

## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name used  
(In the case of married woman, state maiden name and married name) MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE TEL \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

BAPTISM DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, day, year, if possible, and the denomination in which you were baptized)

I \_\_\_\_\_ intend \_\_\_\_\_ do not intend to be **confirmed** on \_\_\_\_\_, **20**\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made a mature public affirmation of faith by being baptized as an adult or confirmed in another Christian denomination, and I intend to be **received** into the Episcopal Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and want to renew (**reaffirm**) my baptismal vows.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be informed of future opportunities for confirmation.

### **Should I be confirmed, received, or should I reaffirm my faith?**

**Confirmation** is what will be appropriate for most people. In Confirmation the Bishop prays that you will receive gifts of the Holy Spirit for ministry. It is first and foremost a sacrament of empowerment for service or ordination to the laity. Confirmation also serves as a rite of membership in the Episcopal Church and in our parish in particular.

We **receive** into this part of Christ's body anyone who has previously made what they consider an adult affirmation of faith. If you have been confirmed by a bishop in apostolic succession (i.e. if you are Roman Catholic, Orthodox or Swedish Lutheran) then you must elect to be received. Some people feel that confirmation somehow negates a previous commitment and ministry and prefer to receive the bishop's laying on of hands with words of welcome rather than a prayer of empowerment. Being received into the Episcopal Church is primarily a rite of membership.

Some who are already Episcopalians choose to **reaffirm** their faith before the bishop. This is particularly appropriate at times of transition in your life; a new city, a new job, a new relationship, a return to the church after years away. This does not automatically confer membership in All Saints', which is accomplished by requesting a letter of transfer from whichever parish currently holds your membership.