intent
- Individual Interview
- Perform service with the Parish (14 hours)
- In addition to weekly participation in the Eucharist (attend Mass), attend all required faith formation experiences.
- Attend Confirmation Reconciliation service
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal
- Attend “What’s Next?” gathering after Confirmation

“Must Know” Info

- ☺ Forms, fees and certificates due **April 15th**
- ☺ Session Dates: (Sundays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)
May 18, June 29, July 27, August 24, Sept., 28, October 26, November (rehearsal) TBA
- ☺ Confirmation Nov. 29 @ 12:30 p.m.
- ☺ Students are to choose 2 additional dates each month to attend “Real Talk w/ Fr. Nick” (Sundays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.)
- ☺ At least one parent must attend each Parent Sessions (held at the same time)

It is difficult to help someone learn something if we do not understand it ourselves. The Parent sessions are to help you deepen your understanding of the sacrament and what it means to you; so you can share that with your child.

Confirmation Attire

****Candidates & Sponsors****

LADIES:

- Wear a dress, skirt or dressy pant suit.
- Dress or skirt need to be close to the knee or longer
- No spaghetti straps, bare backs or midriffs
- No formal gowns
- No jeans, no sneakers

Gentlemen:

- Wear dress pants, shirt and tie, dress shoes.
- Jackets are optional
- No pants hanging below the waist
- Yes, you will need a belt!
- No jeans, no sneakers