

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

RITE OF ENROLLMENT IN THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5PM Mass

Confirmation Candidates:

This is your time to proclaim to the parish community that you are ready to commit to being a Disciple of Christ by preparing for a Sacrament that more firmly roots the Holy Spirit in you.

Please dress nicely. No jeans, shorts, short skirts or bare shoulders.

There is no assigned seating. You and your family may sit wherever you would like.

In cases of custody

Please attach legal documentation verifying the custodial arrangement of this child. Please note: joint physical custody requires a letter of permission for this Sacrament from both parents, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. In cases of sole physical custody where the person completing this form is not the custodial parent, a letter of permission is required from the parent who has sole custody. This letter of permission can be obtained on the Parish website, or by calling the Faith Formation office.

In cases where the parent is not presenting the child for the Sacrament, please contact the Faith Formation office at 891-8867 for information (ex. grandparent, foster parent).

Qualifications of a Sponsor:

a practicing Confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing – that is, living the Gospel message in their daily lives.

is practicing their faith regularly by attending Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Confession.

must be at least 16 years old and have the proper aptitude and intention to assume this role, and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

willing to pray for and with the Candidate while leading him/her closer to Jesus Christ and His Church.

able to attend the Sponsor Meeting. (Candidates are encouraged to choose someone who lives close

by) If a Sponsor is chosen who cannot attend due to traveling distance, a proxy (usually a parent)

may be chosen. A proxy is expected to fulfill the same qualifications as the Sponsor.

is a person who is prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with the young person.

is a person who will spiritually support the parents in raising the young person in the Catholic Church

for the rest of the young person's life.

must be living according to the doctrinal and moral teaching of the Church.

Catholics married/remarried outside the Church, or Catholics who choose to cohabitate outside the Sacrament of Marriage, cannot serve as a Sponsor.

Non-Catholics, not practicing Catholics, and members of Churches no in union with Rome may not serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation

Note: a sponsor may be the child's Godparent, but not required, however a Candidate's parent may not serve as a Sponsor. (* According to Canon Law 874, a Sponsor cannot be the Candidate's mother or father.)

Duties of a Sponsor:

1. Complete Verification of Eligibility form Important: All sponsors regardless if they are parishioners at Holy Family or parishioners at another Catholic church are required to complete a Verification of Eligibility form and provide required additional documentation.
2. Submit a current Sacramental record from your parish of Baptism, complete with Sacramental notations (Contact your parish of Baptism for this, including Holy Family)
3. Attend the Sponsor Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12 at 4:15PM.
4. Attend the Confirmation Retreat Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 from 2:30-4:30PM
5. Complete a Eucharistic Adoration Reflection hour with the Candidate
6. Complete an act of service that shows "Faith in Action" with the Candidate
7. Assist the Candidate in choosing a Confirmation Name
8. Write a letter of Recommendation to Fr. Loc Trinh but submitted to the Youth Ministry Coordinator about the Candidate
9. Present Candidate during the Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew
10. Continue to be available for the Candidate to lend spiritual support after the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony is over.

* Sponsor packets with instructions will be emailed early-November and the above items will be included.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Preparation and Celebration
Information for
Parents, Confirmandi & Sponsors
October 16, 2016*



*Confirmation is just the beginning
of the faith journey,
not a graduation from it.*

Sacrament of Confirmation

Eligibility for the Sacrament of Confirmation

The young person seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must

- be baptized
- participate in Mass and receive Eucharist weekly
- be able to attend weekly preparation classes for the year

Preparation Process

- Be enrolled as a Candidate for Confirmation in conjunction with the candidates for first Eucharist on Saturday, November 12 at the 5:00pm Mass
- Complete and submit Sacrament of Confirmation registration (due Nov. 1, 2016)
- Attend and participate in the weekly “the Source” Faith Formation program - *Program time is Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm*
- Declare a Sponsor - *This is presented at the parent meeting* (due Nov. 1, 2016)
- Experience Eucharistic Adoration - *This is an opportunity for the Candidate and Sponsor to spend some time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*
- Complete a Faith in Action - *This is a service project done by Candidate and Sponsor. As Catholics, this is an important part of fulfilling our baptismal call of service to others. (instructions provided in sponsor packet)*
- Choose a Confirmation Name - *This research is done with the help of the Sponsor (instructions provided in sponsor packet)*
- Attend an overnight Confirmation Retreat Jan. 7-8, 2017 with Sponsors attending 2:30-4:30PM on Jan. 7. Student cost is \$10.
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids
Date TBA by Diocese of Grand Rapids - Spring of 2017

Calendar for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Oct 16, 2015
Parent Meeting, 6:00PM
- 2016-2017
“the Source” Faith Formation classes
- Nov. 1, 2016
- ◆ Confirmation Registration and Baptism Information due
 - ◆ Sponsor Declaration due (started during parent meeting)
- Nov. 2016
Sponsor packets will be emailed to both Candidates/Parents and Sponsors
- Nov. 12, 2016
- ◆ Sponsor Meeting at 4:15PM (attending Confirmation Enrollment Mass at 5PM is encouraged)
 - ◆ Sacrament Enrollment for first Eucharist and Confirmation at 5:00PM Mass
- Jan. 7-8, 2017
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat: Sat., Jan. 7 begins at 10:30AM and ends Sun., Jan. 8 at 10AM
 - ◆ Sponsors attend Sat. Jan. 7 from 2:30-4:30PM
 - ◆ *No CFF Class for 8th graders on Sun., Jan. 9 due to retreat*
- Feb. 15, 2017
Preparation materials due:
- Faith in Action
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confirmation Name Declaration
- Sponsor Recommendation Letter
- Spring 2017
Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids (TBA)

Confirmation Registration

Due to the CFF Office by November 1, 2016

Candidate's Full Name: _____

Baptized at _____

() Holy Family; Date _____

() Other than Holy Family

Note:

- *If candidate was not Baptized or received first Eucharist at Holy Family, a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate is required by the Diocese. If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate, please contact the Baptismal Parish to request a new certificate be sent to you, and then forward a copy to the CFF office.*
- *If your child did receive first Eucharist at Holy Family, please provide the date: _____*

Baptismal Church _____

Address _____

Street

City, State, Zip

Date of Baptism _____

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name _____

Email _____

Best Contact Phone _____

In case of custody, please read back side