



To our Teens, Greetings in Christ!

If you are reading this, then you are discerning whether you are prepared to formally enter the formation process for Confirmation. Confirmation is a unique sacrament in the Church which has the grace to deepen God's spiritual power and presence in your life. We hope that is what you are looking for.

As a teenager, you have a greater capacity to understand what being a follower of Christ looks like, as well as a greater freedom to pursue that life. The grace of Confirmation will only bear the fruit it is supposed to if you are freely choosing it as a means of taking up the mission of Jesus in your own life. For that to happen, you will need to be sure you understand who Jesus is from the perspective of young adulthood, and what living as His disciple means for you.

You already know that no two people are the same, and that means that your relationship with God won't be exactly the same as anyone else's. Your faith journey is much like your thumb print—completely unique to you. That makes you irreplaceable in the world, as well as in the Church!

Some of you might already have a strong relationship with God through your faith, and simply want to be confirmed in order to help it grow even stronger. On the other hand, some of you might have serious questions about God, about faith, about life in general. Some of you might have questions about what Catholics believe or why. Some of you might even have questions about why you should be confirmed at all.

With that in mind, the formation process for Confirmation is designed above all to encounter Christ from the perspective you have now as a teenager, as well as to help you find answers for any questions you might have along the way. No matter where you feel like you are at with your faith right now, we hope that you will be able to feel our personal investment in your faith journey and the real accompaniment of fellow Catholics along the way.

Your Pastors, accompanied by Catholics in our local parishes, are willing to meet with you, get to know you, pray for you, and invite you into sharing the fullness of the Catholic faith through the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. Hopefully you will feel ready to enter the process look forward to hearing from you and working with you along the way!

Sincerely in Christ,