



Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation, one of the three Sacraments of Initiation, has been received and celebrated by youth each year in Grade 10. The Diocese of New Hampshire is now one of 11 states in the country to implement the Restored Order of the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, in that order. Throughout the diocese, parishes are preparing children and youth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation so that in the future all children will be confirmed in Grade 3. Depending on the size of the parish's formation program, all youth and children between Grades 3 and 10 will receive the sacrament over the next two-year period.

At Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Joseph's Parish, Confirmation preparation began in September 2018, with all children in Grades 3 thru 10 receiving the sacrament in the Spring of 2019. We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to help prepare our parish children, youth and their families to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

More information on the Restored Order of the Sacraments can be found on the Diocese of Manchester website and our parish faith formation office.

<https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Parishes/Parish-Faith-Formation/Lifelong-Faith-Formation/Presentation-MsgrCaron-RestoredOrder.pdf>



First Holy Communion

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, the most Holy of Sacraments, is currently a one-year program received in Grade 3 with weekly classes, as well as two parent/child retreats. Children must be baptized and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to preparing for First Holy Communion.

After the 2018-2019 calendar year, all children entering Grade 3 will prepare for both the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The two Sacraments will be received during the Easter Season.



First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation classes prepare children to receive the Sacrament of healing and forgiveness. Classes are part of a one-year program beginning in Grade 2 and include two parent/child retreats. Children must be baptized to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.