1. Confirmation of Minors

- Unless delegated by the Bishop or in an emergency, **only the Bishop can confirm a minor**.
- **Exception:**
  - If a minor (age 7–17) **has never been baptized in the Catholic Church**, they must receive all three Sacraments of Initiation during the same celebration, by the same celebrant:
    - **Baptism (or Profession of Faith)**
    - **Confirmation**
    - **Eucharist**
    - *(Formation through OCIA adapted for youth/children).*

2. Curriculum for Confirmation

- The **Diocesan Curriculum must be used** for all Confirmation classes.
- Parishes are responsible for preparing all students for Confirmation:
  - **8th grade or younger:** Confirmed at the parish.
  - **High School students:** Confirmed at the Cathedral on **August 30, 2026, at 4:30 Mass**. 2027 date TBD.
- Parishes must **provide sacramental information** for each high school student being confirmed.

3. Confirmation Preparation

- **The Pastor or Parish Administrator** is ultimately responsible for guiding and overseeing the sacramental preparation for Confirmation**.**
- **The Diocese of Lubbock** encourages meaningful and thoughtful preparation, **but does not consider the following to be required conditions** for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:
  - A two-year preparation program.
  - A set number of service hours.
  - Documented Mass attendance.
  - A formal Confirmation test.
  - Participation in a retreat before Confirmation.

Note: *The Sacrament of Confirmation, like all sacraments, is a free and unearned gift of God's grace. True, grace-filled preparation focuses on deepening the candidate's relationship with God and nurturing a life of faith.*

4. Retreats and Overnight Events

- **High school students:**
  - Overnight retreats or travel **must be pre-approved by Bishop Coerver** before announcing or fundraising at the parish level.
  - **Summer Overnight Events submission deadline is January 31, 2027. To Peggy Klein at PKlein@catholiclubbock.org**
  - Allow **at least one month** for approval (pending the Bishop's schedule).
- **Students younger than 9th grade:**
  - Permission **will not be given** for overnight events.

See: Diocese of Lubbock – Faith Formation
Contact: Peggy Klein PKlein@catholiclubbock.org

5. Inviting Speakers

- **When a parish wishes to invite a speaker from outside the Diocese of Lubbock to their parish, the following steps are required:**
  - Obtain prior approval from the Office of the Bishop.
  - Submit a current letter of good standing from the speaker's parish or diocese.
  - Provide proof of Safe Environment compliance.
- **Timeline:** All documentation should be submitted at least one month before the scheduled event.

Contact: BAguirre@catholiclubbock.org

6. Safe Environment Requirements

- **All parish personnel working with minors must have current Safe Environment clearance.**
- Each parish is required to offer a **yearly Circle of Grace class** to all minors.
- **Elementary and high school students may not be in the same classes.**

7. Contact Information

- **General Questions:**
  Sister Peggy Szeljack, OV – PSzeljack@catholiclubbock.org – 806-696-3503
- **High School Questions:**
  Peggy Klein – PKlein@catholiclubbock.org – 806-696-3506