

## EXPECTATIONS OF ST. AUGUSTIN CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**1. Confess to belief in the Creed.** The sacrament of Confirmation strengthens and confirms *in faith*. Thus, the candidate will be a person of faith, and will profess belief in the Creed at the Rite of Confirmation.

**2. Follow the precepts of the Catholic Church:**

- Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor
- Confess your sins at least once a year
- Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season
- Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
- Help to provide for the needs of the Church, each according to his own ability

**3. Attend catechetical sessions. All candidates must attend all sessions.**

Sessions will be held Sunday mornings after 8am Mass.

10<sup>th</sup> grade sessions: Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, 2018

Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, 2019

Rite of Confirmation will be Feb. 2019

9<sup>th</sup> grade sessions: Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, 2018

Feb. 3 or 10 & Feb. 17, Feb 24, 2019

Make-up sessions will be offered Wednesday evenings.

**4. Select a sponsor** who is a confirmed Catholic in good standing. The sponsor may not be your parent, but could be another relative who is an inspiration and a guide to you. Your godparent would be an ideal choice. Sponsors attend the rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend catechetical sessions with you when possible, and to communicate regularly with you about your preparation.

**5. Be interviewed** by confirmation team at the beginning of the first year. There may also be a final interview at the end of the second year to assess your readiness for the sacrament.

**6. Participate in group service projects.** You are expected to participate in at least two group service opportunities offered by Confirmation Team. There is no set number of hours required.

**8. Select a personal ministry.** Part of preparation will be discernment of gifts. Candidates will prayerfully consider a ministry to the church as a response to these gifts.

**9. Participate in Confirmation retreat.** 10<sup>th</sup> graders have the option of attending either a diocesan retreat or St. Augustin's in-house retreat. If there is a scheduling conflict a student may attend an alternative retreat approved by the Confirmation Team. **Make schedule conflicts known as soon as possible.**