



## The Sacrament of Confirmation (updated 11/29/09)

Our Parish prepares teens and adults for the sacrament of **Confirmation** through a **two-year program**. Adult confirmation (for those who have already received baptism and Eucharist) is handled separately and requires only ~ six weeks of preparation.

A few things to keep in mind:

- **Teen Confirmation:** Confirmation I teens (typically ninth grade, but not exclusively) meet once a month at 5:00pm in the lower church; this year of preparation is primarily *catechetical*. Confirmation II teens (typically tenth grade, but not exclusively) meet ~ once a month at different times from the other confirmation groups (postcards are mailed with their meeting times); this year of preparation is primarily *service and reflection* oriented. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred during the spring of their sophomore year.
- **Adult Confirmation:** Adults who have already received baptism and Eucharist and now desire Confirmation would meet with a staff member for a period of ~ six weeks and then be Confirmed by the regional bishop. Please contact Sr. Alice or Deacon Phil for more information.
- **Godparents/Sponsors:** The role of the Godparents/Sponsors in the life of the newly baptized or confirmed is crucial and not to be underestimated. Often the qualifications for a Catholic to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation are misunderstood. The qualifications are –
  1. A **confirmed Catholic**, who is living a life befitting the role of sponsor,
  2. Who is **not under canonical penalty**,
  3. Who is **not a parent** of the person being baptized,
  4. Who is, ordinarily, **sixteen years** of age.