

Expectations and Guidelines for Candidates

The following are some expectations for those wishing to fully participate in the life of Christ focused and celebrated in the sacrament of Confirmation.

1. Participate in ongoing experiences in the life of the church community that enable one to become a confirmed full member of the Catholic Church including, but not limited to: daily prayer, weekly Mass, reception of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, religious education in the context of Catholic Day School, PSR and Youth Ministry.
2. Take the time to reflect upon these experiences of Church and on one's relationship with God.
3. Participate in the Confirmation sessions, Interview Process, and Spirit Day Retreat.
4. Being a Baptized Catholic or being received into the Catholic Church after Christian Baptism is required to be confirmed. We will contact you for a copy of your teens Baptismal Certificate if we do not have one on file.

Selecting a Sponsor

A sponsor for Confirmation must be...

- At least sixteen years of age, but preferably an adult member of the Church.
- Fully initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
- A practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- A candidate may have a sponsor that is male or female but cannot be the parent of the candidate.

All sponsors need to complete a Sponsor Commitment Form that is due October 28th. This form will be emailed to the parents to forward to the sponsor.

DATE		COMPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
* Material Due				
September	25	Opening Session	2:30-4:15pm 4:30-5:30pm	Olsavsky Center Mass Church
*October	28	Session 2	6:30-8:00pm	Parish Hall
		*Sponsor commitment form due		
*November	18	Session 3	6:30-8:00pm	Parish Hall
		*Confirmation Name due		
January	13	Session 4	6:30-8:00pm	Parish Hall
February	10	Session 5	6:30-8:00pm	Parish Hall
*March	5	Spirit Day Retreat	10:00am-4:15pm 4:30-5:30pm	Olsavsky Center Mass Church
		*Service project record forms due		
*March		1-25 Interviews of Candidates		
		*Interview sheet due March 25th		
April	2	Sponsor/Candidate Practice	9:30-10:30am	SJA Church
April	6	Confirmation	7:00pm	SJA Church

All forms will be emailed and can also be found on the SJA website: www.stjoanofarcchurch.org under the Sacraments/Confirmation tabs. All forms may be submitted via email to: officeoffaithformation@stjoanofarc.org or by USPS

Components of the Preparation Process for the Reception of Confirmation

Faith Formation	Instructional sessions that further each student's religious education and encourage group faith sharing throughout each gathering.
Faith Sharing	Faith sharing between sponsor and candidate includes staying in communication throughout the formation process and building a relationship based on shared Christian values.
Confirmation Name	Each candidate will select a name that is meaningful to them; either a saint or a person of faith in their life that they admire. <u>Confirmation names are due Nov. 18th.</u> A Confirmation name activity will take place on retreat day. This activity will incorporate the candidates name choice and allow each student to share in small groups the meaningfulness behind their new name.
Service Experience	We ask students to participate in 10 service hours prior to Confirmation. We want to encourage each student to live out their Christian calling to serve and to be a living witness to Christ in their community. <u>Service Record Forms are due March 5th.</u>
Spirit Day Retreat	Candidates will participate in a Spirit Day Retreat March 5 th . The retreat will include reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass.
Candidate Interview	During the month of March we ask the candidate and sponsor to complete a brief questionnaire in person or via a video platform such as facetime. The <u>interview sheet</u> (to be filled out by the candidate) is <u>due by Friday, March 25th</u> . This can be submitted via email to: ahaberman@stjoanofrarc.org
On-Going Faith Formation	During the Confirmation preparation year, candidates are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities for prayer, and service through Youth Ministry in the Parish.
Fee:	There is a \$60.00 Confirmation fee. This fee helps defray the cost of books, materials, instructional presenters, Spirit Day Retreat, Confirmation certificates, etc.
Materials:	Each candidate will receive a folder containing: candidate session handouts, a Service Project Idea sheet, a Service Record Form, and this Confirmation Process Booklet.

Receive the Holy Spirit



Confirmation Process

St. Joan of Arc Church

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