



St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A SPIRIT OF CARING AND GIVING

Confirmation at St. Philip Neri Policy

The Sacrament

Prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus told his apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit to be their advocate and guide, and on the Feast of Pentecost, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and the Virgin Mary as they prayed in the Upper Room, empowering them to be witnesses of Jesus in the world. "The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds." (CCC 1316) "Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life." (CCC 1317)

The Program

The Confirmation Program at St. Philip Neri aims to prepare 9th and 10th graders to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation through a two-year program. Through the preparation, teens encounter the Lord through taking on more responsibility within the Parish community, serving the greater community with love, and learning more about the Catholic Faith that they will soon be fully claiming as their own.

Classes meet on Sunday evenings about twice a month from 6:45-8:30pm September through April. Additional events, such as volunteering and retreats, are throughout the year. Class attendance and additional expectations are required and are given upon the beginning of the year. These expectations help to prepare the teens adequately for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Who Does this Program Prepare?

The two-year program prepares 9th and 10th grade students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; these two years of Sacramental prep are critical to understanding the importance of the Sacrament and being involved in the Parish community.

Public School Teens: Teens attending public high school are required to take both years of Sacramental prep (Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2).

Catholic School Teens: Teens attending Catholic High School are exempt from the first year of Sacramental prep due to receiving religion in school. They are, however, required to take the second year of prep (Confirmation 2) at St. Philip Neri. This can be done in their 9th or 10th grade year.

Homeschooled Teens: Teens who are homeschooled and receive religious education courses at home are exempt from the first year of Sacramental prep, provided the course information is shared. They are, however, required to take the second year of prep (Confirmation 2) at St. Philip Neri. This can be done in their 9th or 10th grade year.