



## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH 2020

**Please note: Different requirements are due by different dates.**

1. Candidates are expected to live as Catholic Christians at all times, observing the laws of God and the Church, and growing in discipleship.
2. Candidates are expected to faithfully attend and participate fully in confirmation preparation sessions in the parish school or PSR unless other arrangements have been made with the Director of Religious Education. This includes all meetings, the retreat, and confirmation rehearsal (**SEE CALENDAR on separate sheet**).
3. Candidates are expected to turn in their **Confirmation Information Form** by **October 24, 2019**. *Note: If you aren't sure of the name you wish to choose for confirmation, you may leave that blank on the form, and we will remind you as confirmation approaches that you need to decide that.*
4. Candidates are expected to turn in the **Accepting the Role of Sponsor Form** by **November 11, 2019**. This form is in the Sponsor packet that will be handed out on Candidate/Sponsor Night and must be signed by the sponsor.
5. Candidates must write a **300 word reflection paper on what it means to them to be a confirmed Catholic, due by November 11, 2019**. **NOTE:** This requirement is waived for candidates who attend the Candidate/Parent Night and fill out the waiver slip while they are there.
6. Candidates must participate in the **Confirmation Retreat on February 23, 2020**. (*If you have a conflict notify the Formation Office ASAP*).
7. Candidates are expected to do a faith interview with their sponsor and write an article (300 words) about what they found most interesting, surprising, and/or inspiring during the interview. Suggested questions for the interview are included in both the candidate and the sponsor folders. Other questions may be used in addition to or instead of these suggestions. The purpose of this is not to fill in answers to the questions, but to encourage the candidate and sponsor to share faith and explore their relationship with God and the Church together and for the candidate to tell the story of what happened during that sharing. **This Sponsor Interview Article (300 words) must be turned in by March 9, 2020**.
8. Candidates are expected to be fully engaged in stewardship through *Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service* and to complete the requirements of the **Confirmation Stewardship Sheet** and turn that in by **March 9, 2020**. Suggestions for how to do this may be found in the Confirmation Stewardship Pamphlet. A minimum of **three hours of Hospitality AND three hours of Service** are required (*see specifics in the Confirmation Stewardship Pamphlet*). Candidates may choose Hospitality and Service activities not listed online – but these must be approved IN ADVANCE by the religion teacher or DRE in order to count for the confirmation requirement. The number of hours required for **Prayer and Formation** are not specified but will be amply covered by regular Sunday mass and religion class attendance. Candidates are strongly encouraged to participate in some or all of the other prayer and formation suggestions provided.
9. Candidates must pay a fee of **\$20.00** to cover the cost of materials and the retreat. This is due by **March 9, 2020**. If this is a hardship, please contact the Formation Office.
10. Candidates must participate in **rehearsal on April 20, 2020** and **sacramental celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup>**.