



PRINCE *of* PEACE

Catholic Church & School

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Confirmation at Prince of Peace

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation completes the sacraments of initiation and is given as a sacrament specifically to bestow the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

“Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empowers us to be witnesses to Christ (see CCC 1302-1305).”

At this parish, it is the culmination of an intense period of catechesis, which seeks to impart a thorough knowledge of the Bible and Christian doctrine, as well as the ability to defend the faith. Only children who of their own free will desire to request the sacrament may enter the program of preparation for Confirmation. If their parents are supportive of the decision, they must sign the Covenant and keep its stipulations. If their parents are not supportive of the decision, the children may still receive the sacrament if they fulfill their part of the Covenant and all of the other requirements. The child must pass a test of basic knowledge to receive the sacrament. Normally, baptized children in the eighth grade or above who have already received First Penance and Holy Communion may be enrolled in the program, but any Catholic child above the age of reason who has received the above sacraments, who has not already received confirmation, and who can fulfill the requirements may be enrolled. Children whose religious education stopped after second grade to be resumed in eighth will be at a serious disadvantage and remedial classes may be necessary.

“Many people mistakenly see Confirmation as a teen’s ‘graduation’ from Religious Education, as merely a cultural passage into maturity, or as an opportunity to choose whether or not to remain Catholic. None of these views is consistent with the teaching of the Church on this powerful sacrament. Confirmation is not merely a symbolic ceremony or a rite of passage.” (CHOSEN Parent Guide, page 3).

"Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church." (From YOUCAT, drawn from CCC 1285-1314)

"In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his Baptism into practice through his life and acts as a "witness" for Christ." (From YOUCAT, drawn from CCC 1302-1305, 1317)

St. Joseph's, Homeschooled, and POPCS Candidates

Prince of Peace Catholic School and homeschooled candidates all receive the proper formation for Confirmation outside of the POPRE classroom. For this reason, these candidates will not be required to attend Sunday morning classes. They will, however, be required to meet all other requirements necessary for the reception of the sacrament: a retreat, 30 hours of service, attendance at all sacramental meetings, and the reception of the sacrament of Penance before Confirmation. No exceptions will be made. St. Joseph's, homeschooled candidates, and POPCS candidates will receive Confirmation with the POP Religious Education families at one Holy Mass. **St. Joseph's Catholic school students need to discuss Confirmation formation with Maria Barontini ASAP.**

Requirements for Confirmation

In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Prince of Peace, each Candidate must:

- * Attend and sign into Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation
- * Provide a copy of the candidate's Baptismal certificate
- * Regularly attend Confirmation classes (unless enrolled at POPCS, virtual RE, or homeschooled).
No more than **4 absences** will be tolerated.
- * Receive the sacrament of Penance prior to the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation
- * Choose a sponsor in good standing with the Catholic Church
- * Accumulate 30 hours of service (15 HOME and 15 PARISH service hours)
- * Complete the Saint Presentation project
- * Complete and pass the POP Confirmation test
- * Attend the mandatory Confirmation Retreat
- * Parents attend two mandatory parent meetings
- * Student attend the Confirmation Mass rehearsal
- * Letter of Permission (only required for non-parishioners)

Weekly Mass Attendance and Sign-In

All candidates will be required to sign-in on a bulletin board in the narthex of the church (located by the water fountains and bathrooms). All Masses will be listed and updated weekly and the candidates will sign in under the Mass they attended. If a candidate is out of town and attends Mass at another parish, that candidate should return to class the following week with a bulletin signed by the pastor. If a candidate misses Mass, they will be contacted via phone or e-mail by Maria Barontini to discuss their Mass attendance and participation in Confirmation preparation.

What Does the \$75.00 Fee Cover?

This fee covers the cost of the CHOSEN Confirmation Program resources, the Confirmation retreat, the photographer at the mass, and the reception that follows the mass. **No family will be refused the Sacrament for inability to meet the fee requirement.**

Additional questions please contact:

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