



Preparation Process for Adult Confirmation

The diocesan preparation program for those adults (18+) seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is intended to provide catechetical instruction in the faith, as well as spiritual support to compliment the parish in the formation of candidates, who are completing their initiation in the Catholic Church.

Prior to registration, candidates must begin this process by meeting with the pastor to:

- Gather canonical documents
- Determine if there are any impediments to the reception of the Sacrament
- Ascertain desire and disposition of the inquirer requesting the Sacrament

At the conclusion of the preparation program, pastors should meet with the candidate to reflect on their experience and to verify the suitability of the sponsor before submitting the conferral form for the actual reception of the Sacrament.

This program consists of **seven sessions total**, with **both** virtual **and** in-person sessions.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Participants who miss two or more sessions may be asked by their pastor to postpone the reception of the Sacrament to the following semester, if the content which has been missed cannot be made up in some way.

Participants are asked to share their screens during virtual sessions.

Fall Schedule 2023

Online Sessions: Thursday Evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

In-person Sessions: Saturdays from 10am to 2pm
St Julie Billiard Church Hall,
494 Slocum Rd, North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Program dates: Saturday, September 30, Thursday, October 5, Thursday, October 12,
Thursday, October 26, Saturday, November 4, Thursday, November 9
Saturday, November 18

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption,
327 2nd St, Fall River, MA 02721

Mandatory rehearsal with Confirmation sponsors, at 6pm, Mass at 7pm

Registration Fee: \$75 – Payable to the Diocese of Fall River,
423 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720
Memo: Adult Confirmation



Diocese of Fall River
Adult Confirmation Preparation: Registration Form

Please fill out the form legibly and completely

Name of Parish: _____ City/Town: _____

Full Name of Candidate: _____ DOB: _____
(Must be 18 or over)

Address: _____
Street City MA Zip code

Active E-mail*** _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Were you baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Baptized Christians who are not Catholic should enroll in a parish RCIA process rather than Adult Confirmation

If, so please provide the parish, city and date of your baptism:

Have you received your 1st Communion? Yes No

Participants who have not received their 1st Communion will need to attend an additional class (date and time TBD)

If yes, please provide the date and parish of your 1st Communion: _____

Marital Status: Single Married in the Catholic Church Other Church Marriage
Civil Marriage Divorced-single Divorced-remarried Widow(er)

Sponsor Full Name: _____

Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who are 16 years or older, have received the Sacraments of Initiation, and not be the parents of the candidate

Confirmation Name: _____

Candidates may use their baptismal name or may choose a name (customarily the name of a saint) to signify the new life in the Holy Spirit they will receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I grant permission for the above candidate to attend the diocesan adult confirmation preparation program

Signature of Pastor

Date

Please send the completed registration form to Dcn. Chris Paul via email (cpaul@dioc-fr.org) or postal mail: Secretariat for the New Evangelization
Attn: Dcn. Christopher Paul
423 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720

Checks for the \$75 registration fee should be made payable to the Diocese of Fall River and mailed to the address above when participants register for the program