

If you arrived on this page, your teen is interested in learning more about the process of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "by Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285)

At St. Martin of Tours, we believe the Holy Spirit strengthens young Catholics through the Sacrament of Confirmation and enriches their faith journey and to be a true witness of Christ to others.

The list below details our expectations for those hoping to begin the formal Confirmation process. If you have any questions about any of the following, please do not hesitate to contact faithformation@stmartinforney.org

- For each seeking Confirmation, they must be baptized and have received their First Communion and Reconciliation. According to the Dallas Diocese direction, they must be at a minimum in their 8th-grade year of school.
- They must have an active relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church and their community:
 - attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation
 - receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
 - involved in active service within their surrounding community
 - active in the faith-based peer *Youth Night at St. Martin of Tours* and encouraged to live out their faith inside their family home actively and that their family is following the church's teachings
- Each youth requires a mentor, or what we call in the Catholic Church **a sponsor** - a person over the age of 16, who is living an active Catholic faith, to support them not only on that day of Confirmation but for the rest of their lives as a faithful Catholic

man or woman. A *Confirmation Sponsor Affidavit of Suitability* must be submitted.

- We also ask the youth are involved in active service within their community.

We want to support and walk with you and your family as you grow together in holiness. If, for example, you read through the above points and discern that your teen could benefit from more input before beginning the formal process of Confirmation preparation please contact faithformation@stmartinforney.org

After reading through the above points and you and your teen wish to proceed with the formal Confirmation process, please continue to read below:

Confirmations are held at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish **twice a year**, once in the fall and once in the spring.

The dates for Confirmation 2021=2022:

January 2022, time TBD

June (Pentecost) 2022, time TBD

NEXT STEPS:

- Submit a copy of their Baptismal Certificate if baptized at another parish. If baptized at St. Martin of Tours, a document is not needed.
- Submit the completed Confirmation Sponsor Affidavit form with the Pastor and parish seal's signature. If your sponsor is a

parishioner of St. Martin of Tours, you may submit without a seal or signature.

- The deadline to submit all documents is **Thursday, November 11, 2021, for January Confirmation.**
- The deadline to submit all documents is **Thursday, April 14, 2022, for Pentecost Confirmation.**