

Confirmation Requirements

A parent's guide to the expectations for our candidates

1. Attendance at Sunday Mass

Families are the first church our children experience. If parents desire Confirmation for their children, they must model an active faith life. Attending Mass is our Catholic duty; it also shows the importance we place on the faith we are handing on to our children.

2. Perform 10 service credits, 10 faith credits and complete the other colored forms in the Confirmation handbook

Christian discipleship is all about faith and works. Improve your candidate's experience by attending faith-enriching events together. If you are unfamiliar with the devotion yourself, please ask questions of Fr. Roy, Fr. Paul, or others who are present. Participants are more than willing to help others understand the richness of our traditions. Doing service projects together with your child is another way to live our faith by being the hands and heart of Christ.

3. Meet with sponsor for three discussions about faith

Because parents have such an important role in the faith development of their children, a parent may NOT be their child's Confirmation sponsor. To show the connection with Baptism, godparents are the preferred choice. There are three different discussions on *Prayer and Spiritual Life*, *Saints and Service*, and *Liturgy and Community*. Help your child set up the initial meeting with their sponsor. Plan ahead if the sponsor does not live in the area or travels for extended periods of time.

4. Attend catechetical classes, including a Confirmation retreat

Attendance at class is an integral part of learning about our faith. A *Confirmation retreat is required for all candidates*. Religious Education students are allowed no more than three absences. In the event that there is a conflict with sports or another event, please make arrangements with the teacher to attend another session. Save the three absences for emergencies only, (sickness or other unplanned events!)

Confirmation Retreat for all Candidates (*parents are expected to attend Sunday morning session*) **dates to be announced**

Confirmation in 2015 will take place at St. John Vianney in Flint

In the event your folder is misplaced, the complete Confirmation handbook is available online at www.strobertparish.org. Click on the sacrament section, and then Confirmation. All the pages in the folder are listed separately. You may print off whatever parts you need.