

CONFIRMATION PARENT...NOVEMBER



SEAL of BAPTISM:

As the local community grew larger, the bishop became a distant figure. His delegates, priests, baptized. Their acts were literally *confirmed* by the bishop at a later ceremony of anointing. In time, Christians began to speak of Confirmation as the “seal” of Baptism that conferred the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into believer’s lives-----the Spirit first conferred at Baptism. It is not primarily a sacrament of mature commitment, even though it is offered to teenagers.

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Confirmation and Baptism celebrate the same reality with a slightly different focus. Baptism celebrates the *gift of life*; Confirmation celebrates the *breath of life* ----the Holy Spirit.

At any age, Confirmation remains what it has always been: the completion of Baptism, one step in the process of welcoming---initiating—new members into the community whose faith rests in Jesus Christ.

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THINK ABOUT..

- *What understanding of the sacrament do you think your child has?*
- *How old were you when you were confirmed?
What understanding of the sacrament did you have?*
- *How does your child’s understanding of Confirmation differ from yours when you were confirmed?*

- *How does age influence this understanding?*
 - *Have you ever since your parish community receive new adult members?
What did you think of the celebration?*
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TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE SACRAMENT

LOOK OVER THEIR CONFIRMATION TEXT
SO YOU CAN HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CONFIRMATION PREPARTION CALENDARS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE HAVE BEEN UPDATED!!!

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/Confirmation%20Preparation%20Calendar.pdf>

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NEXT MEETING OF:

Small Faith Group

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

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Check the Small Faith Group roster by clicking on the link below

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/ConfirmationSmallFaithGroupsUpdates.pdf>

if you have not registered for a Small Faith Group contact Mrs. Casselman at the parish Religious Education office mecasselman@stgilesparish.org or 708-383-4185 ext 103

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SERVICE LOG CHECK the week of November 6

and again at all NOVEMBER Small Faith Group MEETINGS

A number of confirmandi revealed in their Small Faith Group that they **have not begun** their SERVICE COMPONENT yet!!!!

Service Opportunity Suggestions may be found on the parish webpage:

<http://stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/ConfirmationServices.html>

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Sponsor Check-In

REMEMBER CANDIDATES ARE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THEIR SPONSOR AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH!!!!

I have received a number of calls from parents regarding who is eligible to be a sponsor to reiterate the information in the Candidate packet sponsors need to be:

- 16 years of age or older
- Fully initiated Catholic: received baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation (in the Catholic Church)
- Practice the Catholic Faith

PLEASE NOTE: you may not be your child's sponsor!

Your confirmandi needs another adult role model for their faith journey in addition to you!!

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