

The Goal of Preparation

The Catechism states that candidates seeking Confirmation cannot earn the sacrament, however, they should make efforts to prepare themselves for the sacrament. They should seek to be properly disposed to receive the Holy Spirit.



How do you think you might become properly disposed or prepare to receive Confirmation?

"Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
1309

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Each person should complete a worksheet by themselves; you may discuss any answers you want or your reactions overall, then seal your worksheet in a self-addressed envelope and place it in the box.

It will be returned to you unopened next year.

A Gift Freely Given

Confirmation is a gift freely given that we ask for and prepare to receive. "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election"

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 1308



Why are you asking to receive the gift of Confirmation?

Gifts are freely given, not earned.

When we truly accept a gift, we make a response to it. In response to receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the apostles committed their lives to the Church that Jesus began, even in the face of questions, fears, and challenges. What will your response be to God's gift of Confirmation?