



San Juan Catholic Community

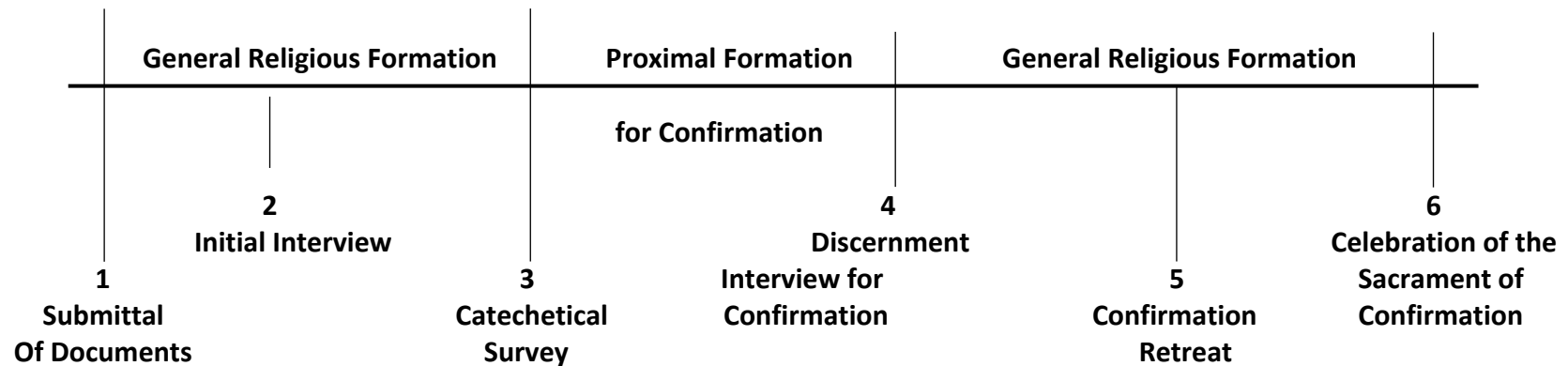
The Confirmation Process



But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

-- Acts of the Apostles 1:8

STAGES OF THE FORMATION PROCESS



1. **Submittal of Documents** - There are several important documents that must be submitted to the parish office when a student registers for Confirmation. They must be submitted before the Initial Interview is scheduled. Below is a list of the required documents:
 - A. The child's / youth's valid Baptism Certificate
 - B. The Saint's Name Form
 - C. The Confirmation Sponsor Form
 - D. The Confirmation Sponsor's Baptism Certificate
 - E. The Student's Confirmation Registration Form

Once the packet is complete and submitted to the Parish Office the Initial Interview can be scheduled.

2. **Initial Interview** - Before January 15, 2020 families are to call the office (852-2673) to schedule an Initial Interview. At the interview a member of the clergy and/or a catechist delegate will introduce him or herself and get to know the student and his or her family. The formation process and the Diocesan Discernment Form will be previewed.

After the Initial Interview the student will continue with General Formation.

3. **Catechetical Survey** - Once the student has completed the first four units in *Alive in Christ* or chapters one through 12 in *Faith Fusion*, they should contact the office to make an appointment for a Catechetical Survey. Catechetical Surveys will not be scheduled after January 16 of Confirmation in 2021. The Catechetical Survey gives the student an opportunity to demonstrate his or her understanding of basic catechetical concepts and spiritual readiness. The questions for the surveys will be pulled from the chapter reviews and unit reviews in *Alive in Christ*. For the youth that are using *Faith Fusion* the survey items will be pulled from the *Your Turn* review at the end of each chapter and the *Your Turn Doctrine Review* on pages 191 – 194.

After the Catechetical Assessment students may be invited to proximal formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prior to the first session of proximal formation, which is February 7, 2021, the student must submit the \$30 Confirmation formation fee to the office.

Parents and students are required to attend the six proximal formation sessions for Confirmation on Sunday evenings from February 7 until March 14. Parents and students are required to attend each of the 90-minute sessions. In the very rare case, a student or parent must miss a session, prior notice of their absence is required.

4. **Discernment Interview** - Prior to the last session of the formation process (in sessions four, five, and six) the student and sponsor will schedule a Discernment Interview through the office (852-2673). Only the candidate (student) and sponsor are to attend the interview. The student's handwritten letter to the Bishop will be reviewed at the interview. The purpose of the Discernment Interview is to discern the student's readiness for Confirmation, the sacrament of discipleship.
5. **Confirmation Retreat** - After the Discernment Interview, the student may be invited to a Confirmation Retreat. The date, place, and particulars of the retreat may be influenced by COVID 19
6. **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** - The actual date of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is determined by the Bishop's calendar. This date will be announced as soon as we know it.

The Confirmation Formation Process Checklist

- 1. The necessary documents have been completed and submitted to the office. _____
Date Initials to indicate receipt
- 2. Initial Interview has taken place. _____
Date Interviewer
- 3. The Catechetical Survey was completed. _____
Date Proctor Score
- 4. The Discernment Interview has been scheduled. _____
Date Time
- 5. The Discernment Interview for Confirmation was completed. _____
Date Interviewer
- 6. The Candidate for Confirmation attended the retreat. _____
Date Retreat Leader

Important Dates to Remember

- Last day for Initial Interviews for Confirmation in 2021.
- Last date for Catechetical Surveys for Confirmation in 2021.
- Proximal Formation for Confirmation Dates (Parents and Candidates Attendance is Required)
 - February 7, February 14, February 21, February 28. March 7, and March 14
- Discernment Interviews March 16 – March 26
- Confirmation Retreat – The date will be announced.