

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

COMMITMENT TO PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a sacrament of religious dedication in which the candidate is preparing to make a personal lifelong commitment to follow Jesus who is embodied in the Catholic Church. The sacrament prepares the candidate for a significant conversion to God through a unique encounter made visible to us through the symbols and rituals of the Confirmation rite. The candidate must desire to enter into the sacrament, demonstrate a sufficient level of understanding of our faith traditions, and hold him/herself open to the gifts offered by God through the Holy Spirit

PARENTS' COMMITMENT

Among the many ways we parents agree to live our commitment and help prepare our child is by:

1. helping our son/daughter discern their readiness to receive the sacrament, and encouraging him/her to delay reception of the sacrament if they are not ready;
2. attending all parent meetings;
3. setting a good example of attending weekly Mass as a family, and being active in the parish life;
4. going over homework and assignments and sharing my personal faith as my child's primary educator;

SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT

Among the ways I as a sponsor agree to fulfill my commitment to my candidate's preparation is by:

1. making myself available to my candidate to discuss aspects of our faith, and meeting *at least* monthly;
2. attending all required meetings;
3. attending all required liturgical Confirmation rites when possible;
4. completing candidate-sponsor assignments;
5. assisting my candidate in discerning his/her readiness;
6. encouraging him/her to pray and participate in the Eucharist and other sacraments.

CANDIDATES COMMITMENT

I understand that my seriousness and desire to be confirmed is demonstrated by:

1. asking to be confirmed only if I truly desire it;
2. attending: class regularly if I'm in St. Al's/St. Pat's School; every class if I'm in the parish Religious Education Program;
3. attending the Confirmation & Spirit Day retreats;
4. regularly attending weekly Mass and using my special offertory envelopes;
5. participating in all required liturgical Confirmation rites;
6. fulfilling service hour requirements;
7. meeting with my sponsor regularly;
8. completing all work assigned;
9. praying every day for help, guidance, and coming to know Jesus better;
10. continuing my faith journey and commitment to my faith by attending all sessions following Confirmation.

WE COMMIT TO LIVING OUT THESE AGREEMENTS AND ASK FOR GOD'S HELP IN GIVING OF OURSELVES, AND IN OPENING OURSELVES TO RECEIVE GOD AND EACH OTHER.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

Candidate's Signature

Date

