

Welcome Parents and Teens!



Please help yourself to a snack and
we will begin shortly!

Tonight we'll talk about...

- the Sacrament of Confirmation
- HAVEN as the pathway for Confirmation at Corpus Christi
- the responsibilities of confirmands, parents, and sponsors
- the events associated with the Sacrament of Confirmation



What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?



What do you remember about your Confirmation and preparation?

Early Confirmation

Our earliest ancestors in faith did not distinguish Confirmation from Baptism. The apostle presiding over the community baptized new members, anointed them with oil and offered them the Eucharist for the first time in one **rite of initiation**.



Confirmation History



As the Church grew and spread throughout the world, the apostles' successors, the bishops, could no longer personally baptize every new Christian. They delegated the rite to priests. Still, the bishops made regular visits to local communities to *confirm* the priests' Baptisms with a second anointing. Thus a separate sacrament was born.

What does Confirmation do for us?

- Confirmation **roots us more deeply in our identity** as God's children;
- **unites us** more firmly **with Christ**;
- **increases** in us the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**;
- **binds us** more closely to the **Church**; and
- gives us **special strength** to bear **witness to our faith**.



Rite of Confirmation

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
And gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of [1] **wisdom** and [2] **understanding**,
the spirit of [3] **right judgment** and [4] **courage**,
the spirit of [5] **knowledge** and [6] **reverence**.
Fill them with the spirit of [7] **wonder and awe in your presence**.

God Calls and Invites; We Respond

- An attitude of openness communicates a “yes” to God’s invitation to a deeper relationship.
- This “yes” does not mean we know that we will always be faithful or that we are worthy of the gift.
- “Yes” means we are open to be strengthened by God who calls and loves us.

How am I eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi?

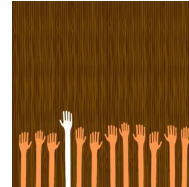


HAVEN is the Pathway...

- **HAVEN Covenant**
 - 16 HAVEN 2nd Saturday Meetings
 - 20 Corpus Christi Service hours
 - 2 Weekend Retreats
 - Register now for December Retreat
 - HAVEN Team Discernment
- **Registered parishioners**
 - Actively participating
 - Financially supporting

Participate in the Community!

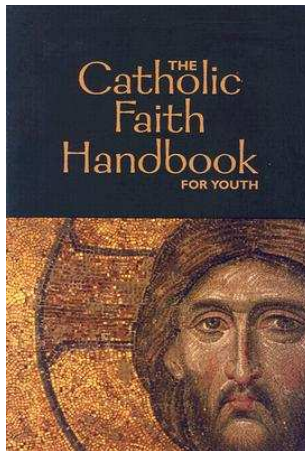
- Mass
- Come to HAVEN and participate
- Consider coming to Kickback and Scripture Circle on Thursday evenings
- Provide service through a Corpus Christi ministry



HAVEN

- **Active participation in HAVEN!**
 - Join us at mass!
 - Participate in HAVEN:
 - Dinner
 - Music
 - Discussions
 - Reflection stations

Catholic Faith Handbook



Corpus Christi Service

- **Opportunities**
 - FISH Events
 - Good Shepherd/ Little Lambs
 - Any other ministry
- **Service hour forms**
 - www.avcatholics.org/faith/haven



Consider...

- Confirmation isn't tied to the academic career
- A teen can be confirmed at anytime during high school
- Confirmation is an "initiation" not a graduation!

Choose a Sponsor

- A sponsor will offer you support and guidance on your faith journey
- Sponsors must be:
 - **confirmed Catholics**,
 - *will be asked to show confirmation certificate*
 - **at least 16 years old**
 - either gender
 - **practicing members of the Church**,
 - **not parents**.
- You can choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor



Choose a Confirmation Name

- A saint's name
- A Saint who can serve as a role model of personal faith
- Do some research!



www.catholic.org/saints/

www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp

What do I need to do if I am ready to be confirmed this Spring?



Submit your intent to be confirmed

- Please fill out the “intent to be confirmed” form
- Acknowledge the requirements you have yet to meet
 - Retreats can count as a retreat **or** a meeting
- Provide contact information



Gather Paperwork

- Baptismal certificate
- First Eucharist certificate
- Sponsor's Confirmation certificate
 - Proof of all sacraments can be obtained from the church of Baptism
- Fill out the Confirmation form and **send documents to Susie when requested**



Attend the Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Dinner and Event

- Sunday, January 29, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sponsors and candidates engage in interactive activities
- Parents may attend as well
- Candidates must attend with sponsor or parent



Attend the Confirmation Retreat

- Grow in relationship with God
- Grow in relationship with your fellow confirmands
- Deepen your understanding of Confirmation and your Catholic-Christian identity
- the weekend of March 2nd – 4th



Write a letter to the Bishop

- Express your desire to be Confirmed
- Explain why you want to be Confirmed
- Be aware that part of your letter may be read during the confirmation mass
- We'll learn more about this on the Confirmation retreat



Possible Confirmation Dates

- Saturday
 - May 19th
 - April 28th
 - May 5th
- During 5:00 pm mass
- **Confirmand and Sponsor** practice that Thursday



What's After Confirmation?

- Come to mass
- Live out your faith
- Keep coming to HAVEN!
- Continue to grow in your relationship with God!
- Support others in living out their faith and growing in their relationship with God!
- Stay involved with Corpus Christi!



Questions?

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