

## **2017 Confirmation Info**

Following is information which will help to answer questions which you may have as the date for Confirmation draws nearer. Please review this information carefully with your son/daughter so that everyone is on the same page.

Also, we will be contacting you shortly if your son/daughter has any outstanding paperwork relating to his/her Baptism Certificate, Confirmation sponsor or Confirmation name. The following should serve as a guide to help you and your teen make these important choices if you have not already done so.

### **Choosing a Sponsor**

All candidates for Confirmation need to have at least one local sponsor who meets all the sponsor requirements outlined below and also lives in Marin County or San Francisco. This person must be available and agree to meet personally with the candidate weekly--or almost weekly-- to discuss the Confirmation materials and process, and to share faith and prayer with the candidate. The sponsor must be willing to be a faith companion and role model to the candidate as well as a witness Sacrament on the date it is conferred.

The Sponsor has an important role in Confirmation---supporting you as you prepare for Confirmation. Recognizing this important role, the Church requires that a Sponsor be:

- At least 16 years of age;
- Be fully initiated into the Church (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- Be a practicing member of the Catholic Church and a registered member of a parish community in the Catholic Church;
- If married, marriage must be validated/blessed by the Catholic Church;
- Must be someone other than a parent or step-parent;
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal with you (date TBA).

The ideal Sponsor:

- Has a relationship of trust with you

- Is willing to meet regularly with you as you prepare for Confirmation
- Is prepared to accompany you on your faith journey after Confirmation
- Is willing to share his/her faith with you
- An older friend or relative in whom you can confide
- Is an open, honest, caring, committed and encouraging person who will help you grow in your understanding of the faith
- A person who will serve as a role model and mentor to you in your faith life

## **Choosing a Confirmation Name**

You may choose the name of a saint who inspires you. You should learn as much as you can about the person or saint before you make your decision. To choose a new name symbolizes a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with a special person or saint who will be a model for you to follow. This choice would be especially appropriate if you feel you are making a renewed commitment to your faith. Your renewed commitment would be symbolized with your taking a new name to show that you are in some ways a new person. This new name would be used after your middle name and before your family name.

## **Clothing guidelines for Confirmation Mass**

- Young ladies are expected to dress formally and respectfully in dresses, skirts/blouses or pantsuits. Dresses should be no shorter than 2" above the knees. There should be no bare shoulders or spaghetti straps worn (sweaters/shawls may be worn over these inside the church). Shoes should have a heel no higher than 2". No sneakers or flip flops should be worn.
- Young men are expected to dress formally and respectfully with a dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, dress shoes and suit or sport coat. No sneakers or flip flops should be worn.

## **Confirmation Rehearsal and Mass**

- **Friday, February 10, 2017 @ 6 pm:** Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors in the Church. If a Candidate's Sponsor

cannot attend the rehearsal, a parent should stand in his/her place and communicate necessary information to the Sponsor.

- **Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 5 pm:** Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Justice. Confirmation Candidates should arrive in Tarantino Hall with their Sponsors no later than 4:15 pm, dressed for Mass. Parents should assemble in the church. Reception for families will immediately follow Mass in Tarantino Hall.