

Junior Confirmation Guidelines:

1. RETREAT – All candidates are required to attend the Confirmation Retreat, held at St. Anthony's from **Friday, March 9th 7pm until 4pm Sunday, March 11th**. **Anyone unable to attend the *entire* retreat must make arrangements to attend a weekend retreat with the Confirmation class of another parish.**
Mark your calendars NOW!
2. INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR – During the Spring, all candidates will be asked to schedule an interview with Fr. Tony to discuss their decision to be confirmed.
3. LETTER TO BISHOP – Confirmands are asked to write a letter to Bishop Haines expressing their desire to be confirmed. This is done at the Confirmation Retreat.
4. CONFIRMATION SPONSORS –

To be admitted to the role of a Sponsor, a person must:

- Be designated by the one to be confirmed
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
- Not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed (C. 874)

While parents are not to serve as sponsors, their role in the faith development of their children is not to be underplayed or minimized.

- The Sponsor is seen as someone who assists parents in their obligation to bring up their child in the faith – especially in the event that the parents are unable to perform this function.
- The Sponsor represents the larger Church – the entire community of believers.
- Priests, religious sisters and brothers may be sponsors. Religious sisters and brothers need permission from their immediate supervisor to act as a sponsor. (CGU p. 10)
- Sponsors and Teens are asked to meet at least twice; once before retreat, and once following retreat to discuss the "Exploring Faith" packet to be handed out during your first Wednesday night session.

5. CONFIRMATION NAMES –

Candidates may use their baptismal name or another Christian name when receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. A Christian name would be the name of a saint or blessed.

Candidates are encouraged to learn about their patron as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of their patron they wish to emulate.

Link for saints: <http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>
<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

- **Note:** Preparation usually **takes place during grades 9, 10 & 11**. Youth who miss part of any of the above components will need to make up what they missed. This means they may need to be confirmed as a 12th grader.

Please turn in bottom portion below to the Faith Formation Office

I have read and understand the Confirmation Expectations

Teen's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____