

Why must I register now for Confirmation to be conferred in 2026?

Diocesan guidelines require a **two-year sacramental preparation** period. You may register for Confirmation if you:

- have a sincere desire to receive this sacrament;
- have never been confirmed;
- are a registered St. Andrew parishioner;
- are a high school student;
- attend a Faith Formation program in 2024-2025 (Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Home School or Catholic School);
- plan to attend a Faith Formation program in the 2025-2026 school year (Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Home School or Catholic School.)

Are you ready to be confirmed?

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, you must also be prepared to set aside the time to attend a retreat each year of preparation, attend Confirmation classes in your second year, complete service, etc. There is no mandatory grade or age. Be confirmed when you can fully commit both to the process and to the practice of our religion. Reception of Confirmation by the candidate "obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith" (Canon 879). The candidate and a parent will be asked to sign a covenant affirming that they understand the requirements.

Why do students from Catholic School prepare for Confirmation at St. Andrew?

Sacraments are to be received in the parish of registration because sacraments belong to your Church community. Our Diocese both supports and requires this theological understanding of sacraments.

When is Confirmation?

The date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop's Office.

What is the schedule for Confirmation classes?

In Year Two of preparation, each candidate attends 4 classes that are in addition to a student's ongoing Faith Formation. These sessions help the candidate better understand both the sacramental obligations and the rite itself. Class sessions are offered in the fall and winter of the second year of preparation. Attendance at all 4 classes is mandatory.

How do I register for Confirmation Classes in Year Two?

Details of Confirmation Classes will be available in the fall of 2025.

Must I attend a retreat each year of preparation?

Yes, candidates attend two Confirmation retreats, one each year of preparation. The retreats cannot be missed.

Is there a fee?

Thanks to the faithful stewardship of our parishioners, there is no fee for sacramental preparation. In lieu of paying a separate sacramental preparation fee, we ask that you give to the parish offertory.

I missed Confirmation in High School. Can I still be confirmed?

Yes. Contact Deacon Tom about adult Confirmation. adult_faith@saintandrew.org College students can contact their campus ministry or Catholic parish that serves the campus community. The Holy Spirit acts upon each of us differently.

At the time of registration, you must provide proof of Baptism. If you were baptized or received First Communion at St. Andrew, please note that on the registration form and a copy of the baptismal certificate will not be necessary. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is required for all others.*

YEAR ONE Requirements:

- Attendance in a Faith Formation program: Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Home School or Catholic School.
- Attendance at a Candidate and Parent Confirmation Orientation.
- Selecting a sponsor. A sponsor “sees that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament” (Canon 892). Your sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age. If your sponsor is not a St. Andrew parishioner, an affidavit from his/her parish is required attesting to his/her eligibility to be a sponsor. You will receive materials at the Orientation to give to your sponsor and be asked to meet periodically with him/her. Your sponsor is not required to attend classes but is welcome.
- Attendance at a Year 1 Confirmation Retreat.
- GRACE. Four events are required for parish Faith Formation students.

YEAR TWO Requirements:

- Attendance in a Faith Formation program: Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Home School or Catholic School.
- Attendance at four Confirmation Classes.
- Sharing in service opportunities. Our faith is a lived faith.
- Writing a letter to the pastor. A candidate must “properly and reasonably request” Confirmation (Canon 885).
- Meeting with our clergy. This will be scheduled in the second year.
- Attendance at a Year 2 Confirmation Retreat.
- GRACE. Four events are required for parish Faith Formation students.

CANDIDATE AND PARENT ORIENTATION

Wednesday, November 6, 2024
6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
or
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

YEAR 1 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Retreats will be offered on varying Saturdays in the winter of 2025. Candidates need to attend one retreat. The retreats will be provided at Sky Pond.

CANDIDATE and SPONSOR DINNER

Saturday, March 15, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Questions?

Donna Shinn, Assistant Youth Minister
919-362-0685 x123
E-mail: youthmin2@saintandrew.org

Christine Wagner, Registrar/Secretary
919-362-0685 x122
E-mail: fdoffice@saintandrew.org

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



For High School Teens

St. Andrew the Apostle Church
3008 Old Raleigh Road
Apex, NC 27502

Register on our Parish Website
August 1st through October 1st

www.saintandrew.org