

Sacrament of Confirmation

General Information

1. Works of Mercy (previously known as Service Hours)
 - a. We are called to be a people of Mercy, just as our Lord, Jesus Christ. Instead of a specific amount of “hours” the Bishop calls you to perform the Works of Mercy.
 - b. Find an activity for each corporal and spiritual work of mercy. Write down in the left hand box what that work is. In the right hand box, share a reflection on your encounter with those in need. How does this connect with being a Disciple of Christ?
 - c. Parent’s will help arrange, monitor and verify the candidates’ experiences.
 - d. To be completed for the Interview.
2. Interview
 - a. Each Candidate will meet with a member of leadership staff or a parish representative for a half-hour meeting.
 - b. This is an opportunity for the candidate to share faith experiences.
 - c. Interviews will be set-up during the fall.
3. Evening of Reflection
 - a. This is a communal penance service held in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - b. All candidates are to attend. Family and sponsors are encouraged to join the candidates.
4. Sponsor information
 - a. Sponsor requirements
 - i. Has reached the age of 16
 - ii. Practicing Catholic who has received all the Sacraments of Initiation
 - iii. Parents, step-parents or legal guardians of the candidate may not serve as sponsor.
 - b. A sponsor is to be chosen and the “Witness of Sponsor” form is to be completed by February of the current year.
 - c. Candidate/Sponsor Meetings
 - i. The sponsor will be given guidelines to walk this journey with the candidate.
 - ii. Candidates and sponsors are to be in contact often.
 - iii. Candidate/Sponsor questions are to be completed by the interview.
5. Religious Education Classes
 - a. Candidate must be enrolled in and attending SMS, Discipleship or an approved home-school program throughout the student’s 7th and 8th grade years. **This is a directive from the Diocese of Toledo.**
 - b. Those candidates who missed the 7th grade curriculum should contact the DRE.

6. Confirmation Name

- a. As a sign of further Christian commitment, the Bishop will sign the candidate with the Chrism Oil calling him/her by a new name.
- b. The candidates may use their baptismal name alone or add a Confirmation name. Our Bishop would like candidates to choose the name of a canonized Saint and to become familiar with the life of that Saint. The name should carry some meaning for the candidate about his/her call to Christianity.
- c. Candidates are to complete the “Choosing a New Name” form. This is due at the interview.

7. Other information

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