

Requirements and Reasons

Requirement #1

Continue your religious education along with your Confirmation preparation.

Reason

The Archdiocesan Board believes that faith formation is a lifelong process and that Sacramental preparation is separate from the actual faith formation process.

Requirement #2

Show proof of each Sacrament received.

Reason

The Church's Sacramental records are required since we are a Sacramental Church. Confirmation is recorded in our official record books. If the candidate was baptized somewhere other than St. Mary, St. Henry or I.C., you need to provide a recent copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate. I then inform your place of Baptism that you have received Confirmation.

Requirement #3

Choose a Sponsor.

Sponsor requirements:

At least 16 years old,

Be a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with our faith,

Someone other than a parent,

Best if sponsor is someone from the parish community, who can work with you, as there are a number of activities to do together.

Reason

Since our faith formation is a lifelong journey, a sponsor is someone who is on that journey too. A sponsor is the candidates' companion, mentor and guide.

Requirement #4

Build a Sponsor/Candidate relationship.

When I receive from you the sponsor information for the sponsor that you have chosen, I will send your sponsor an outline giving suggestions for these gatherings. You need to submit a write up of these gatherings so that I know that you have met. If I don't get a write up I don't know that you have met. Please choose a sponsor who will be able to meet with you. You may e-mail your write-ups to me.

Reason

We have found that by suggesting some activities it is more likely that the sponsor and candidate get together and form a new relationship, that of candidate and sponsor. You may choose different activities.

Requirement #5

Perform 24 hours of service.

It is encouraged that the family work together on these projects. A page of reflection should be submitted so that I know that you are progressing. Please turn in your reflections as you complete the service. I need to see how you are progressing. You may e-mail these to me.

Reason

To serve is part of belonging to a faith community. Christ came to serve, not to be served. It is the same with the confirmed of the church; it is our mission to serve as Jesus served. Many of you already serve in a ministry and just don't realize it as service. For others, service projects begin a new way of life. Picture Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Being a confirmed Christian, like being a confirmed soccer player or a confirmed music lover, is a matter of deeds, not just words.

Requirement #6

Participate in Confirmation Classes.

Small group gatherings:

Large group gatherings:

Retreat

- It is crucial that the student attends each of these classes and retreat.

Reason

Think about what coaches require of athletes. That is the dedication and focus that make for a meaningful Confirmation. Plus the classes and retreat fulfill Archdiocesan requirements.

Father Don and I are eager to see you at the initial interviews. We are both so proud to be with you on this journey. If there are ever any questions, problems or concerns please let us know. God Bless,

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