

**Seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?  
Are you baptized and have you received Eucharist?  
Are you over the age of 18 and out of High School?  
If your answer is "YES" it's not too late.**

Confirmation for adult Catholics in the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston is celebrated annually at the time of Pentecost. To be eligible to participate in this celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation you must be a practicing (or returning) Catholic who is

- ~ over the age of 18 and no longer in high school,
- ~ baptized and made your First Communion
- ~ (if married) married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.

Preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults involves presenting a current record of your baptism (dated within the last 3 months) and choosing an eligible sponsor, completion of the required paperwork and interview, and participation in the required preparation sessions.

The location of the seven weekly preparation sessions will be determined in January. The sessions will begin with an extended morning session on Saturday, February 17, 2018. There will be six classes on Thursday evenings: March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17. Confirmation will be celebrated on or soon after Pentecost weekend, May 20, 2018.

If you are a member of St. Ignatius Loyola parish, you are welcome to join the preparation sessions offered here. If you cannot make the sessions on the dates offered here, Linda Krehmeier, in the Adult Formation Office will help you find a parish in which to participate. If you do your preparation sessions at a parish other than St. Ignatius, you must have a letter from St. Ignatius indicating you have met with Linda Krehmeier and completed the initial preparatory steps.

If you are a member of another parish, you are welcome to join the preparation sessions at St. Ignatius. To do so, you must

- ~ complete an interview and the appropriate paperwork at your parish
- ~ bring a letter from your parish stating that you have permission to participate in the preparation sessions here at St. Ignatius Loyola.

## **Adult Confirmation Checklist:**

- schedule and complete the initial interview by Thursday, March 18. St. Ignatius parishioners contact Linda Krehmeier at 281-370-3401; others contact your parish to set up the interview.
- complete and turn in the Information Form
- submit a letter from current parish if not a member of St. Ignatius Loyola
- submit current record of Baptism with annotations for First Communion and Marriage (if applicable)
- submit a record of First Communion if it is not on the record of Baptism
- submit the completed sponsor form signed by your Confirmation sponsor
- participate in the seven weekly preparation sessions beginning March 31, 2016. The US Catholic Catechism for Adults and the New American Bible (Rev.) will be the texts for the sessions and will be available for purchase at the first session at St. Ignatius.

### Confirmation sponsor requirements:

- ~ Only one sponsor is required for Confirmation
- ~ A sponsor must be 16 years old, not a parent of the candidate for Confirmation, and fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., having celebrated baptism, confirmation and Eucharist).
- ~ A sponsor must be an active and practicing Catholic. This generally means that the person is an active member of a Catholic parish attending Mass regularly and participating in the Sacraments. This also means that if the person is married, the marriage took place within the Catholic Church. Persons who are divorced and remarried do not meet this requirement unless they were granted an annulment prior to remarrying.

Adult Confirmation will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at various parishes on or soon after Pentecost weekend, May 20, 2018. More information will be available at the preparation sessions.