

CONFIRMATION POLICY

St. Benedict—St. Ann—Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered every two years.
2. Candidates need to be Juniors or Seniors to be eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. Confirmation is a two-year program. Candidates need to attend classes both years and are only allowed to miss two classes each year.
4. Being actively involved in service is a requirement for Confirmation. Emphasis is placed on candidates developing an attitude of service.

Candidates need to participate in two service projects each year of preparation. At least two of the projects need to be with the group. The Sponsor is asked to participate in two service projects with the candidate.

5. Each Candidate must choose a sponsor. Sponsors will be chosen during the first year of Confirmation preparation. Candidates are encouraged to consider choosing their Baptismal Godparents because Confirmation is a completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, which begins at Baptism. Parents are not eligible to be sponsors. The Sponsor needs to be an active and Confirmed Catholic.
6. Sponsors, along with the candidates, are encouraged to attend the Rite of Enrollment Liturgy that is celebrated in the candidate's parish. They are encouraged to attend Sponsor Sessions and participate in at least two service projects with the candidate. They will need to be present on the day of Confirmation.
7. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in the preparation of Confirmation with their teen. Attendance at parent meetings is important and encouraged.
8. Candidates are required to attend the Confirmation Retreat, which will be held the second year of preparation.
9. The parish community is encouraged to prayerfully support the candidates during the time of preparation.
10. Candidates are expected to participate in weekend Liturgy on a regular basis.

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