

**Your child
is being
invited
to be
Confirmed**



**Brackenstown Parish Confirmation Preparation Programme
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What is involved?

The first step in the preparation for Confirmation is to talk to your son/daughter.

Is this what they want to do.

If it is are they prepared, with your help to do the work and preparation needed?

- The Church in Ireland offers the opportunity to young people from the age of 11years to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as long as they have done the necessary preparation.
- If your child attends St. Cronan's Senior School or Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe then the religious education programme is taught in school.
- If your child attends Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together National Schools then the religious education programme is taught in the classes arranged by the religion committees. Your child must have attended classes continually since First Holy Communion.

- There is other preparation that your son/daughter needs.
- The most important is the work you do at home in handing on the faith. This is done through your values, your openness to prayer and faith and your attendance at Mass and other Church services.



The Parish...

- The preparation is also supported by a Parish programme called 'You Shall Be My Witnesses'.
- It takes place on two Wednesday evenings before Christmas and two Wednesday evenings after Christmas.
- The programme is facilitated by parents who are trained to help the young people reflect and talk about the main themes of the Confirmation programme.
- The parents who get involved really enjoy and get a lot out of the programme and you are strongly encouraged to think about being a leader or volunteer, you have a lot to give and will be supported.
- In January your son/daughter will take part in a pre-confirmation Retreat, which is a good 'time-out' for them.



What do I have to do?

- If you want your child to be part of the group that begins their preparation in September, then fill in the Registration Form and return to the Parish Office by the date given.
- Your son/daughter must be Baptised and have received Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church.
- If your child was baptized in a Church other than St. Cronan's you must attach a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

Finally...

- This is an important decision in your child's life and with your support and guidance, they will gain a lot from the preparation and Sacrament of Confirmation.