

Application for Confirmation

*(Please Read Both Sides Thoroughly Before Signing)*

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| **Child’s Name** |  | **Baptismal Name** |  |
| **Birthday / Birth Place** |  | **Baptism Date** |  |
| **Baptism Church** |  |
| **Home Address** |  |
| **Contact Info** | **(Home) (Cell)** |
| **Name of Father** |  | **Catholic Yes/No** | **Other:** |
| **Name of Mother** |  | **Catholic Yes/No** | **Other:** |
| **Name of the Church****(Currently Registered)** |  **Your Email:** |
| **Please Note:** The following are the Church’s requirements for receiving Confirmation. Can. 8891. §1 Every baptized person who is not confirmed, and only such a person, is capable of receiving confirmation.

§2 Apart from the danger of death, to receive confirmation lawfully a person who has the use of reason must be suitably instructed, **properly disposed** and able to renew the baptismal promises. |
| **In preparation for the sacrament (in addition to taking part in the formal classes/program):** 1. **You must be attending Mass weekly. Please use your envelopes (even if empty) for verification.**
2. **If you are not a parishioner of St. Joseph have your pastor, send Fr. Mike a letter verifying your Mass attendance at the parish you do attend.**
3. **One should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly (once a month or every other month)**
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**Date : Signature :**

#  The Sacrament of Confirmation Explained

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation which completes baptism through sealing in the Holy Spirit and anoints the recipient as priest, prophet, and king.

**Who Can Receive Confirmation?**

In the Catholic Church, anyone that has been baptized properly can and should be confirmed.

**What is Catholic Confirmation?**

Confirmation is a Sacrament in the Catholic Church in which the one who is confirmed (confirmandi) receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hand and anointing with oils by the bishop. It’s considered a sacrament of initiation which means that it brings you deeper into communion with the Church.

**What are the effects of Confirmation?**

In short, it is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation brings Catholics a deepening of baptismal grace and unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit and [leaves an indelible mark on the soul](https://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/a-guide-to-catholic-baptism/) just like baptism.

**What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?**

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit received through Confirmation are:

Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude or Courage, Counsel, Piety or Love, and Fear of the Lord.

**How do I choose a sponsor?**

Think carefully about someone you know who meets the criteria above. The Church encourages us to consider our godparents as sponsors for confirmation. Confirmation’s strong connection to baptism makes one’s godparent to be a natural choice if this person meets the requirements above. If you do not know someone who meets the criteria above or they are not able to sponsor you then discuss your options with the confirmation coordinator at your parish to see if they can find someone suitable. Often members of the parish will volunteer for those who are unable to find a suitable sponsor.

The sacrament of confirmation is the way for a Catholic to attain full membership in the Catholic Church. It is a beautiful sacrament that will instill God’s grace within you to strengthen and sustain you in your journey of faith.

**\*\*Non-Catholic Parents and Non-Practicing Catholic Parents**, Please Take Note: If your child wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fr. Mike (according to Canon Law) must have a reasonable hope and proof that your child will be practicing the Catholic Fait (attending Mass and going to Reconciliation/Confession) regularly before he can approve them to receive the sacrament. If you cannot guarantee this will be the case, ***please do not have your child receive Confirmation at this time***.