



Saint Andrew Catholic Church

Confirmation Candidate Registration Form

Candidates should complete this form and return it to the Church Office. Please print legibly.

Only those who have been registered and participating in youth ministry for the '22-'23 academic year are eligible for registration.

Candidate Name: _____ Gender: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade ('23-'24): _____ School: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Allergies to any Medications: _____

Other: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

**Church of Baptism: _____

**Address: _____

**City: _____ **State: _____ **Zip: _____

Preferred Contact Information-

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

****If you were NOT Baptized at Saint Andrew, Clemson or Saint Paul the Apostle, Seneca, or Saint Francis, Walhalla (prior to 2013) you must submit an official copy of your Baptismal certificate to the church office.**

****Before filling out and turning in this registration, candidates should already have a mentor who has agreed to sponsor them. Sponsors cannot be a parent and should be someone with whom the candidate has a good relationship. This should be someone whose lived faith inspires the candidate. Sponsors are required to be a practicing Catholic older than 18 who has been Confirmed. Sponsors and candidates should be in regular contact throughout formation.**

Sponsor's Name _____
Last First MI

Relationship to Candidate _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fees For 2023-2024 year:

The confirmation program this year will cost \$80 per candidate, which includes the cost of all materials, food, and the pilgrimage to Charleston, SC. Please note that we do not want the fees to keep students from knowing Jesus. **No child is denied access to sacrament preparation or religious instruction for financial reasons.** For financial assistance, contact the Youth Minister at christopher@saclemson.org

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation completes what the Church calls the “sacraments of initiation.” This means that having received new life in Christ (Baptism) and the food necessary to sustain that life (Eucharist), the sealing with the Gift of the Spirit (Confirmation) gives a person the wisdom and courage to live Christ’s life among family, friends, schoolmates, and work colleagues.

Preparation for Confirmation involves a person serious about their faith and eager to be Catholic in more than name only. A candidate should be planning to continue living life as a practicing Catholic until his or her final day on Earth.

Students 9th grade and older are eligible to be Confirmed. ***Confirmation candidates must have participated in Youth Ministry the year prior, and must be active in Youth Ministry while undergoing Confirmation preparation.*** The 2023-2024 year of formal Confirmation formation begins with a Pilgrimage to Charleston August 12-13. In addition to weekly Sunday Mass and weekly participation in Youth Ministry, there are mandatory Confirmation formation sessions monthly during the 2023-2024 academic year. A schedule for Confirmation formation sessions as well as details regarding the Charleston Pilgrimage will be sent to those who register. Please contact Christopher Kerfoot with any questions at christopher@saclemson.org

Candidates will be required to turn in a one page letter explaining what Confirmation is and why they want to receive this sacrament. This letter will require a bit of research and personal reflection. A parent or guardian (being the primary minister of their child’s life) will be required to complete a half page letter explaining how they will support their child’s formation for the sacrament and how they will continue to strengthen their child’s faith at home.

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- Please complete and return this form, the Candidate Commitment form, the Candidate Letter, the Parent Letter, all releases, and the fee to the Parish Office.
 - ***Make your check payable to Saint Andrew Catholic Church, with Youth Ministry-Confirmation in the memo line.***
 - You may either deliver your forms and check to the church office, or mail it to:

Saint Andrew Catholic Church
Office of Youth Ministry
P.O. Box 112
Clemson, SC 29633

Candidate Commitment

“The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.” -John 14:26

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament will more perfectly bind me to the Catholic Church and enrich me with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and celebrate the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

(Candidates should sign beside each sentence to agree)

- I will approach my formation with an open mind and an open heart. _____
- I will attend and will fully participate in all formation sessions. _____
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all Holy Days of Obligation. _____
- I will attend the Pilgrimage to Charleston, SC. _____
- I will actively participate in Youth Ministry events throughout the year. _____
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation. _____
- I will commit to daily prayer as I prepare to receive the sacrament. _____

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life—plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

By signing below, candidates and their parents acknowledge that if a candidate does not live up to the commitments listed above, their date of Confirmation may be delayed.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Witnessed by: _____
Signature(s) of Candidate's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

(For Parent or Legal Guardian)

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE:

I agree to share my information with the office of Youth Ministry. I additionally grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in this parish Youth Ministry Program. All Youth Ministry activities will take place under the guidance and direction of Parish employees and/or volunteers from Saint Andrew Catholic Church who have undergone VIRTUS training, and have been screened by the Diocese of Charleston's office of Safe Environment.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

As parent/legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by my son/daughter named above. I agree on behalf of myself, my son/daughter named herein, our heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless and defend Saint Andrew Catholic Church, its officers, directors, agents, and the Diocese of Charleston from any liability for illness, injury or death arising from or in connection with my son's/daughter's attending Youth Ministry events, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Charleston, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

PERMISSION TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

As parent/legal guardian, I additionally agree to allow my child to be photographed at Youth Ministry Events, and understand that photographs may be used for church publicity, etc.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

To the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. In the event of an emergency, I give permission to Saint Andrew Catholic Church to transport my child to a hospital for emergency treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

I hereby grant medical personnel permission to release medical information to the Diocesan Director and/or my parish Youth Minister, in the event that my child becomes ill or injured.

Sign: _____ Date: _____