



**St. Brendan High School
Sacramental Preparation High School Program
2023-2024**

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Sacramental Preparation program for students of St. Brendan High School!

Candidates, you are preparing, in a special way, for a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Confirmation will bring you closer to God if you allow it. It will also give you the graces to go out into the world and bring God to other people. What you will learn in this short course will help you prepare for this important, life-long adventure. We, the Church, faithful on Earth and in Heaven, pray for you as you grow in your Christian witness!

Why is Confirmation a Sacrament? A person needs Baptism to be saved. A person does not need Confirmation to be saved. Why, then, does the Church offer the Sacrament of Confirmation? What does it mean to be confirmed, and why is it a sacrament?

A sacrament is a visible sign of invisible grace. Confirmation is a visible sign and a remembrance of the holy events that happened on Pentecost. After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent time with His Apostles. He opened their minds so that they could truly understand the scriptures. Before Jesus took Himself up to Heaven, He told His Apostles to stay inside and wait for the day that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. On the day we call Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles like a great, loud wind. The Spirit looked like fire; small flames broke off and rested on the head of every Apostle.

In Confirmation, we are, like the Apostles, given the Holy Spirit in a special way and for a special purpose. The Holy Ghost gives us the graces and strength to go out into the world and bring the Good News of Jesus to others. These graces, or Gifts of the Holy Spirit, are listed by St. Paul in the Bible in 1 Corinthians.

Together, let us pray for our candidates, parents and sponsors.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Kindle the fire of your love.
Send forth your spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew
the face of the earth.
Amen.*

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Confirmation Program 2023-2024

Class attendance for students, ALL parent and sponsor meetings are **MANDATORY**, no exceptions.

Saturday, September 23 - Mandatory meeting for parents and candidates, 10:30am- Media Center

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will take place on **Mondays from 2:45 to 4:00pm**.
Candidates will be notified via email where they need to report.

Monday, October 16

Monday, October 23

Monday, October 30

Monday, November 13

Monday, November 27

Monday, December 4

Monday, December 11

Monday, January 8

Friday, September 15 – Payment and application due

Friday, December 1 – Sponsor Form due

Monday, December 4 - Mandatory Confession for all candidates during Theology class

Saturday, December 16 - Mandatory meeting for parents and sponsors, 10:30am- Media Center

Monday, January 22 - Confirmation practice, candidates only- 2:45 to 4:00pm – St. Raphael Chapel

Wednesday, January 24 – distribution of Confirmation gowns (candidates) – 2:45pm - Media Center

Wednesday, January 31 - Mandatory practice for candidates & sponsors, 7:00 to 8:15 pm - St. Raphael Chapel

Confirmation Mass

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:00pm

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

2987 West Flagler Street

Miami, FL 33125

Candidates and their sponsors **MUST** arrive at **6:00 pm** wearing their gown.
No photography will be allowed during the ceremony.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2023-2024

Please fill out the following information in ***PRINT.*** (Please write legibly)

Which sacrament does the student wish to receive?

____ BAPTISM

____ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

____ CONFIRMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION:

STBHS ID#: _____

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Middle name: _____ Age: _____

GRADE: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Height: _____

Student's School E-Mail: _____ Student's Cell Number: _____

Permission to Text Message for Confirmation Purposes: Yes _____ No _____

Student's Theology Teacher: _____ Room#: _____ Period: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

MOTHER:

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Title: _____ Religion: _____

Relation to student: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ CELL TEXT MSG OK? YES or NO

Email: _____

FATHER:

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Relation to student: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ CELL TEXT MSG OK? YES or NO

Email: _____

SACRAMENT INFORMATION (ALL information is required):

Has the student received the sacrament of BAPTISM? _____YES _____NO

If NO, please contact Deacon Blanco at eblanco@stbhs.org or Mrs. Somoza at breinasomoza@stbhs.org for more information. Students can be prepared to receive all the sacraments needed.

If YES, you MUST submit a copy of the student's certificate of Baptism along with this application. This is a requirement. Please do not send originals.

Church where the Sacrament of Baptism was received: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Is it a Roman Catholic church? _____YES _____NO

Has the student received the sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION? _____YES _____NO

If NO, please contact Deacon Blanco at eblanco@stbhs.org or Mrs. Somoza at breinasomoza@stbhs.org for more information. Students can be prepared to receive all the sacraments needed.

If YES, you MUST submit a copy of the student's certificate of First Holy Communion along with this application. This is a requirement. Please do not send originals.

Church where the Sacrament of First Holy Communion was received: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

A registration fee of \$100 is required and must be included with the application and paid by **September 15, 2023**. This fee includes the book and gown for Confirmation. Please do not let financial concerns prevent you from registering.

CHECKS should be made out to:

ST. BRENDAN HIGH SCHOOL

Please write *confirmation program and student's name and ID* on the memo line.
For more information or questions, contact Deacon Blanco at: eblanco@stbhs.org

Date of check: _____ Check #: _____

Sponsor Form for the Sacrament of Confirmation

(If the student will be baptized, he/she may use the same sponsor/Godparent)

(Please fill out the information in **print** and submit to Deacon Blanco by **Friday, December 1, 2023**.)

You may scan/email the form and send it to: eblanco@stbhs.org

I, _____, have been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor for
_____, who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St.
Brendan High School.

As a Confirmation Sponsor I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church.
- I will be at least sixteen years of age on the day of Confirmation.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the communal life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact with daily.
- My current marital status conforms to all laws, norms, and principles of the Roman Catholic Church.

Full Legal Name of Confirmation Sponsor (please fill out the information in *print*)

Name: _____ Last Name: _____

My relationship to the candidate is: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone(s) _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail: _____

My current parish: _____

I promise to give my support to the confirmation candidate by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her growth as a Catholic, and the Christian example of my daily life. I do hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all the above requirements to act as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Signature of Confirmation Sponsor Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR OF CONFIRMATION SPONSOR:
I certify to the best of my knowledge that the above information is correct.

Signature of Catholic Pastor Date

Parish Seal