

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF STUDENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

Sacramental preparation catechesis must occur in accord with diocesan guidelines before any student receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The following is to be observed in preparing students for the reception of this sacrament:

1. Both Catholic schools and parish programs of religion education must provide the catechetical instruction to students in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - a. Those students who attend Catholic schools are not to be required to attend another instructional program in the parish. The Catholic schools will provide the catechesis for the Sacrament during the regular school day within the Religion curriculum.
 - b. The parish religious education program will provide the catechesis for the students from the parish who attend public schools.
2. Meetings for parents and retreat programs and any formational activities for students are the responsibility of each parish. The pastor, the principal, and the coordinator / director of religious education are to collaborate on establishing joint sessions for parents and joint formational activities for the students.
3. The Sacrament is to be celebrated jointly for all students who attend the Catholic school and parish program of religious education.
4. The date and time for the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in each deanery will be determined by the Bishop's office. The dean is to consult with the pastors, the principals, and the coordinators / directors of religious education of the various parishes to determine the church or churches to be used for the administration of the Sacrament and to make any other arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament.