

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - 2024



**Tuesday evenings
7:00-8:30 PM
October 1– November 26, 2024
Pastoral Center**

**Adult Faith Formation Opportunity
provided by
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CATHOLIC CHURCH
16075 N Evans Rd
Selma, Texas 78154
210/651-6913, Ext. 129**

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a caring community—
Where God's presence can be found
Where God's word can be heard
Where God's love can be seen and felt
Where everyone feels welcome.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In the life of a parish, the ongoing faith formation and spiritual development of its adult members . . . "is the principal form of catechesis, because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form. . . .Because of its importance and because all other forms of catechesis are oriented in some way to it, the catechesis of adults must have high priority at all levels of the Church." (*National Directory for Catechesis, p. 187*). OLPH Parish offers a variety of opportunities for adults to grow spiritually and to deepen their understanding of the faith we profess . Among the various offerings, we hope you find something that meets your needs and nourishes your spirit as you continue your journey of faith.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Best Contact #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Registration Form for ADULT CONFIRMATION sessions

Please drop this form in the collection basket, bring it by the Pastoral Center, or mail it to:

OLPH Catholic Church
16075 N Evans Rd, San Antonio, TX 78154

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BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, “the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ’s will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands, the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. . The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.” (CCC #1288)

“When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The pair upon arriving imposed hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” *(Acts of the Apostles 8:14,17)*

PREPARATION for CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian towards a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, gifts and promptings - in order to be more capable of assuming the responsibilities of Christian life. Catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ - the universal Church as well as the parish community. *[The parish community]* bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmandi. (CCC #1309)

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

If you are 18 years of age or older and have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, please call **Sister Katrina at 651-6913, Ext. 129 OR** complete the form on the reverse side of this brochure and drop it off at the Pastoral Center.

PREPARATION SESSIONS

A total of 8 (eight) sessions will be offered in the Pastoral Center on Tuesday evenings from October 1 - November 26 according to the following schedule:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19 OR 26

Some of the topics we will cover include *Scripture, the Sacraments, the Creed, Prayer, Mary and the Saints.*

REGISTRATION FEE

\$20.00 for Confirmation candidates.

CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Adults who have attended the preparation sessions will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM** during a Mass celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.

REQUIREMENTS for RECEIVING the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

1. The candidate for Confirmation must be a baptized Catholic who has received the Eucharist (*Holy Communion*).
2. If married, the candidate must be married in the Catholic Church.
(Please note: If you are civilly married and you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will need to have your marriage convalidated (blessed by the Church) before reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. A copy of your Baptismal certificate, as well as your First Communion certificate needs to be submitted at the time of registration. Please include a copy of the reverse side of the certificate since it may have notations.
4. Candidates for Confirmation will need to choose a Confirmation sponsor who meets the following requirements:
 - Is at least sixteen years of age
 - Has received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
 - Is a practicing Catholic
 - is not the father or mother of the Confirmation candidate.
 - If married, is married in the Catholic Church.