



**ADULT CONFIRMATION 2014
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

This process is only for adult Catholics who have been baptized and already celebrated their First Eucharist. Others should contact the Director of Faith Formation to discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

- **WEEKLY PREPARATION SESSIONS (All four sessions are required.)**

**7 to 9pm on Thursday, May 1 in the North Conference Room
7 to 9pm on Thursday, May 8 in the North Conference Room
7 to 9pm on Thursday, May 15 in the North Conference Room
7 to 9pm on Thursday, May 22 in the North Conference Room**

These sessions explore the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* – Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer – in order to refresh your knowledge of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith. These sessions are structured around assigned reading, lecture, discussion, and prayer.

The North Conference Room is accessible through the glass-and-iron door at the base of the driveway leading into the public parking garage to the right of the front of the Cathedral. You can park in the garage for a flat fee of \$5.00 after 4pm and on weekends. There is limited street parking in front of the Cathedral (free after 6:30pm). Farragut North (L street exit) and Dupont Circle (South exit) on the Red Line are the closest Metro stations.

- **CONFIRMATION RETREAT (required)**
9am to 3pm on Saturday, May 17 in the Great Hall

This retreat is a time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the celebration of Confirmation.

The Great Hall is accessible through the side door next to the organ in the Cathedral.

- **CONFIRMATION CEREMONY (You must be able to attend this ceremony to be confirmed.)**
3pm Mass on Sunday, June 1 in the Cathedral [arrival time no later than 2pm]

The Confirmation ceremony is for adults from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at this Mass.

- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE (CONFESSION)**

Before your Confirmation, be sure to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance (Confession). Refer to the parish bulletin for times, call the Cathedral Rectory to make an appointment with a St. Matthew's priest, or find the confession schedules of neighboring parishes at www.adw.org/parishes/confess.asp.

Keep this page for your information.



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HOW DO I REGISTER?

STEP 1: COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM.

Print and complete the two-page registration form. Do not leave any sections blank.

STEP 2: OBTAIN A NEW COPY OF YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE.

Contact the parish where you were baptized to request that a new copy of your baptism certificate (including any other sacramental notations) be mailed to you. **The original certificate issued to you at the time of your baptism is generally not acceptable.**

STEP 3: IDENTIFY A SPONSOR AND OBTAIN A SPONSOR LETTER

You must identify a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church (Latin or Eastern rite) to serve as your Confirmation sponsor. This person should be someone with whom you have an existing relationship, who takes her/his faith seriously, who will support you in your faith journey, and who can be present for the Confirmation ceremony. If you wish, you may ask one of your original godparents, reinforcing the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. Your sponsor is welcome, though not required, to attend the weekly preparation sessions and the retreat. S/he will attend the Confirmation ceremony.

The Church requires the following of a sponsor:

- ✓ Be an active, practicing Catholic who has been baptized and confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Eucharist
- ✓ Be at least sixteen years of age
- ✓ Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry s/he is undertaking and have the intention of undertaking this ministry. **A married Catholic who has not been married in the Church may not serve as a sponsor. A sponsor also must be able and willing to receive the Eucharist (Communion) the day of the ceremony.**
- ✓ Not be a parent of the individual to be confirmed

Please ask the sponsor whom you have chosen to contact his or her pastor/parish where s/he is registered to obtain a sponsor letter/certificate. This letter will state a sponsor meets the above requirements. Be sure to include this letter in your registration packet.

If you cannot find a sponsor, contact Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

STEP 4: CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION SAINT.

It is the custom of the Catholic Church for each person pursuing Confirmation to select a saint of the Church to serve as an intercessor and patron. It also is customary that each person be presented to the (arch)Bishop on the day of Confirmation with this name. So we ask you to select the name of a saint you admire, a saint who is a model for you of living the Christian life. Doing so connects us more deeply with the Communion of Saints.

Tip -- This website can help you to learn about various saints: <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>.

