

Sponsor Information

Individuals seeking Confirmation must also acquire an adult Sponsor. "It is the role of the sponsor to represent the faith community." (Canon 893) The confirmation sponsor is to guide the one confirmed to act as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfill the duties of the sacrament. It is preferable for the godparent from baptism to serve as sponsor. However, another person may serve as sponsor. To become a sponsor, a person:

1. should be sufficiently mature (having completed the 16th year) in his/her faith commitment, and should be actively expressing it within the Catholic community;
2. must not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (Canon 874);
3. need not be the same gender as the candidate;
4. must belong to the Catholic Church and be fully initiated, having received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Canon 874);
5. must present a written statement of eligibility from his/her Pastor if not a member of St. Joseph Parish Community;
6. knows the candidate and is able to help him/her on the spiritual journey, sharing faith and modeling the life of a mature Catholic;
7. encourages the candidate to grow in a faith relationship with Jesus;
8. assists and encourages the candidate with the study and practice of the Catholic faith;
9. accompanies the candidate to the Confirmation Liturgy.

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Confirmation Preparation for High School Students



"Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

-Jn: 14:23-26

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation program, a candidate must be baptized and meet the following:

- **Be Registered Parishioner of Saint Joseph Catholic Church.** The candidate's family must be registered parishioners of the parish in order to enter the program. This may be taken care of at the reception desk of the rectory.
- **Be of High School Age:** Each candidate must be a minimum of a freshman in high school. An exception is made if a perspective candidate was retained a year in the public or private education system, yet continued ahead in a religious education program.
- **Has Completed the Proper Religious Education:** Each candidate must have completed a minimum of grades 6, 7, & 8 in a Catholic religious education program. Students who have not completed such and wish to enter the program must first meet with the Director of High School Faith Formation.

Age

In the Diocese of Corpus Christi, the usual age to receive the sacrament is between the ages 12-17. The ninth, tenth or eleventh grades seem to be an appropriate age for the reception of the Sacrament. Individuals who are 17 years of age or are in the tenth grade should seek the sacrament through the RCIA program which is also offered at Saint Joseph church.

Outline of Confirmation Program

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year program. Students are expected to attend eighth grade Religious Education classes before enrolling in the ninth grade Confirmation program. In a summary outline, our program is:

Year I

(Ninth Grade Year)

- Candidate and Parent Orientation Meeting
- Community Worship
- Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Discipuli*
- Study Guide
- Service Project
- Confirmation Name / Saint Research
- Selection of Confirmation Sponsor
- Book of Commitment

Year II

(Tenth Grade Year)

- Community Worship
- Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Discipuli*
- Witness Night
- Confirmation Exam
- Confirmation Retreat
- Sacrament of Penance
- Confirmation Liturgy Practice

After Confirmation

- Parish involvement
- Discipuli* (Discipleship)