




PARENTAL ROLE

in

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

“The initiation of children into the sacramental life is, for the most part, the responsibility and concern of Christian parents. They are to form and gradually develop a spirit of faith in the children, and with the help of catechetical institutions, prepare them for the fruitful reception of the Sacraments... This responsibility of the parents is also shown by their active participation in the celebration of the Sacraments.”

- Serve as models for their son or daughter by growing in their personal relationship with God and living as committed Christians.
 - Share their own faith with their son or daughter, both in word and action.
 - Attend parent programs conducted to deepen their awareness of the meaning of Confirmation for Christian living, and to assist them as they help their son or daughter to come to freely request the Sacrament.
 - Participate with their son or daughter in the special liturgies and events of the preparation program.
 - Assist and encourage the teen to understand and assimilate what is being presented during the preparation period.
 - Encourage the newly-confirmed member of their family to continue to be actively involved in the Church, especially their own parish.
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The Sacrament of Confirmation Components of the Preparation Process

Suddenly, or so it seems, a child becomes a young adolescent. At this exciting and often challenging stage, parental love and support are especially necessary. The focus in the teen's self-discovery process is the recommitment to the call to live more deeply as a Christian disciple.

Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the young person affirms that, with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, they want to live a Christian life as a Catholic, bearing witness to Christ in the world.

The reception of the sacrament presupposes a developing understanding of the responsibility to bring good news to the poor and oppressed, bring comfort to the sick, uphold the sacredness of life, and work for justice and peace in society.

Parents and young people are encouraged to make this decision together in prayer, honest reflection, and discernment. The young person, with parental guidance, needs to freely choose to confirm the promises of belief made at their Baptism.

Components of 1st year preparation:

- Families begin the discussion and choice of a Sponsor for Confirmation.
- Young person participates in all scheduled religious education classes.

Components of 2nd year preparation:

- Mandatory parent and teen formation meeting.
- Completion of all required paperwork by teen.
- Young person participates in all scheduled religious education classes.
- Sponsor participates in religious education classes where their attendance is required. If Sponsor is unavailable, a Parent must attend.
- Attendance and active participation in the Confirmation *Sponsor Night + Practice*
- Service to others is part of a Christian life. Service projects are expected.

Sponsor Verification Form

Sponsor's Information

Parish of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Sponsor's Statement of Faith

I, _____, hereby state that I am a baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholic, who strives to live out my faith in all areas of my life. I am willing to pray, reflect, and interact with the candidate in order to contribute to the candidate's personal and spiritual wellbeing.

Sponsor Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Sponsor for: _____
Name of Confirmand

Date: _____

Pastor's Approval

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge, the sponsor listed above, is a registered, active, member of _____ Catholic Church. This sponsor is regularly attending Sunday Mass and is in good standing with the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form by fax or mail to:

Name of Parish _____

Attn.: (name) _____

Parish Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parish Phone _____ Parish Fax _____

Confirmation service hours (15 hours required)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>hours</u> | <u>Description of service</u> | <u>Adult supervisor</u> |
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