



Confirmation 2025

Dear Young Catholic,

At your baptism, your parents and godparents passed down their faith to you and made promises on your behalf. Now you are ready to own that faith and make those same baptismal promises. In the sacrament of Confirmation, you are going to publicly declare your commitment to your baptismal promises and thereby seal your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Simultaneously, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you keep that commitment.

If you are willing to take this next step in your life, this program requires your full commitment to attend and participate at Holy Mass every Sunday, sessions of catechetical instruction, and a day for a retreat/rehearsal. Please see the package for Confirmation preparation program for more details.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The family has the greatest role in instilling human and Christian values. The family, like the Church, ought to be the place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. Parents have the primary responsibility to accompany their children in their journey of faith. The formation of children depends on the help, example, and influence of their parents. Parents are expected to have contact with their priests and catechists, to be present at all Sunday masses - especially at the Confirmation ceremony - and to attest to their child's spiritual progress.

You are in my prayers,

Rev. Frank Portelli
Rector

Confirmation Preparation Program Events and Requirements:

1. **On-line Registration with baptismal certificate.** The registration deadline is Friday, January 10, 2025.

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2. **Parents' Meeting.** Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1:15 PM, location TBD- an email will be sent to all registered parents for the location or can be found in the bulletin that weekend.
 - ❖ Please bring a copy of you child's baptismal certificate as proof of authenticity.
 3. **In-person Classes.** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Cathedral Atrium.
 - ❖ Option of attending one of two sessions: Group 1- Saturday OR Group 2 - Sunday.
 - We ask that students remain in one group the entire time, however some exceptions may occur, speak to the Lay Pastoral Associate if a transfer is needed.
 - ❖ Every two weeks (with some exceptions, please see the following schedule below for specific details)
- Note:** We realize that scheduling of other events might conflict with Confirmation classes and ceremony, but all sessions are mandatory. Please email the Lay Pastoral Associate, Chelsea for any major and foreseeable absences.
4. **Retreat/Confessions.** 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Atrium & Cathedral
 - ❖ Saturday, June 7, 2025

5. **Rehearsal(s).** More information will be forthcoming.
6. **A Sponsor.** Please have a sponsor chosen before registering your child. See details about sponsor requirements below.

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements:

- ❖ Must be at least 16 years of age by the time of the Confirmation ceremony.
- ❖ Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith
 - Cannot be non-Catholic Christian, nor can he/she be from a non-Christian faith.
- ❖ A model of faith for the candidate, practicing and in good standing with the Church
- ❖ Cannot be a parent of the candidate.

7. **An Administrative Fee** of \$40.00 to cover the materials for the sacramental preparation and ceremony.

SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Date: Saturday @ 2-3:30 p.m.	Date: Sunday @ 2-3:30 p.m.
1	Parent Information Session	Sunday, October 27, 2024 @1:15 p.m.	
2	Matters of the Heart	November 16	November 17
3	I Believe in God	December 14	December 15
4	Catholic Anthropology	January 11	January 12
5	A Fallen World	February 1	February 2
6	The Steadfast Love of God	February 22	February 23
7	The Living Bread	March 22	March 23
8	Signed, Sealed, & Confirmed	April 12	April 13
9	Transformed by the Spirit	May 3	May 4
10	Gifts of the Spirit	May 24	May 25
11	Retreat	Saturday, June 7, 2025	
12	<i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i>	Sunday, June 8, 2025 @ 12-Noon	

**Please note that these dates avoid major holidays to the best of our ability and are usually every two weeks. Please note these dates in your calendars **

MEETING SPACE INSTRUCTIONS:

Access to the Cathedral Atrium Meeting room is as follows:

1. Proceed to 65 Bond Street (Cathedral main entrance).
2. Rather than going inside the Cathedral, please find the black gate on the North side of the Cathedral courtyard (closest to the Choir school, by the accessibility ramp).
3. A security guard or volunteer will be there to open the gate and let you in through the Atrium Courtyard (otherwise please wait for someone to let you in).
4. Proceed straight through the gate and up the ramp to the double doors (again a volunteer will be present to let you into the Atrium meeting space).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

To ensure a safe and supportive learning environment, we ask parents to please contact Chelsea to make accommodations for students who request and need it.

Additionally, there will be a light snack provided at these sessions, so if your child has any allergies, please contact Chelsea with information on their dietary restrictions.

CONFIRMATION DATE:

❖ Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 12-Noon Mass

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