

Expectations of Parents

Parents:

- Are the primary educators of their children
- Are responsible for initiating their children into the sacramental life
- Serve as Christian models for their children
- Witness to their children by sharing their time, treasure and talent as gifts to the Church
- Actively participate in Sunday Mass every week
- Encourage their child to reflect on and consider the decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Assist their child with the immediate preparation for this sacrament through prayer, study, Christian service, and completing all assignments, including sponsor related assignments
- Emphasize the initiation aspect of the sacrament by encouraging their child to continue learning more about the Catholic faith
- Help their child in understanding that the Confirmation Catholic Service Action projects are the beginning of a life committed to Christian service
- Participate in meetings, programs and prayer services that are planned to help their child prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Expectations of Candidates

Candidates:

- Choose to be confirmed and make their desire known
- Are willing to participate in the Confirmation Program of study, prayer, retreat, liturgy, and service
- Attend the mandatory Confirmation retreat
- Actively participate in Confirmation Connection events
- Have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation within one month of Confirmation
- Have participated in the required learning sessions, as reflected on assignments and tests
- Practice their faith by participating in Sunday Mass weekly and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Will complete all required class work, homework, Catholic Action Service projects, and sponsor related activities
- Are aware of the initiation aspect of the sacrament of Confirmation and are committed to continuing the faithful practice and study of the Catholic faith the rest of their lives.

Expectations of Sponsors

Sponsors:

- May not be the parent of the candidate
- Will support the student to be confirmed and his/her parents in guiding the student to know God and to belong to his Church in the fullest way possible
- Know the candidate and be willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Christian influence on the candidate
- Are registered and active in a Catholic parish and be fully initiated themselves, having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; and if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- Assist the candidate in choosing and performing Catholic Action Service projects
- Participate with the candidate at special liturgies and preparation events
- Grow in a faith relationship with the Candidate, being a model of Christian living through the practice of daily prayer, weekly participation in Mass, and full participation in the life of the parish
- Need to complete the *Together With Your Sponsor* activities with the candidate
- Are informed on current church teachings

NOTES FOR SPONSORS

Here are some suggestions concerning things you can do with and for the candidate during the time of preparation.

- Pray for your candidate daily.
- Invite your candidate to accompany you to Sunday Mass.
- Invite your candidate to assist you in some service you perform in your parish.
- Take the candidate out for a meal and share with him/her your gratefulness for being chosen his/her sponsor. Let him/her know of your support.