

Bishop's Adult Initiative for the Rite of Confirmation

In an effort to **"open wide the doors to Christ"** for the people of our diocese, permission has been extended for pastors to confirm adults in their parishes on Pentecost. St. Mark the Evangelist invites our **practicing adult Catholics** (18 years of age and out of high school), who lack the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be sealed with the fullness of the gift of the Holy Spirit.



If you are currently **a registered member of St. Mark the Evangelist and a practicing adult Catholic in good standing** who has already received the Sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist, you are invited to register to attend the preparation class on **Mon. May 7, 2018** beginning at **6:30pm**, in the **Main Conference Room #202**, located in the **Smyth Pastoral Center**. Sponsors are welcome to attend, although it is not required. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost on **Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the 5:30pm Mass**. **Please note:** If you lack both Confirmation and Eucharist/Holy Communion, there are additional classes that must be attended in order to be confirmed at Pentecost. The classes will be held Mon. Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 at 6:30pm in the same location.

To register for the Adult Confirmation preparation class, the following information must be turned in to the Faith Formation Office, located in the St. Mark Parish Center building) **prior** to attending the class.

Registration Form for the Bishop's Adult Initiative for the Rite of Confirmation

- a copy of Baptismal Certificate with notations (*if no notations are listed and you are married, we must have a copy of the church marriage certificate*)
- a letter of good standing from the Sponsor's parish*, if not a registered parishioner of St. Mark

Please note* to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following is required: he or she must be a baptized Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, who has received Eucharist and been Confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (*e.g., attending Mass regularly, receives the sacrament of Reconciliation, etc.*) and if married, is in a marriage recognized by the Catholic church. They must lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a sponsor. The parent, *of the individual to be confirmed*, **can't be the sponsor, although they may stand in as proxy, if necessary.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Debbie Betz at dbetz@stmarkplano.org or by phone at 972-423-4715, ext. 232.

Please print:

Name: _____ (Maiden, if applicable) _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please check all that apply:

I have never been married

I have been married before

This is my first marriage

My spouse has been married before

This is my spouse's first marriage

Parents:

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Confirmation [Saint] Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Mass Time: 5:30pm, Sat. May 19, 2018