



## Office of Faith Formation & Parish Life

SAINT THOMAS SEMINARY - ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

### Adult Confirmation Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Required to Be Eligible for Adult Confirmation?

- ✓ Be at least 18 years of age
- ✓ Have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church
- ✓ Have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion
- ✓ Can provide sacramental records or other suitable proof of having received those sacraments
- ✓ If married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage, or have resolved all questions of sacramental marriage

#### If The Above Requirements Are Met, How Can One Be Prepared for Confirmation?

The first call should be to one's own parish. They are the first point of contact, and many either run their own classes or are preparing to do so.

If a parish is not offering *Adult Confirmation* classes, a list of the parishes who are doing so is available on the website of The Center for Catholic Education & Formation (*The Center*) at: [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org). The contact information to register for those classes is listed on the website, as well.

The Center coordinates the Adult Confirmation ceremonies in the fall and in the spring, but does not offer classes outside of parishes. However, assistance in finding appropriate preparation is offered by The Center – please call 860-242-5573.

#### What Are the Necessary Documents In Order to Be Confirmed?

- ✓ Completed *Data Collection* form – signed by pastor and catechist
- ✓ Sacramental records – baptismal certificate and certificate of first communion, or other suitable proof. Originals are not necessary, copies are accepted.
- ✓ If married, proof of sacramental marriage/convalidation/resolution to marriage impediments
- ✓ Sponsor form – signed by sponsor

All paperwork should be prepared by the parish, at the start of their Adult Confirmation classes.

## **When Is the Next Adult Confirmation Ceremony?**

The *Spring 2025 Adult Confirmation* ceremony information is as follows:

***Thursday, May 15, 2025***

***7:00 p.m.***

***Cathedral of Saint Joseph***

***140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford***

Those being confirmed, as well as their sponsors, should arrive no later than *6:00 p.m.* for a brief rehearsal and photographs with the Archbishop/Bishop.

The ceremony is open to all family, friends, and members of the community. It will also be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Hartford social media pages.

## **How Can Someone Acquire Their Confirmation Certificate?**

Original certificates of Confirmation will be distributed at the conclusion of the Confirmation ceremony. Additional copies can be requested from the parish at which the sacrament is recorded. Please allow 2 weeks after the ceremony for information to be recorded.