

2017 Adult Confirmation Information

Adult Confirmation is a course presented by members of the Faith Formation team designed to prepare adult candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, form the Sacraments of Initiation, all of which are intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Requirements of the Diocese to receive this sacrament include:

- An adult, over 18, who is registered in one of the parishes in the Diocese of Orange.
- Person for whom the Pastor of their parish is able to testify that the candidate is prepared to received the sacrament of Confirmation, including proof of Baptism and First Communion.
- Persons who, if married, are in valid unions in accord with the church regulations.

Preparation consists of class presentations of related topics and other activities, including regular attendance at Sunday and Holy Day masses. All meetings will be held at the parish and will involve teaching and discussions on various topics. In addition, there are other scheduled activities as follows:

Another activity, the completion of an "Apostolic Works" event where you will be given an opportunity to serve the greater community, will be discussed in more detail at the classes. Class attendance and participation is imperative; **excessive absences may result in dismissal from the preparation program.** There is a \$60 program fee.

What else do I need to do?

1. Complete an Information form.
2. Provide CURRENT copies of Baptism and First Communion certificates.
3. Interview with the Adult Confirmation ministry leader prior to the conclusion of the program
4. Select a sponsor* by April 28th to journey with you as you prepare and receive the sacrament.
5. Select a Confirmation name (must be a saint name – to be explained in detail later).

Sponsor – must be over 18 and a fully initiated, participating Catholic – may **not be your parents or spouse.*

For more specifics or questions, please refer to the parish web site at smdpyl.org under Religious Education / Adults / Adult Confirmation

Peace be with you as you continue on this journey of faith!

