

## What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. “Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or ‘confirm’ the baptized union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church” (CCC 1285). Confirmation is ***not*** a graduation ceremony or the completion of your faith journey.



## What is expected of each Candidate?

- ⇒ Each candidate is expected to attend all classes and the retreat.
- ⇒ Each candidate must complete the specified service requirement.
- ⇒ Each candidate must be an active Catholic and be actively receiving the Sacraments of the Church, including participating in Sunday Mass.
- ⇒ Each candidate must choose a sponsor who is an active Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- ⇒ Each candidate must choose a Confirmation (Saint) name and briefly research this person and present it at the retreat.

## What is expected of each Candidate's sponsor?

- The sponsor is expected to support and encourage the Candidate during this time of preparing and beyond.
- The sponsor is expected to be a confirmed and practicing Catholic who is actively receiving the Sacraments of the church, including participating in Sunday Mass.
- The sponsor is expected to be present at rehearsal and Confirmation.
- The sponsor is expected to present the Candidate to the Bishop at the Confirmation Mass.

## What is expected of each Candidate's parents?

- Each parent should be an active Catholic and be actively receiving the Sacraments of the Church, including participating in Sunday Mass.
- Each parent is expected to ensure that their child is present at all classes and fulfills the expectations set forth for the Confirmation candidates.
- Each parent is expected to continue the Faith Formation process at home and help their child to grow in the faith of the Church.