



Dear Parents and Students,

I'm incredibly excited for you as you/your teen, begins this year's preparation for Confirmation.

In my opinion, Confirmation is one of the wildest sacraments to receive. It's the final Sacrament to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. But It's not easily understood like some of the others: Baptism cleanses you from original sin and brings you into the family of God and the Eucharist is to ACTUALLY receive Jesus. What about Confirmation? Confirmation is what equips you to do the incredible things God has in store for you.

At Confirmation, you receive gifts from the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord). These gifts are supernatural. They build on the virtues we are already trying to live (faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance). These gifts work to make perfect these virtues.

They're also ways of knowing the Holy Spirit's presence in your life. And when used, your life begins to bear fruit. As Scripture says, the fruits of the spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. When you think about the people in your life you like to be around, or who inspire you, they're probably people whose lives bear fruits like these.

But ultimately, Confirmation is about being sent out to live a life with God. And I promise, if you truly ask him into your life, you will see miracles happen.

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# What is Confirmation?

The last of the three Sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church, Confirmation is a gift for the life of discipleship. The sacrament completes the grace that was started at Baptism. Preparation will help students come to understand 'why believe in God, why follow Jesus Christ, and why be Catholic'. Students will be brought into encounter with God through prayer, lessons, community, retreats, adoration, and the sacraments of Confession and Eucharist.

Confirmation is **not** a graduation, but an “equipping” and “sending forth” to live a Christian life.

# Who can be Confirmed?

Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Additionally, students must be prepared to receive the Sacrament. For this reason, students go through a period of preparation that walks them through the faith they are saying yes to. At the Confirmation mass, they will speak for themselves in professing their baptismal promises.

Candidates for Confirmation must also desire the sacrament (they cannot be forced), must go to Confession before receiving Confirmation, and intend on living a Christian life beyond receiving the Sacrament.

“A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs. - CCC 1319

# When do classes meet?

Confirmation Prep is a 24 week program meeting Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm in the PCC. Classes meet starting 9/14/22 - 4/19/23. (See schedule on the next page).

# Requirements to Complete Prep

- **Go to mass every week.** This is priority #1.
- **Pray.** We can talk about God all day, but it's more important to talk to Him and begin a relationship.
- **Participate in Wednesday classes.** Engage with the lesson; contribute to conversation.
- **Choose a Sponsor to accompany you.**
- **Choose a Saint's name to take.**
- **Go to confession during Lent/before Confirmation.**
- **Turn in paperwork.** Sponsor form, Saint Name, Baptismal Certificate, Liability Forms.
- **Have an Interview.** Sign ups to be emailed

## Confirmation 2022-2023 Schedule

**Classes meet Wednesday's (Marked in Red) from 6-7:30pm in the PCC**

September 2022						
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9/11 - Parent/Student Meeting in PCC - 6:30pm-8pm

October 2022						
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PCC - Closed for roof repair

November 2022						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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11/12 - "Encounter" Retreat at SEAS - 9am - ends after 5pm Mass

December 2022						
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January 2023						
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February 2023						
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2/25 - "Discipleship" Retreat at SEAS - 9am - end after 5pm Mass

March 2023						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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April 2023						
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Lessons by Date														
<b>9/14</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>9/28</b>	<b>10/5</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>11/9</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>12/7</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>1/18</b>	<b>1/25</b>
L-1	L-2	L-3	L-4	L-5	L-6	L-7	L-8	L-9	L-10	L-11	L-12	L-13	L-14	L-15
<b>2/1</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>3/22</b>	<b>3/29</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>4/19</b>						
L-16	L-17	L-18	L-19	L-20	L-21	L-22	L-23	L-24						

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# Arrival/Dismissal

On September 14th, students will arrive at 6:00pm and enter the PCC auditorium. There they will pick up their books, find the room number, and head to class. All other class days, students head directly to their classroom.

Students are dismissed from their classrooms at 7:30pm. If you are picking up younger siblings from RE in the School, your teen should wait in the auditorium until you arrive. For the safety of your teens, drivers, and all involved on campus, **do not have your students “meet you” in other sections of the parking lot or campus.**

Students driving themselves should park in the back of the PCC parking lot. They are free to leave when class ends.

# Attendance

Email [dpiccirilli@seascc.org](mailto:dpiccirilli@seascc.org) anytime your students will be absent. If you know your student needs to miss the following week, please have them inform their catechists (teachers).

Unless previously informed or addressed, students who miss 4+ classes without contact, their parents will be emailed and a meeting/phone call set up with the Director about their students readiness to be Confirmed. If it is found a student is behind or disinterested, they **may** be asked to take a step back, assess their faith, and restart preparation again next year.

**Students are entitled to the Sacrament and every effort will be made to catch them up. We cannot under Church Law, force a student to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation if they are unwanting.**

# Retreats

Making a retreat is a normal part of the Confirmation Preparation process in all Dioceses. Candidates are encouraged to step away from their normal day to day to encounter God, reflect on what he's doing in their lives, be spiritually fed, and pray.

There are two retrea\* opportunities being offered this year. Students may choose to attend either retreat or both. For students who are more "on the fence" with their faith, it is highly encouraged they attend the Encounter retreat on October 29th. The February 25th retreat is on the theme of Discipleship. It will focus on practical ways to follow Jesus.

Both retreats will be on SEAS campus from 9-5, ending with 4pm mass. A retreat registration will be sent to you via email.

# FORMS

## Sponsors - Due October 26

The role of sponsor is to accompany a student through the Sacrament and witness their faith to them. Because this responsibility involves witnessing the faith, the Catholic Church has requirements for who can be a sponsor. Those requirements are found on the sponsor forms available at:

<https://seascc.org/sacraments/confirmation/for-teens/>

Sponsors are in charge of completing the form by **October 26**, including getting their pastor's signature and parish seal. Completed sponsor forms can be dropped off or sent to:

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Keller, TX 76248

## Saint Name - Due February

Students are asked to pick a saint whose life of virtue inspires them. This saint's name they will be confirmed with. In this Diocese, because of the correlation of virtues to masculinity and femininity, men are asked to pick male saints and women to pick female saints.

Students can find the online form to submit their saint here:

<https://seascc.org/sacraments/confirmation/for-teens/>

## Baptismal Certificate - Due December 7

If your teen was **not** baptized at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller, TX, please submit a copy of your student's baptismal certificate for record. This can be emailed to [dpiccirilli@seascc.org](mailto:dpiccirilli@seascc.org) using the following format: **Last Name, First Name - Baptism**. You may also turn in a hardcopy.



## Accessing **Chosen** Online

To access the digital version of the program, you will need to set up an account.

**Accounts are limited to one per student.** Accounts can be set up with a student email OR parent's email.

Click on this link to create an account with an email and password of your choice. Once you have created an account, you will be able to view all study videos, as well as the digital workbook, through the online platform called Thinkific.

[https://ascensionpress.thinkific.com/enroll/2002264?th\\_ug=0ab0a5ff&th\\_c=elliekrolickchosencv2sp2022](https://ascensionpress.thinkific.com/enroll/2002264?th_ug=0ab0a5ff&th_c=elliekrolickchosencv2sp2022)

*Please note that after creating a password, the registration is completed when you click on "complete your purchase," but you do not need to pay for access, the amount due will be ZERO.*

To log into your account in the future, visit: <https://ascensionpress.thinkific.com>

If you have questions about your account, you can contact Ascension Press and they will be happy to assist you at 1-800-376-0520 Monday through Friday 8am to 6pm EST.

\*If a student misses a class, it is expected that they complete the lesson at home. Parents must still reach out to the director about the absence.