

An Overview of Christ the King's Confirmation Preparation Program

Preparation for each sacrament is like sowing seeds. Christ the King's Confirmation program is designed to provide candidates with all that is needed so that the seeds will grow to their potential. Our in depth program is comprised of three components: knowledge, spiritual formation, and service. One is built upon the other – so that at the time of Confirmation in the Spring of their 8th grade school year, our confirmandi will be prepared to assume their roles as fully initiated Catholics in the Church.

Knowledge is the first component. Knowledge of the sacrament of Confirmation is provided through the religion curriculum in the school and Parish Religious Education (P.R.E.) programs during the 7th and 8th grade. The 7th grade religion program is an in-depth study of the sacrament itself and the 8th grade religion program focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit. *Participation in the school or P.R.E. program is a requirement to be confirmed.*

The second component is **Spiritual Formation**. This aspect builds upon the knowledge provided through the religion curriculum. Spiritual formation begins in the 8th grade and is focused on “how does the Sacrament of Confirmation make an impact on my life?” It is during the Formation Program that the confirmandi are challenged to deepen their spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished in a variety of ways, but primarily through faithful attendance at Mass each weekend, prayer, scripture reflection, community building and personal sharing.

The third component is **Service**. The purpose of the service program is to instill a desire and a sense of responsibility to be servants to the Church and the community. Through selected service activities candidates are called to identify, develop and use their gifts and talents for the service of others. The service requirement is to be completed during the 7th and 8th grade.

Summary of Preparation for Confirmation		
Component	When / Where	Topic or Format
Knowledge	7 th Grade Religion Curriculum (School or P.R.E. Program)	The Sacrament of Confirmation
Service	7 th Grade	10 hours
Knowledge	8 th Grade Religion Curriculum (School or P.R.E. Program)	The Role of the Holy Spirit
Service	8 th Grade	10 hours by April 1, 2012
Spiritual Formation	8 th Grade	Sunday evening sessions (Generally alternating Sundays from September – April)