



Confirmation 2026-2027 Information

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is moving Confirmation to the middle school years and encouraging a more family-centered approach to preparation. As a result, we will now welcome rising 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students—who meet the preparation requirements—to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2027.

Introduction to Confirmation Preparation

Archdiocesan Guidelines

Confirmation is a very exciting time in the faith journey of a Catholic. The Archdiocese of Atlanta guidelines are as follows:

The free-standing, parish-conducted Confirmation formation program must be distinguished from the ordinarily required two-year prerequisite foundational religious education program... the parish Confirmation formation program should occur independently from the on-going religious education program. The parish Confirmation formation program should also be of brief duration and intensely focused on the nature, effects, gifts, and fruits of the Sacrament of Confirmation as they are discussed in the Catechism.

*The candidate has the right to make the decision about readiness to receive this Sacrament... The Sacrament of Confirmation is sometimes called the Sacrament of Christian maturity, even though biological age is not necessarily an indicator of receptivity to the Sacrament, (Catechism no. 1308). **

Confirmation Program Requirements:

1. **Confirmation 2027 Sign-Up**

- a. You must register your teen for 2027 Confirmation [here](#)

2. **Parish Registration**

- a. All families must be registered as parishioners at St. Ann's.
- b. To register online, please fill out the [PARISH REGISTRATION](#) or go to st-ann.org and click on REGISTER.

3. **Baptism Certificate**

- a. Regardless of whether your child was baptized at St. Ann or not, we now must have all Confirmandi fill out this [SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FORM FOR BAPTISM](#).

4. **2 Years of Faith Formation: EDGE and Life Teen**

- a. Students must successfully complete 2 years of faith formation: Sacramental Year 1 and Year 2
- b. Students may miss up to three sessions without completing a make-up class. Additional absences must be made up by attending another Edge session or completing an online lesson

c. The 2026-2027 Edge and Life Teen Calendars will be available online July 1, 2026.

5. Service Hours

- a. **10 hours of community service are required** for all Year 2 students. This service does not need to take place on campus or directly with a service organization. Any act of service that helps or shows love to others outside of your own family can count.
- b. The [SERVICE HOUR VERIFICATION FORM](#) must be completed **by March 1, 2027**

6. Saint and Sponsor form

- a. [The SAINT AND SPONSOR FORM](#) must be completed this form **by March 1, 2027**

7. Catch the Spirit

- a. This Confirmation camp is a required stand alone component for confirmation.
- b. This year, Catch the Spirit will be offered 2 different weeks in the summer 2026 and open to both Year 1 and Year 2 students:
 - i. **July 13-16, 2026: 5:30pm - 9:00 pm**
 - ii. **July 20-23, 2026: 9:30am - 1:00pm**

8. Confirmation Retreat

- a. Participation in the Confirmation Retreat, which will take place on campus at Camp Hidden Lake: 830 Hidden Lake Road Dahlonega, GA 30533. The Retreat is a 1-night, overnight retreat leaving Saturday at 8:00am. The retreat ends at the conclusion of Sunday, 6:00pm Mass.
- b. This year, the confirmation retreat will be offered 2 different weekends and open to both Year 1 and Year 2 students:
 - i. **October 10-11, 2026**
 - ii. **January 30-31, 2027**

9. NEW: Parents Faith Formation

- a. Parents of all Sacramental Year 2 students are now required to complete **six hours** of Faith Formation through programs of their choice.
- b. **Exemptions:** Parents who are Catechists for Launch, Core Members for Edge or Life Teen, or work at a Catholic school are exempt.
- c. **Faith Formation Options:**
 - i. St. Ann’s is a vibrant community offering many adult faith formation opportunities including: priest workshops, bible studies, men and women’s groups etc. You are also welcome to engage in other Faith Formation programs throughout the diocese.
- d. [Parents Faith Formation attendance form](#) is required for all Faith Formation hours.

