



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

Family of Parishes:

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; Our Lady of Victory;
Our Lady of Bistricea; Our Mother of Good Counsel;
Queen of Angels; St. Anthony

Sunday, April 28: Youth Conference Day; 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. at Villa Maria College; for all candidates
(see flyer in your folder for details)

Sunday, June 2: First group meeting; discussing saints, sponsors and service; at OLSH; for all candidates
11:00 Mass; class to follow (12:00 – 1:30; lunch included; open gym after class)

Preparation meeting dates:

On the registration form, candidates may choose between these two options. If needed, or in case of absence, students may attend class with the other group:

Classes at Our Lady of Victory:

Thursday evenings ; 6 – 8 p.m.

July 11, 18, 25

August 1, 8, 15

Classes at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart:

Sunday evenings 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

September 8, 15, 22

October 6, 20

Retreat: Sunday, September 29, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; 9:00 Mass – 2:00 p.m.; for all candidates

Rehearsal: Sunday, October 27 after 12:00 Mass Our Lady of Victory

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (end of October/early November)

Post Confirmation:

When you were a baby, your parents and Godparents promised to raise you in the church and teach you how God wants us love each other and follow Jesus' example. As you approach adulthood, it is your chance to step up and take over this promise for yourself. You are confirming, **and affirming**, your faith and promising to live by it in your own way.

The surest way to stay strong in one's Catholic faith is to remain steadfast in practicing it.

Reading God's Word regularly and making an effort to put biblical teachings into daily practice, can help you live your Confirmation promises Confirmation with purpose.

Attending Mass weekly and regularly receiving such blessings as Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, further feeds a Catholic's spiritual life.

Talking daily with God, praying the Rosary and participating in novenas and charitable acts can also serve as other means that can encourage one's lifelong pursuit of salvation.

This journey is only the beginning and can offer continued blessings, hope and promise. Confirmed Christians, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ to live a Christian life. It means that we are not just receivers, but we become doers of the Word of God. But doing that, would be quite difficult at times, and in our Confirmation, we were given the right tools to help us in our journey of faith, which are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

We will be presenting to you post Confirmation experiences for you to join. You do not have to attend all of them, but the commitment you make at Confirmation is to continue growing in faith, so an honest effort to attend some is expected. As the old saying goes, "Confirmation is not graduation from Church."

You are a valuable and needed member of your faith community and in the family of our loving God!