

Confirmation Discernment Interview

A Guide for Candidates and Parents

At the end of the Confirmation preparation process, each candidate will attend an interview with a St. Mary of the Mills priest, deacon, or catechetical leader.

This interview serves to:

- 1) discern a candidate's free desire to receive the gift of the sacrament of Confirmation.
- 2) ensure that this is an informed decision - that a candidate understands the sacrament, its effects, and the commitment being made to be a fully initiated, Catholic disciple.

Candidates may ask any faith questions that arose during catechesis and interview preparation. The interviewer's job is to support the candidate!

Please use the "Youth Confirmation Interview Questions and Answers" to study.

While these interviews are not "tests," several of the questions are knowledge-based.

"It is a popular strain of thought in the Church today to look down on intellectual pursuits. But a good understanding of the human person tells us that to love something we must know it first. If we do not know the truth of Christ, God our Father, the Holy Spirit, and the life of the Church, we cannot learn to love it. [Interviews] shouldn't be viewed as a purely intellectual, but a loving, discerning way to see if the candidate has an appropriate knowledge of the Lord, so he/she can enter deeply into a lived relationship." (excerpts from Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation Resource Packet, Diocese of Fort Worth)

Diligent preparation is important for a meaningful and fruitful interview!

We will conduct Confirmation interviews from Monday, April 15th through Sunday, April 28th.

Scheduling will begin on Monday, April 8th. We will contact you via email with a link to schedule a day & time. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Candidates will not be invited for an interview unless all required paperwork has been submitted.

Interviews will last a maximum of 30 minutes in length. They will take place in-person or using Zoom based on the preference of the family. At least one parent must attend.

Unfortunately, we cannot entertain requests for a particular interviewer.