

# CONFIRMATION



## Guidelines and Parish expectations of the Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation candidates, their parents and their sponsors must show readiness for the sacrament by fulfilling the following parish expectations.

### Parents:

- 1- Will collaborate with the program by helping the candidate to come to all the assigned classes, arriving on time, and participating in the scheduled parent meeting.
- 2- Will come to the Confirmation Retreat at the assigned time.
- 3- Will motivate the candidate, by word and example, to attend weekly Sunday Mass.

### Sponsors:

- 1- Will fulfill the requisites of sponsorship
  - a. Be a fully initiated Catholic 16 years or older (must be baptized, confirmed and received communion).
  - b. If married must have the marriage sacramentally blessed by the Catholic Church.
  - c. Must be active participating member of a Catholic parish, attend Mass regularly, and have the capacity to receive communion on the day of Confirmation.
- 2- Sponsors will attend to the meetings scheduled for them.
- 3- Sponsors will help the candidate in his/her journey by mentoring him/her in the faith and actively inquiring about the candidate's progress in the classes by meeting with them several times during the year.

### Candidates:

- 1- Each candidate shall strive to conduct him/herself as a Christian at school, at home and in outside activities.
- 2- Each candidate will make prayer a special part of his/her life, especially by the practice of weekly Mass attendance. He/she will also demonstrate an understanding of the healing power of God by regular participation in the Rite of Reconciliation and confession.
- 3- Each candidate will actively participate in two service projects with their class, supervised by their catechists and Director of Religious Education.
- 4- Each candidate will participate at least once a month in the Parish Youth group during the duration of the year.
- 5- Each candidate is expected to participate in a retreat day and all activities planned in the program.
- 6- Each candidate will commit himself /herself to furthering his/her Catholic religious training.