Confirmation Schedule

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Confirmed	
Current 9th						Aug. 26	grade 9
Current 8th	Year 2					May-27	grade 9
Current 7th	Year 1	Year 2				May-27	grade 8
Current 6th		Year 1	Year 2			May-28	grade 8
Current 5th		Year 1	Year 2			May-28	grade 7
Current 4th			Year 1	Year 2		May-29	grade 7
Current 3rd			Year 1	Year 2		May-29	grade 6
Current 2nd				Year 1	Year 2	May-30	grade 6

Sponsor Requirements

- Your sponsor must be a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old
- Your sponsor must be registered in a parish and actively participate in the life of the Church.

If married, your sponsor's marriage must have been witnessed in the Catholic Church by a priest or deacon. The revised code of Canon Law states that parents cannot be sponsors; however, if the sponsor is unable to travel to be at Mass, parents may stand in as a proxy so long as the parish is informed ahead of time.

Sponsor Form

We require that your sponsor complete the Sponsor Form. Please pay careful attention to the following categories and make sure the form is appropriately completed:

If your sponsor is a parishioner at St. Ann:

The sponsor must fill out the form and sign it. They do not need the signature to be witnessed by a member of staff or receive the parish seal on the document. However, the form **MUST** have their signature. If your sponsor is an St. Ann parishioner, you may scan and email the form to us.

If your sponsor is NOT a parishioner at St. Ann:

The sponsor must fill out the form, and have it witnessed by a staff member of their parish – this requires the parish seal. This can take a while if the staff or pastor is out of town, so it is never too early to go ahead and get this done!!! We must have the original form; no electronic or scanned copies will be accepted since parish seals are typically not legible in this format. Please mail the form.

Sponsor Verification Forms must be turned in by the published due date. They can be turned in at one of our sessions or mailed to the parish office (Attn: Matthew Barranco | 4905 Roswell Road | Marietta, GA 30062). Please email Matthew Barranco at mbarranco@st.ann.org if you have any questions.

Confirmation Saint

Choosing your Confirmation Saint name is a very important part of the Confirmation process. This Saint should be someone who inspires you, someone you identify with, and most importantly, someone who can be a role model for you in your Catholic faith.

Need some inspiration? First, pray about it and then check out the following links:

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>

<http://catholicsaints.info/>

<https://shop.lifeteen.com/products/100-saints-every-catholiceen-should-know>

Saint Name Form

After you have chosen your Confirmation Saint, fill out the Saint Name Form! Please note that we do not use a physical form for this; we have an online form, which can be found at

<https://st-ann.org/confirmation/>

Service Hours

Service hours are an important component of Confirmation preparation. This sacrament is about making the faith your own, and that includes going out into the world and living it. We ask for ten hours of service.

Common FAQs About Confirmation

What if my sponsor cannot attend Mass?

We understand that many of our teens may choose sponsors who live out-of-state or even outside the United States. If a sponsor cannot attend Confirmation Mass, a parent may stand in as a “proxy”. We simply ask that we are made aware of the situation well in advance via email. Please email Matthew Barranco at mbarranco@st.ann.org

Why are parents required to attend 6 hours of faith formation?

The Archbishop asks us to adopt a family-oriented Confirmation Program to foster the partnership between parents and the parish in their child’s faith formation. These sessions will allow us to include parents in the preparation of this once-in-a-lifetime sacrament.

Why is there a service requirement?

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My Confirmation Sponsor lives in another country. Do I have to have an original Sponsor Form, or can I email it to St. Ann?

Sorry, no electronic copies of the Sponsor Form will be accepted. We must have an original so be sure to get the form to your sponsor as soon as possible so they can have it filled out and mailed back! Questions about the form should be directed to Matthew Barranco at mbarranco@st.ann.org

How will I receive information about Confirmation Preparation?

Once registration closes, we will create an email list and will communicate via parents and Confirmation candidates that way. Please make sure any email addresses listed on your registration are ones that are checked regularly.

Contact Information

Any questions about Confirmation Registration, Confirmation Paperwork, Confirmation Preparation sessions, Confirmation Mass, or retreat should be directed to:

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