STEP 5: SUBMIT COMPLETE REGISTRATION PACKET NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, APRIL 4.**

The program fee is \$50.00. Part of this fee covers the required text, *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which you will receive at the first preparation session. Please contact Heather Kinney in case of financial need.

A complete registration packet consists of:

- ✓ Registration form (with all information requested provided)
- ✓ New copy of your baptism certificate
- ✓ Sponsor letter
- ✓ Program fee of \$50.00 (cash or check payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral)

The deadline to register is **Friday, April 4**. You can bring your complete packet to St. Matthew's Rectory during office hours (9am to 8pm Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm Friday through Sunday), or mail them to:

Heather Kinney
Director of Faith Formation
St. Matthew's Cathedral
1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington DC 20036

It is our hope that this process of preparation will renew your faith, deepen your prayer life, and strengthen your baptismal promises.

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x530.



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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Full legal name (first, middle, & last): _____

Maiden name (if applicable): _____

Mailing address (include city, state, & zip code): _____

Telephone: _____

Email (*Please provide an email address you check regularly.*): _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth (city, state, & country if not USA): _____

Mother's name (first & (maiden) & last) [*ex. Mary (Jones) Smith*]: _____

Mother's religious denomination: _____

Father's name (first & last) [*ex. Joseph Smith*]: _____

Father's religious denomination: _____

SACRAMENTAL HISTORY

Have you been baptized? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes -- In what denomination were you baptized? _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name of church of Baptism: _____

Mailing address of church of Baptism: _____

If you were baptized in another Christian tradition, have you made a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes -- Date of Profession of Faith: _____

Name of church of Profession of Faith: _____

Mailing address of church of Profession of Faith: _____

Have you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance (Confession) in the Catholic Church?

☐ Y ☐ N

Have you received your First Eucharist (Communion) in the Catholic Church? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes -- Date of First Eucharist: _____

Name of church of First Eucharist: _____

Mailing address of church of First Eucharist: _____

What is your motivation for seeking Confirmation at this time?

CONFIRMATION SAINT

I have chosen _____ as my Confirmation saint.

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CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

Please check the appropriate statement and provide any information requested beneath the statement.

___ I am single and I have never been married.

___ I am engaged to be married.

a. Your fiancé(e)'s name: _____

b. Your fiancé(e)'s current religious affiliation (*if any*): _____

c. For you: ☐ This is my first marriage. ☐ I have been married before.

d. For your fiancé(e): ☐ This is his/her first marriage. ☐ S/he has been married before.

e. Date of pending marriage: _____

___ I am married.

a. Your spouse's name: _____

b. Your spouse's current religious affiliation (*if any*): _____

c. Is your spouse baptized? ☐ Y ☐ N If so, what religious denomination? _____

d. For you: ☐ This is my first marriage. ☐ I have been married before.

e. For your spouse: ☐ This is his/her first marriage. ☐ S/he has been married before.

f. Date of marriage: _____

g. Were you married in a Catholic Church? ☐ Y ☐ N

If no -- Where were you married? _____

___ I am married but separated from my spouse.

___ I am divorced and I have not remarried.

___ I am a widow/widower.

List the name(s) of any children or other dependents. Please attach a separate page if necessary.

Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

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PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Are you a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's Cathedral? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes -- How long have you attended St. Matthew's Cathedral? _____

Do you know any St. Matthew's parishioners (names)? _____

If no -- What is your parish? _____ Are you registered there? ☐ Y ☐ N

How long have you attended there? _____

How long have you lived in the D.C. area? _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's name (first & last): _____

Relationship to sponsor: _____

Sponsor's mailing address: _____

Sponsor's telephone: _____ Sponsor's email: _____

Name of sponsor's parish: _____

Mailing address of sponsor's parish: _____

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Please do not write below this line.

Date: _____ Payment method: ☐ cash ☐ check Amount paid: _____ Check #: _____

Baptism certificate: _____

Sponsor letter: _____