

FOR PARENTS - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

"As Primary educators of their children, parents, along with sponsors, are to be intimately involved in Catechesis for Confirmation." - National Catechetical Directory

Our sacramental program includes Confirmation catechesis of both parents and candidates. Catechesis for the Candidates is a three-year program beginning in the 5th level and concluding in the spring of their 7th level of Religious Education.

CONFIRMATION

Requirements of Candidate:

- ❖ Must be baptized
- ❖ Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days
- ❖ Must be in the Seventh religious education level or higher
- ❖ Must have successfully completed at least two years of prior preparation in addition to the current Confirmation preparation classes
- ❖ Must have satisfactory attendance record
- ❖ Must have a sufficient knowledge of the faith and successfully completed the mission of service
- ❖ Must have attended a spiritual directed sacramental retreat
- ❖ Must have attended the mini-retreat 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion
- ❖ Must request to receive the Sacrament
- ❖ Must have a sufficient understanding of what Confirmation means to the best of their ability

Requirements of Parent/Guardian:

- ❖ Must be registered in the parish
- ❖ Must support the teachings of the Church
- ❖ Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days
- ❖ Must be personally involved in the preparation of their children
- ❖ Must attend a Religious Education Symposium
- ❖ Must attend the mini-retreat 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion

Requirements of Sponsor:

- ❖ Must be a Catholic who has received all the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist
- ❖ Must provide a certificate of eligibility with a church seal stating that they are recommended by their pastor as a fit candidate to be a sponsor
- ❖ Must be 16 years of age or older
- ❖ Desirable that this person be the same as the godparent for Baptism.

- ❖ May NOT be a parent of the candidate.
- ❖ If a proxy is necessary, they must fulfill ALL the same requirements as for the sponsor, including a letter of eligibility and may not be a parent
- ❖ Must attend Religious Education Symposium

Readiness for the reception of a sacrament is more than the age/class level of the child. Parents, staff and the child share discernment of readiness. The pastor will be consulted if postponement of a child's reception of a Sacrament is deemed advisable.

Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation and is therefore a beginning and not an end to religious education. It is expected that parents continue to enroll their children in religious education classes after they have been confirmed. This will help them as they mature in their teen years and into young adulthood, to continue to be guided in the understanding and practice of their faith.

As Primary educators of our children, we the parents will be intimately involved in Catechesis and preparation for Confirmation. We agree to the requirements of the Confirmation sacramental program as stated and formally request that our child be registered for Confirmation preparation classes.

