

Who is eligible for Confirmation?

Diocesan guidelines require a two-year sacramental preparation period. You are therefore eligible for Confirmation if you

- have a sincere desire to receive this sacrament;
- have never been confirmed;
- are a registered St. Andrew parishioner;
- are in High School, grades 9-12;
- attended a Faith Development program the year prior to your Confirmation year;
- currently attend a Faith Development program.

Faith Development includes parish high school Total Youth Ministry, parish home study, Catholic Home School or Catholic High School.

Are you ready to be confirmed?

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, you must also be prepared to set aside the time to come to class, attend the retreat, complete service hours, etc. There is no mandatory grade or age. Be confirmed when you can fully commit both to the process and to the practice of our religion. Reception of Confirmation by the candidate “obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith” (Canon 879). The candidate and a parent will be asked to sign a contract affirming that they understand the requirements.

Why do students from Catholic High School attend Confirmation classes at St. Andrew?

Sacraments are to be received in the parish of registration because sacraments belong to your church community. Our Diocese both supports and requires this theological understanding of sacraments.

When is Confirmation?

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop’s Office and is scheduled between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. Candidates will be notified as soon as the parish receives the date.

What is the schedule for Confirmation classes?

Confirmation classes are in addition to a student’s on-going Faith Development. These sessions help the candidate better understand both the sacramental obligations and the rite itself. There are only six classes and one retreat so carefully consider your availability as you decide when to enroll. Students may only miss one class. The retreat is required and cannot be missed.

How do I register for Confirmation classes?

Registration for all St. Andrew Faith Development programs begins in May. Confirmation registration is a separate form and fee and must be submitted in addition to a registration form and fee for the Sunday night Youth Ministry program or parish home study. Students who

attend Catholic High School or Catholic Home School only need to fill out a Confirmation registration form. Remember-- the Confirmation classes are *in addition* to a student’s on-going Faith Development instruction.

At the time of registration you must provide proof of baptism. If you were baptized or received First Communion at St. Andrew, please note that on the registration form and a copy of the baptismal certificate will not be necessary. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is required for all others.*

How much is the fee and why is there a fee?

The Confirmation fee is \$75. This is in addition to any other Faith Development fees or tuition you may have paid. The fee offsets the cost of materials, books and supplies, covers the cost of the retreat and the reception held after the Confirmation liturgy.

I missed Confirmation in High School. Can I still be confirmed?

Yes. Contact Sr. Mary Therese Brown about adult confirmation classes. College students can contact their campus Neuman Center or Catholic parish that serves the campus community. Remember the Holy Spirit acts upon each of us differently-- so you are never “too old.”

In addition to attending class, what are the other requirements?

- A Sponsor. A sponsor “sees that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament” (Canon 892). Your sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 17 years of age. If your sponsor is not a St. Andrew parishioner, an affidavit from his/her parish is required attesting to his/her eligibility to be a sponsor. You will receive materials at the Parent/Candidate/Sponsor orientation to give to your sponsor and be asked to meet periodically with him/her. Your sponsor is not required to attend classes but is welcome.
- Service Hours. You must perform 10 service hours and submit a record of this service. Forms are provided.
- A letter to the pastor. A candidate must “properly and reasonably request” Confirmation (Canon 885).
- Interview with our priest. This will be scheduled through the Faith Development office.
- Retreat. An overnight off-site retreat is scheduled in January.
- Confirmation Rehearsal. You and your sponsor (or your proxies) are required to attend a rehearsal. It is usually scheduled on the evening prior to the Confirmation liturgy.

Questions?

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**Confirmation Schedule
 2008-2009**

SESSIONS I and II

Deadline: August 12, 2008

No students will be registered after the deadline.
 Choose either the Sunday or Thursday session.

ORIENTATION:

Thursday, Sept. 4 7:00-8:00 pm

OR

Sunday, Sept. 7 3:00-4:00 pm

	Sunday (I)	Thursday (II)
	<u>3- 4:30 pm</u>	<u>7- 8:30 pm</u>

Class #1	Sept. 21	Sept. 11
Class #2	Sept. 28	Sept. 18
Class #3	Oct. 5	Sept. 25
Class #4	Oct. 19	Oct. 2
Class #5	Oct. 26	Oct. 9
Class #6	Nov. 9	Oct. 16
RETREAT	January 9-10, 2009	

SESSIONS III and IV

Deadline: October 21, 2008

No students will be registered after the deadline.
 Choose either the Sunday or Thursday session.

ORIENTATION:

Thursday, November 6 7:00-8:00 pm

OR

Sunday, November 16 3:00-4:00 pm

	Sunday (III)	Thursday (IV)
	<u>3- 4:30 pm</u>	<u>7- 8:30 pm</u>

Class #1	Nov. 23	Nov. 13
Class #2	Dec. 7	Nov. 20
Class #3	Jan. 4	Dec. 4
Class #4	Jan. 11	Dec. 11
Class #5	Feb. 1	Jan. 8
Class #6	Feb. 8	Jan. 15
RETREAT	January 9-10, 2009	

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