

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

While the meaning of Confirmation has not always been clear over the centuries, there has developed in the Church an understanding that Confirmation is the sacrament that completes a person's communion and companionship with the Church. At Baptism we are born into the Body of Christ, at Confirmation our unity is made complete, and the Eucharist nourishes our relationship with the Church and God. The central mark of Confirmation is the reception of the gifts of the Spirit, enabling the person of faith to live more fully the life of the Church and to witness to the grace of God to others.

HOW DOES AN ADULT PREPARE FOR THIS SACRAMENT?

Recognizing the significance and importance of Confirmation, the faith community of St. Mark the Evangelist takes serious the preparation for this sacrament. While senior high school youth (age 17 and above) and adults are welcome to participate in the program, all are encouraged to spend time discerning and reflecting their personal faith life to ensure that one is ready to receive this sacrament.

THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS:

Often times, and for various reasons, some women and men were not confirmed in their youth. Those that were not confirmed earlier in life often find themselves seeking greater unity with the Church later in life. We value those that yearn to share more fully in the life of our parish community. For that reason, Saint Mark the Evangelist, in collaboration with our sister parishes, offers a two month program for adults three times a year (fall, winter, and spring). In each program, adult candidates will be challenged to engage in active participation in the life of community through the celebration of Sunday Eucharist and service and ministry experiences. Furthermore, candidates will participate in a retreat, offered in the spring, that will invite them to consider their faith more closely, as well as the sacrament of Confirmation. Upon completion, the sacrament is received at our parish on the Easter Vigil or at the at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, presided over by the archbishop, on the Feast of Pentecost (50 days after Easter).

REGISTRATION:

To participate in the adult program, candidates must be active church members in our parish, and have previously received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, and eucharist. Contact Danny Rodriguez at dprodriguez@wi.rr.com, or Juanita, our parish secretary at 262-652-7373 for registration, additional requirements, and class information.