

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation are sacraments of initiation and a sacrament of faith in God's fidelity to us. It is a Christian commitment to the faith and a deepening of baptismal gifts. Therefore, we need the parents to be committed to guiding their children within this process in the faith.

The Goals of Confirmation Preparation are:

1. To provide catechesis with a complete understanding of Confirmation
2. To provide positive experience for the candidates
3. To provide teaching and witness to the responsibility of fully initiated Catholics
4. To connect the candidate with the parish community

Requirements for Participation in Confirmation Sacramental Program:

1. Submit **all** Baptismal and First Communion certificates to the church office
2. The family must be registered at Christ The King
3. Sacramental preparation is separate from and in addition to the regular religious education and youth ministry that occurs in school or parish programs.
4. Submit Sponsor paperwork at the beginning of Confirmation II class. Requirements listed below.
5. Students need to follow the Confirmation Mass dress code:
 - a. Boys: Dark pants, white shirt and tie, and dress shoes. Suits or sports coats are recommended.
 - b. Girls: At least knee length dresses with sleeves (no V-neck, scoop, or plunging neckline) and dress shoes that cover toes and are not backless.

Requirements for Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. Students must practice the faith, which includes weekly Mass attendance and Holy Day of Obligations, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
2. Students must be present for at least 85% of the classes for Confirmation I & II.
3. Each student must complete at least 15 hours of community service.
4. Every student must choose a saint name.
5. Required attendance of the Confirmation retreat experience.
6. Attendance is also required on Wednesday nights (8 weeks) for the Confirmation Rite practices during Confirmation year II.

Requirements for Sponsor:

1. A confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing with the church
2. Not the child's parent or guardian
3. 16 years of age or older
4. One person
5. Available to work with the candidate on some preparation activities