

# Overview for Confirmation

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## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and  
they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
Amen

## Confirmation Defined

From that first Pentecost until now, it has always been the belief of the Church that the Holy Spirit directs and guides us collectively and individually. We have the Spirit of God living and working in our lives and in our Church.

We have each been given gifts according to the plan God has for us. Confirmation prep is a chance for teens to discover their God given gifts and learn how to use them to serve others out in the real world.

Please watch this short video for further explanation of the sacrament:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt32SyDWuW8>

## Preparations:

**2 Teen Sessions** approximately 2 hours each

They will bring their Confirmation journal to use and fill out during the preparation. **If they do a service or attend a Faith Builder before our first session, the pages are available on the Confirmation webpage for them to print and fill out at the time of completion.**

(they can tape/glue or recopy them into their journals later)

We provide two dates for each session, your teen needs to attend only 1 of these dates.

**1 Retreat** approximately 4 hours in August

**2 Faith Builders** usually 1 hour each (see journal for explanation)

**3 Service Experiences** (see journal for explanation)

Service Experiences should be in the areas of:

1. Church
2. Community
3. Using their gifts

### **Picking a Sponsor**

Information included in the journal page 21

### **Final Interviews**

(10 minute talk to discuss their **completed** journals. 2 dates usually in Sept and Oct.)

### **Confirmation Mass/Rehearsals**

We are at the mercy of the Bishops busy schedule. We do ask for dates 3 months ahead of time and our first choice is always the beginning of November. However we are required to give the Bishops office 3 choices... as soon as the dates are given out officially we will let you know. Rehearsals are usually the week before the Mass times.

*This preparation process may sound overwhelming however, it actually breaks down to only 16.25 hours. We promise to do our absolute best to help you and your teen along the way with reminders and most importantly make it worthwhile for your teens. Communications will be sent via email using Evangelus, you also have the option of choosing to receive text notifications.*