

Confirmation Guidelines (2018-2019)

St. Mary's & St. Augustine Catholic Communities

What is Confirmation? It is the completion of your baptismal choice—you confirm the faith commitment made for you at your Baptism. IT IS NOT BECOMING AN ADULT IN THE CHURCH.

What three decisions will you be making?

- (1) To commit yourself to the preparation program- all classes and retreat times, service projects, etc.
- (2) To say "yes" to confirming your faith in your heart and in the daily living choices that you will make the rest of your life. This is a free will choice to saying yes.
- (3) To publicly celebrate Confirmation, that is, to participate in the public sacramental ceremony in which you express your "yes" before God, the Bishop, and the faith community

NATURE OF THE PREPARATION:

Participate in the introductory session **with your parent(s)** on **Wednesday September 12 at 8:00PM** at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center.

1. Participate in youth group/Confirmation classes regularly and consistently.
2. Attend the formal enrollment of candidates at Mass **on Sunday September 30th at 8AM**. Please attend with your sponsor if at all possible.
3. Complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of free service. Candidates are to do some service within the parish communities, some in their families and some in the larger civic community.
4. Turn in assignments or projects as requested and on time.
5. Be interviewed by Fr. Louis at the end of preparation regarding the completion of the above and your desire to celebrate or not to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.
6. Choose a sponsor who can "be there" for you during this confirmation process and hopefully as you continue your journey of faith through life. Your sponsor **MUST** be a practicing Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church.
7. Write a letter to Bishop Jim Powers asking for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
8. Attend a retreat provided by St. Mary's/St. Augustine's – date and time to be determined later. This will be an all day long retreat offsite on a Sunday next fall.

SPONSOR

1. A confirmed, practicing Catholic not a parent (can be a baptismal godparent)
2. Someone who can be a supportive friend, preferably a local person

ROLE OF SPONSOR

1. Assist in preparations- discuss class material and activities, do service together
2. Attend the Enrollment Mass on Sunday September 30th at 8AM
3. Attend part of the retreat in the Fall.
4. Help the candidate live out his/her Catholic faith by example and support

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