

St. Philip Neri Religious Education Office
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Confirmation Candidate Requirements

St. Philip Neri celebrates youth Confirmation in the Fall of 8th Grade or older.

To be confirmed, the Candidate must be baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith. A person baptized into another Christian Faith or into another Rite follows a different path.

The National Directory for Catechesis (122-123) gives the foundation for sacramental preparation. Each requirement is prescribed with those directives in mind.

Each Candidate will:

- 1) participate in spiritual and intellectual formation, either in a private Catholic school or the PREP program, and memorize “The Questions;”
- 2) attend
 - Sunday Mass and make a sacramental confession
 - The Parent/Candidate Meeting on September 29, 2025 at 7 PM in the Church
 - The Candidate Mass on April 12, 2026 at 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM
 - The Retreat on April 12, 2026 immediately following the Mass
 - Practices and the Confirmation Mass (tbd)
- 3) complete a Christian Witness Project meant to “incorporate them more firmly in Christ, associate them more closely with the Church’s mission, increase in them the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds” (NDC 123). After participating in a project, each candidate will reflect on the experience and fill out a Christian Witness Report in the Red Folder. This report is due on April 12, 2026;
- 4) Research the saints in choosing a Confirmation Name and complete the Saint Report in the Red Folder.
- 5) Write a letter to both Fr. Szparagowski and the candidate’s Sponsor according to the rubrics in the folder. The Letters should be included in the Red Folder when it is turned in on April 12, 2026;
- 6) **Put all Information Forms, Letters, Sponsor’s Letter of Eligibility, Confirmation fee and Reports in the Red Folder and return it to the Parish Religious Education Office by April 12, 2026.** Please contact the Pastor or the DRE if you are having a difficult time finding a suitable sponsor.
- 7) commit to continuing his/her religious education so he/she may know how to live and celebrate the faith to his/her full potential as fully initiated Catholics conformed to Christ.

Parents and sponsors are encouraged to be involved in all aspects of their candidate’s preparation, both at home and at our gatherings.