

# Goals of the Preparation Process

- To help young people to grow personally and spiritually as disciples of Jesus
- To draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community as fully initiated members

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*Wisdom*



*Understanding*

*Right Judgment*



*Courage*



*Knowledge*

*Reverence*

*Wonder and Awe*



Corpus Christi  
Parish

Confirmation  
Preparation  
Process



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*Be sealed with the gifts  
of the Holy Spirit*

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# General Information

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is a 2-year process.

Candidates must be entering at least 9th grade to register in the process.

Registration fees are paid at the beginning of the year. In 2008-2009 the fees are as follows:

one child: \$ 130.00

two children: \$ 200.00

Registration packets have been mailed out. These forms can also be downloaded at <http://corpuschristichurch.com/> and click on the Youth Ministry link. For complete Registration, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate and the completed Confirmation forms must all be returned to the Youth Ministry Office by September 10, 2008.

All Candidates beginning and returning the preparation process must attend the Confirmation **Orientation Meeting** with their parent(s) on Sunday, **September 28 at 4:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Candidates who complete the process of preparation receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of the second year.

# Process Overview

## Confirmation Sessions

Sessions are offered twice a month. The first gathering is a small group meeting that is facilitated by a Parent. The second meeting is a gathering of both Year I and II Candidates, which is always held on Sunday from 4:00-5:15 pm in the parish hall. On the days scheduled for a large group meeting, candidates are expected to attend the 5:30 pm Mass.

## Retreats

Year 1 candidates are required to participate in a 1-day retreat held at Corpus Christi Parish.

Year 2 candidates are required to participate in a weekend (Fri. evening through Sun. morning) retreat that is held at a retreat center.

## Sponsor

The Sponsor has a significant role in the faith development of the Candidate. Candidates are encouraged to prayerfully consider the person they wish to select to have as a Sponsor. All Candidates must select a Sponsor at the beginning of the Confirmation Process.

More information regarding the qualifications of choosing a Sponsor will be provided at the Parent Orientation Meeting.

# Justice & Service

## Why It's Required

The Sacrament of Confirmation activates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians, drawing them more deeply into the life of the Church and strengthening them to continue Jesus' mission in the world. This is done by working for justice, serving those in need and serving the parish community.

## What Candidates Must Do

Candidates must participate in 1 Justice & Service opportunity. One of these must be service directed toward Corpus Christi parish community. A total of 10 Service Hours must be completed each year.

After completing each Justice & Service opportunity, candidates write a reflection paper about their experience. Service to Corpus Christi Parish can be tracked on a verification form that will be provided.

Further details about Justice & Service are provided during the Confirmation Orientation.