

Who can be a sponsor?

This is a time in your spiritual development for you to mature in your faith and to begin making important religious decisions for yourself. Consider choosing a person that lives the spirit, as you would like to live the spirit. He/she should be someone who is over 16, is someone that you trust and respect, and is in good standing with the Church (married, single, or engaged-but not cohabitating). They must have completed the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. **A parent** cannot be your sponsor, parents; as the first teachers of your children, you have this role and responsibility already to bring them up in the practice of the Catholic Faith. (as you stated when they were baptized). This person will attend a meeting with you and attend the rehearsal as you prepare for your Confirmation. He/she will be by your side as you are confirmed by the Bishop. You are encouraged to choose a friend or a relative who will be part of your life for more than just a few meetings. Invite him/her early to be part of the process. Let them know ahead of meeting dates. Ideally your sponsor would be your Godparents. (one or both)

On **Sunday, March 3, 2019** - you (the candidate) and your sponsor are asked to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass and then immediately following Mass, we have finger foods to eat. The meeting will be in the Church after lunch.

Your sponsor must complete our Sponsor Eligibility Form and return it to us by this meeting. If the sponsor cannot be here at that time, you are required to bring a responsible adult with you. The meeting will end at 2:30 p.m.

What is a Confirmation Name?

A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history. You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life. Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says "Yahweh calls each of us by name." You will be required to fill out a form expressing why you chose the name.

(Above excerpt is adapted with permission from <http://www.christ-the-king-parish.org/name.htm>)

What will I wear for my Confirmation?

We ask for no jeans and no running shoes please.

Young men may wear suit jackets, if you wish. They are not required. Young ladies may want to wear a dress. If you do so, no bare shoulders please. You may wear nice dress pants.

How can I earn my Community Service Hours?

You can volunteer here at the Church (10 hours must be done with us) or you can volunteer at school, your parent's workplace, a sporting event, etc. You must complete the community service hours with someone or somewhere in which you normally do not volunteer with or for. For instance if you are an altar server, you cannot put this down as community service hours, or if you help coach a sports team, you cannot put those hours down as community service. You need to step outside of your comfort zone.

We are looking for candidates to babysit the siblings of the children making their First Confession/Communion, it is on Wednesday evenings for 2 hours; help serve at the K of C brunch; the Shrove Tuesday meal; read at Mass; take part in the Stations of the Cross during Lent, wash chairs, etc. The sign up sheets will be available at every class.

What happens at the Prayerfast on April 18/19?

PRAYERfast is an opportunity for youth to learn how they can make a difference in their community thru prayer. We will be participating in a Rosary Walk around the track across from OLPH school.

PRAYERfast empowers the youth to live out their faith and make responsible decisions about how they live their lives.

PRAYERfast is an opportunity to raise funds for those in our community. Through pledges and fasting, the candidates demonstrate their own support for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Home.

Do I have to attend the Retreat?

Yes, you must attend the retreat day. This is a very important component of our Confirmation program. Please keep this date open.

How will I be kept informed with everything that is happening?

Parents; notes will be going home with your child periodically through out the program. Please ask your child, if there was something sent home.

We may mail out a newsletter twice during the program. Please keep us updated if you move. We try to keep you informed through emails too. We have a Confirmation page up on our church website to keep you informed. Go to www.olph.dionet.org AND

we are on  Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Windsor Ontario  just like us for updates and pictures.

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