

Confirmation Requirements and Activities

There will be one retreat during the year that all Confirmation Candidates must attend.

Confirmation Interview

All students will have an interview with Father Gary. Please contact Father Gary if you have not had your interview.

Faith Sharing Journey

Each student must complete a Faith Sharing Journey during the year. Each month they will be asked to reflect on their faith in the areas of Worship, Knowledge and Service. They will be required to write down their reflections by answering specific questions in these areas and hand them in each month.

Trip to Shrine

Father Gary will lead a pilgrimage and retreat to Assumption Abbey and Sacred Heart Monastery.

Sponsors

Historically, sponsors were those Christians who presented their friends as candidates for Christian Initiation. When infant Baptism came into practice, it was usually the parents who presented their children to the community, godparents being chosen in case the parents could not fulfill their responsibilities. According to the new Code of Canon Law, Baptismal godparents are preferred as Confirmation Sponsors because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation. This assumes the godparents are practicing the Catholic Faith. However, other practicing Catholics may be chosen as Confirmation sponsors. The Confirmation Candidates will be required to write a letter to their sponsor detailing why they chose him or her and what will be expected of them as a sponsor during the upcoming year of preparation. **The sponsor letter is due in September.** Confirmation sponsors must be active in their faith and at least 16 years old; this means that he/she must feel comfortable answering questions the Confirmation Candidate might have and sharing his/her faith. The sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. A Parent may not be their child's sponsor. All sponsors must have a form signed by their parish priest stating they are a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; if the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church. **The sponsor certificate will be included in the letter to the sponsor and should be sent back to Queen of the Most Holy Rosary by October 7, 2013.**

Saint Name

A name identifies us and tells others who we are. Confirmation Candidates are asked to check into reasons for their baptismal name and if they are not already aware of the reason. They may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith. One may keep the baptismal name to emphasize the fact that Confirmation is a sealing of the Baptismal Commitment.

A Saint Research Report will be required of each student. These reports will be turned in to Father Gary. There is a separate sheet in the Confirmation Candidates's folder that details the requirements for the Saint Report.

Baptismal Certificate

Baptism is necessary before one can receive any other sacrament. Every Confirmation Candidate should know the Church in which they were baptized. All church records are kept at the church of Baptism. **All Confirmation Candidates who were not baptized at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary must submit a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.**