

Adult Confirmation

Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation completes one's full initiation into the Catholic Church, which began at Baptism and continued with First Holy Communion. This sacrament is celebrated by the bishop twice a year at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces, usually in May and in November.

To register for preparatory classes, please bring the completed registration form to the office. In our preparation of candidates for Confirmation, we strive to present our understanding of the Gospels and the teachings and tradition of the Church in a way that will motivate candidates to look at their lives in light of the Gospel. Candidates should be challenged to deepen their faith, their spiritual life and their involvement in the Christian community. Ideally this process will inspire them to live their lives as dedicated disciples of Jesus. The process is only the beginning of a life-long journey of faith formation and ongoing conversion.

- Key in the preparation of adults is a personal interview that asks pertinent questions to learn about the faith formation, life style and living situations of each candidate.
- This interview should help the parish team determine the process needed to accompany persons preparing for Confirmation. Note that the first step may be marriage preparation rather than Confirmation classes.

Consideration for One's Readiness for Confirmation

- Single adults are strongly encouraged to receive Confirmation prior to marriage.
- Adults married in the Church, who are not yet confirmed, are always welcome and encouraged to be confirmed.
- Persons who are single and living together with or without children, if they continue living together, are invited into preparation for Confirmation, but before receiving the sacrament, they are asked to be married in the Church or to stop living together.
- Persons living in a civil marriage may enter into the process of preparation for Confirmation. However, they must have their marriage convalidated prior to receiving Confirmation.
- **Note:** While living together as married, single adults are not to receive Holy Communion until they marry or separate.

Check List

Registration Form. (Ray, please include as one of the drop downs)

Baptismal Certificate

Interview

Completion of Twelve Classes (Call the office to register)

Selection of Confirmation Saint (Name - optional)

Retreat

Community Service Hours

Sponsor Affidavit. (Ray, please include as one of the drop downs)

Appointment with Father

Sacrament of Penance

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Sponsor Guidelines:

One is required, but no more than two are allowed

Must have completed sixteenth year (Pastor may make exception)

Must be baptized and confirmed

Must be an active practicing Catholic as affirmed with the affidavit

If married, the marriage must be valid and Catholic

If not married, may not be cohabitation

A priest or deacon may be a sponsor; If he is officiating, a proxy would stand in

A suitable member of the Eastern Orthodox Church may be admitted but only together with a Catholic sponsor

A baptized Non-Catholic may be a witness at a Baptism but only with a Catholic sponsor.

A parent may not be the sponsor; an adoptive parent is discouraged from it

NEXT SCHEDULED ADULT CONFIRMATION: May 25, 2019