

## Confirmation Preparation Program for

PARISH NAME

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### Program Goal

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Our parish Confirmation preparation program is designed to help our young people come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and in the life of the Church, and to a deeper appreciation of how being open to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in our lives can draw us into a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Program Requirements

LIST AND DESCRIBE THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR PARISH PROGRAM OR USE THIS OUTLINE AS A MODEL.

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### Prerequisite

Young persons who wish to participate in the Confirmation program must have been actively involved in a Catholic religious formation program for one or more years prior to participating in the parish Confirmation program.

### Parent Meetings

Parents of the Confirmation candidates are required to participate in two information meetings, covering:

- the format and content of the program
- parents' role in their teen's Confirmation preparation
- the sponsor's role
- Catholic teaching on the sacrament of Confirmation

### Entrance Meeting

Each candidate, with parent(s) or guardian(s), will meet with the Confirmation coordinator to:

- assess the individual needs of the candidate
- review the program with the candidate
- determine ways parents can assist in the program

### Welcome and Commitment Service

During a regularly scheduled weekend Mass, the parish community will welcome candidates and their sponsors to the Confirmation preparation program and candidates will demonstrate their commitment to learning about and preparing for the sacrament.

### Sponsor Meetings

Sponsors are expected to attend three meetings. The first two meetings are to:

- explain the sponsor's role and responsibilities
- offer suggestions and information on how the sponsor can fulfill this role
- update sponsors on Church teaching Confirmation

The third is a follow-up meeting to help sponsors nurture and sustain their developing relationships with their candidates.

### Sponsor and Candidate Morning of Reflection, Sponsor and Candidate Retreat

Sponsors and candidates are expected to participate in the morning of reflection and the retreat. These valuable experiences will provide the setting and opportunity to open dialogue between sponsors and candidates on important faith issues.