

St. Anthony of Padua Confirmation Preparation Class Participation

Consistent participation in weekly classes and sessions is an important part of preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These two years of preparation are a period of great growth and transformation in your relationship with Christ and your membership in the Church. What does the in-person preparation look like?

Classes

Regular classes are held in the Education Building of St. Anthony's on Mondays from 7:00–8:15 p.m. These sessions begin with *lectio divina* prayer, followed by a lesson. Confirmandi (students preparing for Confirmation) keep an organized 3-ring binder with handouts and notes. Lessons involve catechesis as well as discussion aimed at fostering growth in one's relationship with Christ.

Prayer | Q & A Sessions

On every fourth Monday evening (7:00–8:15 p.m.), throughout the academic year, all Confirmandi will meet at the church for prayer, followed by a time for asking questions in the parish hall. Each session, a panel of mixed-age parishioners will take questions from the students on a particular topic. This is an opportunity for all the confirmation students to ask the many questions they encounter as they grow in faith.

Sponsor Conversations – Second Year

Throughout the academic year, the Second Year Confirmandi participate in conversations with their sponsors in person or via telephone call or video chat. Sponsors will be provided with discussion questions/topics in advance.

Attendance Requirement

Attendance is paramount. If more than three classes/sessions are missed in a year of preparation, the confirmand will participate in make-up sessions. If Confirmandi routinely miss sessions and are disinterested, they may be asked to repeat the year of preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation must be a willing choice made by the confirmand.

Never hesitate to reach out to your catechists with questions and concerns.