

St. Lawrence Parish – Confirmation Candidates

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes our Christian Initiation and is an important step in our faith journey. Several projects and special events described below are designed to help our candidates grow in their faith, knowledge, and relationship with Jesus – and to encourage full participation in community life with the Catholic Church.

- **Attendance:** Full participation is expected in classroom studies. Absence policies will be enforced.
- **Doctrine:** All candidates will be held responsible for learning the basic teachings of the Catholic Church included in their religion classes and Confirmation preparation.
- **Baptismal Certificate:** If you not already done so please bring your baptismal certificate to the CRE Office. The CRE Office will notify the parish where you were baptized of your Confirmation. You cannot be confirmed without proof of baptism.
- **Sponsor:** Candidates will choose one person who will act as a Sponsor.
 - *This person must be a practicing Catholic in good standing (valid marriage, etc.), already confirmed, and have completed their 16th year.*
 - The sponsor may be either man or woman for either boy or girl.
 - **A PARENT MAY NOT BE A SPONSOR FOR THEIR OWN CHILD** per Canon Law.
 - The sponsor has specific tasks:
 - Help the candidate live as a follower of Jesus;
 - Develop a faith relationship with the candidate;
 - Accompany the candidate, when possible, to special liturgies and preparations;
 - Stand with the candidate at the Confirmation Mass;
 - Work together on a Christian Service project;
 - Sign the Sponsor Commitment Form and return to the CRE Office;
 - Attend a sponsor/candidate Evening of Reflection in the Spring.
- **Saint Report:** During the year, candidates will write and present a report about the Saint (a mentor in faith) for whom they chose their Confirmation name. Use of the baptismal name is encouraged (but not necessary) to express the connection between Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacraments of Initiation.
- **Christian Service = Faith in action:** On-going, active involvement is expected from the candidates in becoming aware of others' needs and ways we can serve our community. The minimum requirements include community service, personal faith reflections, participation in a class project, and service with their sponsor. Opportunities and examples will be provided by teachers and our Youth Minister.
- **Letter:** Each candidate will type a letter to our pastor, Fr. Roman Pasieczny. In this letter, the candidate requests the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation and explains their preparation and readiness.
- **Retreat:** Candidates will attend a retreat in the fall of 2018, or be interviewed, prior to Confirmation.
- **Reconciliation:** Opportunities to receive this sacrament will be offered to students during Advent and Lent. Candidates are highly encouraged to celebrate Reconciliation again in the Fall prior to Confirmation.