



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING

CONFIRMATION 2025

When will the Sacrament of Confirmation be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica?

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 23, 2026** at **5:00 p.m.** Mass.*

Who can be Confirmed?

Grade 7 (or older) youngsters who are Baptized Catholics and have already made their first Holy Communion, may be presented by their parents as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Who can be a Sponsor for Confirmation?

*The Sponsor for Confirmation must be a **fully initiated** (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) **Catholic** who is 16 years of age or older and regularly attends Sunday Mass. Candidates may choose one of their baptismal godparents; their own grandparent; an older sibling or relation who fulfills the above criteria. The candidate's mother or father may not act as a Confirmation Sponsor.*

What about choosing a special name for Confirmation?

There is no requirement to choose a special name for Confirmation. We'll use the candidate's baptismal name. In the preparation for the Sacrament, candidates may learn about the life and deeds of a particular Saint.

Does the candidate have to say anything?

Words are spoken by the Bishop/Priest as he anoints the candidate with Sacred Chrism, to which the candidate responds, "Amen" and then the greeting of Peace is exchanged ... "Peace be with you." The candidate responds – "And with your spirit."

What about seating & photographs?

Each candidate will have a pew that they can share with their sponsor and 6 other people. The candidate and sponsor should be seated next to the centre aisle. Parents may take photographs from their pew as their child is confirmed. There are no group or individual photographs taken after Confirmation.

How do we sign up?

*Please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday, May 8, 2026**. Your child's teacher will provide a copy of the candidate's Baptism Certificate from their OSR.*