

CONFIRMATION

Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Engel will be with us **Sunday, May 1**. One of the things that happens when the bishop visits is confirmation.

What is Confirmation?

Our ACNA Catechism, *To Be a Christian* Defines Confirmation this way,

137. What is confirmation? Confirmation is the laying on of the bishop's hands with prayer for strengthening by the Holy Spirit, following a period of catechetical formation. In confirmation, I make a mature confession of faith, publicly renewing the vows and promises made at my Baptism. (Deuteronomy 6:4–25; Psalm 119:33–40; Acts 8:14–17; 2 Timothy 1:6–7)

138. What grace does God give you in confirmation? In confirmation, I am further empowered and gifted by the Holy Spirit for daily growth in wisdom, courage, and humility before God in every aspect of my life and work. (Psalms 37:3–31; 71:17–18; Isaiah 11:2–5; Acts 19:6; Jude 3, 17–25; "Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation," Book of Common Prayer 2019)

In addition, Confirmation is how one becomes a member of the Anglican Church.

How to Prepare for Confirmation?

During Lent we are offering Confirmation Preparation Process called **The Catechumenate**. The Catechumenate is an ancient process of preparing people for baptism or confirmation that entails three elements.

1. Public Rites
2. Sponsors who pray for the Catechumens
3. A weekly Class

Everyone who prepares for confirmation is called a Catechumen (Greek for one who is instructed).

Rites

Sunday 03/05/22 - Enroll Group preparing for Confirmation as Catechumens at Worship

Sunday 03/19/22 - Catechumens Receive the Creed at Worship

Sunday 03/26/22 - Catechumens Receive the Lords Prayer at Worship

Sunday 04/02/22 - Catechumens Receive the 10 Commandments at Worship

Sunday 05/01/22 - Receive the Rite of Confirmation at Worship

Class

Meeting 1 - Beginning with Christ (Reviewing the Gospel)

Meeting 2 - Believing in Christ (Learning the Apostles The Creed)

Meeting 3 - Belonging to Christ (Learning the Lord's Prayer as a disciples model prayer)

Meeting 4 - Becoming like Christ (Learning the 10 Commandments as the Pattern for Discipleship)

Meeting 5 - The Sacraments (The meaning of Baptism and Holy Communion)

Sponsors

We will help each catechumen choose a confirmed member of Saint Patrick's to pray for the Catechumen as they prepare for Confirmation and to stand with them in support during the Public Rites.

I'm Interested in Confirmation

Call or text Fr. Pete at 859-227-9728 or email him at peter@saintpatrickschurch.org. He can answer any questions you have and give more details about the Catechumenate and Confirmation.