

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET

Service

1. Each candidate is to experience at least 30 hours of service. These hours should encompass service within the community, the parish and at home. As parents, you know your schedule best. Hours do not need to be divided equally among the areas. Do what works best for your family.
2. Parents will help arrange, monitor and verify the candidates' hours.
3. Hours are to be completed by the candidate's Spiritual Direction appointment.
4. The candidate will write a 200-300-word paper about his/her service experience. The paper should be a reflection on the service performed.
 - a. Parents will sign the reflection paper as verification of hours completed.
 - b. Papers will be due by the Spiritual Direction appointment.

Sponsors

1. Sponsor requirements:
 - a. At least 16 years old
 - b. **Practicing Catholic** who has received all the Sacraments of Initiation
 - c. May be male or female
 - d. May not be the candidate's parent. (Parents may serve as a presenter in the Sponsor's name, but this is not encouraged.)
2. A sponsor must be chosen and the "Witness of Sponsor" sheet returned to the Religious Education Office by February 5, 2016.
3. It is important that you choose your sponsor early. This person will be walking with you on your faith journey especially throughout this year. Your sponsor will be given some guidelines on how to walk this journey with you. You should be in contact with your sponsor as much as possible.

Confirmation Name

1. As a sign of further Christian commitment, you will be signed with the Chrism Oil by the Bishop using a name.
 - a. May be your Baptismal Name
 - b. May be a name of a saint or a "saint" in your life.
 - c. Name should carry some meaning for you about your call to Christianity.
2. Name must be turned in at your Spiritual Direction appointment.

Religious Education Classes

Attendance to the entire confirmation camp is required. If you miss any part of the Confirmation Camp (i.e. illness), please contact Geri Leibfarth. Make-up work will be arranged.

Spiritual Direction

1. Each candidate will meet with a member of Core Staff or Parish Representative for an one-half hour spiritual direction session.
2. This is an opportunity to share your faith experience with a representative of the St. Michael Community.
3. See Confirmation Schedule for dates for scheduling and appointments.

Reflection Questions, Extended Study and Sponsor/Candidate Discussion Question

You will receive a folder on your first day of camp which will contain the candidate packet. On the candidate pages you will find a reflection question. This question helps you reflect further on the topic that was presented. You also have an extended study assignment. Reflections and answers are to be recorded on these pages. The sponsor/candidate discussion questions are for you and your sponsor to discuss. You are then to write a statement or two about your discussion. These statements are also to be recorded on the candidate page. These must be completed by your spiritual direction appointment.

Prayer

The only person able to cultivate a relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit is YOU, the candidate. Sponsors, teachers, parents and staff will be praying for you. However, the time you devote to your own prayer life can bring wonderful and awesome experiences in your life.

Mass Attendance

We experience our God and faith within a community. Jesus calls us to be present to other Christians and active in our own faith life. Therefore, St. Michael Parish looks to our young people to worship with us on Sundays. The commitment to confirmation requires you to attend mass regularly.

Prior Sacraments

All candidates must have received baptism, reconciliation, and Eucharist. Those missing a sacrament should contact the DRE as soon as possible.