



ADULT CONFIRMATION

A Primer From the
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A Group “In Limbo”

Adult confirmandi are often uncatechized, and occasionally unchurched.

In many cases, they are preparing to be a godparent or sponsor, or to be married in the Church.

Regardless of the motivation, this is an excellent opportunity to evangelize and catechize adult confirmandi, inviting them into deeper community and communion.

Did You Know?

The sacrament of Confirmation is not *technically* required for marriage in the Roman Catholic Church, although it should be received if it can be done without grave inconvenience.

Avenues for Adults Seeking Confirmation

Adult who has not been baptized

Adult baptized Roman Catholic
OR baptized in another Christian tradition
with no other sacraments

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adult baptized Roman Catholic
who has received First Communion,
but NOT Confirmation

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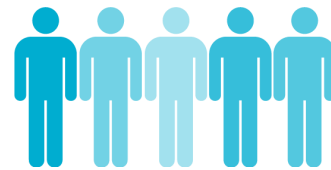
Neither a youth Confirmation preparation program nor the RCIA process is appropriate for the sacramental preparation of adults seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.

What To Do With An Adult Confirmand



Adults seeking Confirmation should first reach out to their parish.

Parishes should make every effort to catechize inquiring adults on the local level.



Adult confirmandi should ideally be catechized in community with others; neighboring parishes are encouraged to collaborate.

Please visit the OEEC website for a list of parishes currently offering Adult Confirmation classes.



Adults may be confirmed at either the Archdiocesan ceremonies, which take place multiple times per year, or in the parish during youth Confirmation.

(In the time of COVID-19, Archbishop Blair has also provided for pastors to confirm in the parish.)



Visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org for more Adult Confirmation opportunities and resources.