

YEARLY PLAN OF PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The celebration of Confirmation is a sacred and important moment on a long journey of faith development. It is the sacrament of entry into a living faith community – the church. The preparation for Confirmation is the responsibility of the home, school and parish working in collaboration, mapping the necessary preparation for the year. Good planning is essential for the preparation leading to the celebration of the Confirmation.

SEPTEMBER

The parish facilitates the planning of **the calendar of events** for the year for parents and children preparing for Confirmation in collaboration with the teachers and schools.

The priest visits the confirmation class throughout the year to support the pupils and teacher.

OCTOBER

Enrolment Ceremony for parents and children organised by the parish and the schools together.

Parents/Guardians provide the parish with the Baptismal Certificate of the child for confirmation.

NOVEMBER

A Night for Parents on the importance of passing on the faith within the home, supporting the young person in their faith formation and the content of the Alive O Programme used in the classroom to prepare for Confirmation.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

CATECHETICAL WEEK begins on the last Sunday of January. Resources provided on the website www.catholicbishops.ie/catholicschoolsweek

PRE CONFIRMATION:

Ceremony of Light for parents and children organised by the parish and the schools together.

A Penitential Service organised for the children by the parish and schools.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY:

The Ceremony is organised by the parish in collaboration with the schools.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY:

The children are encouraged to take **the pledge** on Temperance Sunday or at the Sunday Mass organised by the parish.

REFLECTION TIME FOR THE CONFIRMATION CHILDREN:

A retreat day helps the children to reflect on the sacrament of Confirmation. A day of reflection is of benefit afterwards as a follow up to the Sacrament.