

## Confirmation Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I be a sponsor for my child for Confirmation? No, a sponsor can be your child's godparent, a friend, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or older sibling as long as they are a member in good standing in the Catholic Church which they are members. Please see Confirmation Preparation General Review (Qualifications for Sponsors).
- Does my child have to attend a retreat? Yes, attendance at one of the two retreats that we offer during the year is mandatory.
- Can my child use their name as their Confirmation name? Yes, they can take their own name or they may choose to take a Saint name.
- Does my child have to go to confession? Yes, all Confirmandi must make time to do confession prior to Confirmation.
- Does my child have to attend the Confirmation practice? Yes, attendance at practice is mandatory.
- Does my child's sponsor have to attend practice? No, if your child's sponsor is travelling from out of town and cannot make practice, then you or someone who can relay this information to the sponsor should attend in their place.
- What if my child's sponsor cannot make the actual Confirmation Mass? You may get a proxy to stand in his/her place. In this case, you may stand in as your child's proxy. However, sponsor paperwork must be signed and turned in by your child's sponsor.
- Can my child have two sponsors? No, only one sponsor should be present. Others are invited to be a part of the Mass.

- Does my child have to wear a suit? No a dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes or Sperry's are appropriate. No sneakers or sandals, please.
- Where can I download the needed forms? You may go to <http://www.stfrancishhi.org/confirmation-preparation>. All the forms and other information that is needed is located on this page.
- Does my child have to do the Advent Candle project? Yes, this is a mandatory group service project.
- Does my child have to attend the Enrollment Ceremony? Yes, this is a mandatory part of the Confirmation process.
- Does my child have to take the Confirmation test? Yes. Your child will be given a pre-test and study guide to study. The pre-test should be done at home. The day of the test, the kids may bring their pre-test and their study guide. They may use these items the last 10 minutes of the test.
- Where does my child's sponsor have to get their form signed? You should mail your sponsor form to your child's sponsor. They then should go to their parish office and have either the parish secretary or the pastor sign off on the form for them. They then can either mail it to us here at 45 Beach City Road, Hilton Head, SC, e-mail it to us at [c-rzec@stfrancishhi.org](mailto:c-rzec@stfrancishhi.org), it to 843 689-5502 or they may send it directly back to you and you can turn it into us.
- Do I have to attend these Parent/Confirmation meetings with my child? Yes, it is very important that you attend each meeting with your child. Important information is passed along at each meeting.