



## NEW CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROCESS

Sacramental preparation for the celebration of Confirmation will move from 10th grade to 6th grade over a 3-year period beginning with 2027-2028. All parishes will use the same one-year, family-focused formation framework that allows for local adaptations.

### *What if parents don't feel equipped to prepare their children for Confirmation?*

The Diocese is creating for us a step-by-step process that includes hands-on activities, prayer, and many opportunities for discussion. Confirmation is about receiving gifts from the Holy Spirit that help us see God in our daily lives and empower us go on mission by living like Jesus taught us.

### *Here is a glimpse into the framework for the year-round preparation.*



#### **Month 1**

**Belonging:** Baptism makes us members of God's family.



#### **Month 2**

**Identity (Part I):** Strengthen baptismal identity as a beloved child of God.



#### **Month 3**

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#### **Month 4**

**Belonging:** Service is the focus with an introduction to the Works of Mercy.



#### **Month 5**

**Encounter with Jesus:** Strengthen baptismal identity as a beloved child of God.



#### **Month 6**

**Encounter with Scripture:** Learn to pray with Scripture.



#### **Month 7**

**Encounter with the Holy Spirit:** Recognize the Holy Spirit as a living presence.



#### **Month 8**

**Retreat:** An opportunity to encounter Jesus deeply and personally.



#### **Month 9**

**Called to Mission:** Focus on the works of Mercy, family service.



#### **Month 10**

**Life in the Spirit:** Confirmation transforms us to missionary disciples.



#### **Month 11**

**Discipleship at Home and at our Parish:** How to live as a young disciple in daily life.



#### **Month 12**

**Ready to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.**