

8th Grade Confirmation Discernment Packet

Please Indicate Your Parish: _____ St. Albert ____ St. Michael

Steps in Confirmation Discernment Process:

1. Time of Discernment
2. Complete the following Requirements - ALL due January 2, 2019
 - Provide Letter of Intent
 - Provide Baptismal Information
 - *Baptismal certificate will be needed if you were not baptized at St. Michael or St. Albert*
 - Choose a Confirmation Name
 - Choose a Confirmation Sponsor
3. Attend Mandatory Ignite: Confirmation Day of Reflection
 - January 27, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 pm
 - Required for Teens, Parents and Sponsors
 - If the Sponsor is unable to attend, another adult mentor (other than the teen's parents) should attend in place of the Sponsor
4. Attend Confirmation Sending / Receiving Mass for your parish
 - St. Albert Teens – Sunday, May 5 at the 9:00 am Mass
 - St. Michael Teens – Sunday May 19, at all Sunday Masses (Choose One)
5. Attend Confirmation Mass
 - Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul

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LETTER OF INTENT TO BE CONFIRMED:

On May 12, 2019 8th grade teens in the Breakaway Program who desire to be confirmed and are actively practicing their faith will be able to receive the Sacrament on Confirmation. This will complete their initiation into the Church and will begin a lifetime of developing a deeper understanding of our faith coupled with a more active involvement in the Church. As part of the discernment process, each candidate will write a *Letter of Intent* explaining why they want to receive Confirmation. Here are some guidelines for the letter:

- Letters should be typed if possible
- At the top of the letter please include your name and address
- Begin the letter: "Dear Fr. Richards and Parish Staff"
- Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family, your background, your interests, etc.
- What does being confirmed mean to you?
- What does being a member of this parish community mean to you?
- What does your faith mean to you? What does it mean to you to be Catholic?
- What role do God and your faith in God play in your everyday life?
- Why do you want to be confirmed?
- How are you actively living out your faith? How is being in a Breakaway Disciple Group a part of that living out your faith?
- How will you participate in our parish community after you receive the sacrament of Confirmation? How you plan to continue your commitment to the Catholic Church, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, so as to keep your faith real and alive in the future
- End the letter: "Sincerely, (Your Name)"

Please deliver your Letter of Intent to John, Bob, Ruth or Jean by January 2, 2019

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT:

- Per Archdiocesan Guidelines:
- If your child was not baptized at St. Michael or St. Albert we will need a newly issued Baptismal Certificate from the parish of Baptism within 6 months of Confirmation (after December 2018)
- Contact the parish of Baptism – have them send you (or us) a copy
- **Confirmation Candidate** Full Name:

- **Date of Birth:** _____

- **Baptized at:**

Name of Parish _____

Address of Parish _____

- **Parents Full Name:**

Mother (include Maiden name) _____

Father _____

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME:

Choosing a Confirmation Name:

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to choose and be confirmed with a name other than your baptismal name. A Confirmation name is chosen from the list of canonized saints in the Catholic Church. **The Archbishop encourages Confirmation Candidates to choose a Confirmation name from a beloved saint.**

I will be confirmed with the Saints name listed below:

SAINT: _____

For more information on Saints Names go to:

- <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- <http://catholicsaints.info/>
- <http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp>

Please return this form to John, Bob, Ruth or Jean by January 2, 2019

SPONSOR REQUIREMENT:

Confirmation Sponsors:

- 1) Need to be a practicing Catholic
- 2) Need to have received the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- 3) Need to be at least 16 years of age at the time of Confirmation (Parents cannot sponsor their children)
- 4) Need to be present when their Confirmation Candidate is confirmed

(PLEASE PRINT)

Confirmation Candidate Full Name: _____
(first/middle/last)

Confirmation Sponsor Full Name: _____
(first/middle/last)

Sponsor Contact Information:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

What parish is the Sponsor a member at? _____

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