



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH  
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**2024**

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Office of Religious Education**

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## Message To Candidates

Hello Confirmation Candidates - Welcome to the final steps of your Confirmation preparation! Reaching this point in your faith formation is a wonderful thing! By continuing in these steps toward Confirmation, it is a sign of your desire to continue growing in your faith. These final steps of preparation are opportunities for you to reflect on your faith journey, pray, and express why you believe you are ready for this final Sacrament of Initiation!

It is important that you are willing to be involved in the preparation program with the intention of remaining faithful to Christ and His Church. The Father's love for you can't be described or contained. Your Confirmation day will bring so much joy to all.

It is important to understand what is required of you.

- Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- Must be baptized.
- Must be in the seventh religious education level or higher.
- Must have successfully completed all prior years of Faith Formation
- Must have a satisfactory attendance record.
- Must have sufficient knowledge of our faith.
- Successfully completed Acts of Mercy
- Must have attended the Confirmation Retreat
- Must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation
- Must have a sufficient understanding of what Confirmation means to the best of your ability.
- Read and sign the Candidate & Parent Commitment Form

Enclosed in this packet are the resources and information needed to complete the final components and preparation for Confirmation. **You must read it to prepare!** Don't leave the follow-up to your parents! You are required to know and understand the content prior to Confirmation. Memorization of everything is not required, but you must understand each topic, the ability to share it with others and answer questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to make the information alive in your heart. As Confirmed disciples of Christ, we are called to share his love with the world! I am so excited for you in these final steps as we prepare for your Confirmation! You are in my prayers!

*Blessings,  
CFF Staff*

# Message To Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents,

By reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, your child will become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Your child's faith formation and religious education has led them to this point in their faith journey. It is our hope that this sacramental preparation will enable your child to reflect on and understand the significance of Confirmation. Please note that some of the activities call for parental/sponsor involvement in addition to prayer and spiritual guidance.

As the first teachers of your child in faith, you are called to assist in a special way as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is our hope that this will be a time of great growth in the faith and in the joy of the Spirit for your family. Talk about the Sacrament at home as a family and begin preparation for Confirmation in an attitude of faith and joy. Our parish community joins you in prayer. Your partnership in supporting your child as they prepare for their sacrament is irreplaceable. I am grateful for the time and energy you have dedicated to your child's faith formation thus far and am here to support you in that role.

At least one parent or legal guardian must fill the following requirements:

- Must be registered in the parish.
- Must support the teachings of the Church.
- Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Must be personally involved in the preparation of their children.

This handbook has been developed to enable you and your child to fully prepare for the reception of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation with ease and without pressure. Your child's catechists and teachers will be supporting them in their preparation as well. Please read the contents of this handbook as it contains important information regarding your child's preparation leading up to, and including, Confirmation. Important dates to get on your calendars immediately can be found on the next page.

Please reach out with any questions.

Praying for your family!

CFF Staff

## Important Dates

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Fee Due	July 1, 2024		
CFF Formation Sessions	Starting September 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Tuesday: 4:30-5:50; 6:30-8:50; Wednesday 4:30-5:50	Education Center
Candidate & Parent Commitment Form Due	September 17, 2024	Bring to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class session or Mail to: Office of DRE St. Anthony of Padua Parish 259 Forest Avenue Ambler, PA 19002	
Baptismal Certificate if not Baptized at St. Anthony	September 17, 2024		
Sponsor Thank You Letter	September 17, 2024		
Acts of Mercy Log Due	September 17, 2024		
Sponsor Letters of Eligibility Due	September 17, 2024		
Presentation of the Candidates	September 22, 2024		
Saints and Shields Presentations *	TBD		
Confirmation Retreat	TBD	TBD	St. Anthony of Padua, Friendship Hall
Parents Only Confirmation Session	TBD	TBD	St. Anthony of Padua Church
Confirmation Rehearsal	TBD	TBD	St. Anthony of Padua Church & Friendship Hall
Confirmation Mass	TBD	TBD	St. Athony of Padua Church & Friendship Hall

## Forms & Documents

**Registration** - The sacrament fee is \$100.00.

CFF families have or will pay this fee at CFF class registration.

Archdiocesan and private catholic school families can mail the registration and fee to the address on the cover.

1. Registration Forms
  - a. See Appendix A for printed form.
  - b. [Click here](#) to use the on-line registration.
  - c. Candidate & Parent Commitment Form Appendix B
  - d. Baptismal Certificate is required.
2. Sponsor Requirements and Letter of Eligibility
  - a. See Appendix C for Sponsor requirements & letter for the sponsor.

### **Confirmation Formation Sessions:**

If you currently attend an Archdiocesan or private catholic grade school, formation will take place at your school. If your school requires a Saint Shield, we ask you to bring it to the Confirmation Retreat.

Those who are participating in our Children's Faith Formation Program (CFF) will receive their formation this fall as part of the CFF program.

CFF Seventh grade formation sessions will take place Tuesday afternoons, Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday Afternoon contingent on enrollment. Confirmation preparation will begin in September.

To register for sessions, please use the Parish Giving System if you have not already done so.

# **Confirmation Projects**

1. Saint Report and Shield (CFF Students Only)
  - a. Saint Name will be submitted on the printed or on-line registration form.
  - b. See appendix D for information and links to Saint Resources
  - c. See appendix E for the CFF Saint Project & Shield
  
2. Acts of Mercy
  - a. Students are asked to put our faith into action by completing at least 6 Acts of Mercy.
  - b. See appendix F for Guidelines and Acts of Mercy Submission Form
  
3. Sponsor Thank You Letter
  - a. See form in folder.
  
4. Confirmation Retreat
  - a. Candidates must attend the retreat. Details to be determined.
  
5. Parish Participation
  - a. Our Candidates are required to participate in a minimum of 4 additional parish events as they their role as an active member of the parish.
  - b. The candidate must present themselves to the DRE so she is aware of their attendance.
  
6. Required Faith Information
  - a. Required knowledge of the Faith including the 19 Statements provided by the Archdiocese can be found in appendix I
  - b. Confirmation Review Pages in folder