

Confirmation Preparation Timeline 2026-2027

Essential Dates

Confirmation Retreat- October 25; starting with 11:15 Mass-5 pm at IHM

Online Deadlines	Large Group Meetings	Small group meetings <i>(scheduled with small groups)</i>	Youth Masses (11:15)	Service Opportunities
August 28 Online Registration due	September 13 @ 7pm (w/parents)		October 25	October 28 -Anna's House <i>(every candidate should serve <u>one</u> Anna's house date)</i>
October 30 Sponsor registration due	November 1st @ 7pm (w/sponsor)		November 8	December TBD (mid December) -poinsettia delivery to Caring Community Parishioner- <i>every candidate</i>
December 31 Confirmation Saint due	February 21 @ 7pm		December 13	January 27 -Anna's House <i>(every candidate should serve <u>one</u> Anna's house date)</i>
February 8 Letter to the Archbishop due	April 18 @ 7pm (w/sponsors)		January 10	February 24 -Anna's House <i>(every candidate should serve <u>one</u> Anna's house date)</i>
			February 14	Children's Liturgy of the Word (9:30 Mass-every Sunday) - <i>candidates are invited to serve as 'helpers' for this ministry</i>
			March 14	Altar Server - <i>candidates are invited to re-engage with our Altar server ministry</i>

Confirmation Mass

Wednesday April 21, 2027

Mass: 7 pm, Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Candidate and sponsor arrival for meeting with the Archbishop: **5:15 pm in Assembly Hall**

***A note about attire for the Confirmation Mass**

"Confirmation candidates, sponsors and liturgical ministers need to dress modestly, and in a manner respectful of the solemnity of the liturgy. Attire must be clean, neat and tasteful. Avoid attire that draws attention to oneself and away from the liturgy. Necklines and hemlines need to be appropriately modest. Selections should be one's "Sunday best". This would preclude very casual or provocative clothing. Babydoll dresses on teens or adults are not appropriate worship attire. "Branded" apparel or items advertising the name of a product or company are also inappropriate."

Small Group Topics *(small groups will schedule monthly meetings with group)*

September	• Lesson 1: Why am I here? (an introduction to Chosen) • Lesson 2: What makes me happy? (Discovering God as the Source) • Lesson 3: What's your story, God? (A look at salvation history)
October	• Lesson 4: How do I know God is real? (Understanding Divine Revelation) • Lesson 5: Who is Jesus? (The Person and Mission of Christ) • Lesson 6: Why be Catholic? (Discovering the Church Jesus founded)
November	• Lesson 7: Where am I going? (A look at the last 4 things) • Lesson 8: How do I get there? (The power and purpose of the Sacraments) • Lesson 9: When did my journey begin? (Baptism, your initiation into God's family)
December	• Lesson 10: Why tell my sins to a priest? (The healing power of Confession) • Lesson 11: How does God help when it hurts? (Anointing of the Sick and redemptive suffering)
January	• Lesson 12: Who is the Holy Spirit? (meeting the third person of the Trinity) • Lesson 13: What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Gifts for the journey) • Lesson 14: Why have I been Chosen? (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation) • Lesson 15: Why do I have to go to Mass? (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)
February	• Lesson 16: What does it mean to say "I do"? (Marriage, a sign of God's love) • Lesson 17: Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment) • Lesson 18: Are you talking to me? (Getting to know God through prayer) • Lesson 19: Who is Mary? (Meeting the mother of God and your heavenly family)
March	• Lesson 20: What would Jesus do? (The Beatitudes as a Path to true happiness) • Lesson 21: Do I have what it takes? (building virtue, your spiritual workout) • Lesson 22: Why Wait? (God's plan for love and sex) • Lesson 23: How do I build the Kingdom? (saying YES to the mission of Christ and His Church)
April	• Lesson 24: Where do I go from here? (the journey continues)-covered at the large group meeting