

The celebrant continues to address the sponsors:

Sponsors, continue to support these candidates with your guidance and concern. May they see in you a love for the Church and a sincere desire for doing good.

The celebrant then addresses the candidates:

Dear candidates, the Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit at your Confirmation. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.

Candidates:

Thanks be to God.

The celebrant continues to address the candidates:

Candidates, your own sponsors and this parish community have spoken in your favor. The Church, in the name of Christ, accepts their testimony. As a community of faith, we promise to continue to support you—through our prayers and encouragement—as you complete your Christian initiation.

Let us pray:

With hands outstretched over the candidates, the celebrant says the following prayer:

Lord God, Creator and Redeemer of your holy people, your great love has drawn these candidates to seek and find you.

Father, look upon them today, purify their hearts, and bring to fulfillment in them the plan of your grace, so that they can faithfully follow Christ and receive the Spirit of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End of Rite

The celebrant continues the rest of Mass with the Profession of Faith.

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RITE of ENROLLMENT

of Confirmation Candidates



“You did not choose me, but I chose you ...”

—John 15:16

Enrollment of the Candidates *(after homily)*

Confirmation Coordinator presents the candidates, using the following words:

Reverend Father, these candidates I present to you are beginning their final period of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example.

Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they begin their final preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Celebrant:

Candidates, as we enroll your names to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please read aloud your Candidate Commitment—the promises you made at the beginning of your journey that you renew today as you begin the final stages of your preparation.

Candidates:

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, when I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend and will fully participate in all *Chosen* sessions and activities.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the day of Confirmation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life—plans he reveals through my talents and dreams and through the encouragement of those who love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment. Amen.

Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly

Then the celebrant addresses the assembly in these words:

My dear friends, these candidates, already one with us through their Baptism in Christ, have asked to complete their initiation into the Church through Confirmation. Those who know them have judged them to be sincere in their desire. During the period of their catechetical formation, they have listened to the word of Christ and endeavored to follow his commands more perfectly. They have shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters in this community and joined them in prayer.

So I announce to all of you here that our community ratifies their desire to complete their initiation through Confirmation. To the parish community gathered with us tonight, I invite you to respond, "We are," to the following question:

Are you willing to affirm the testimony expressed about these candidates and support them in faith, prayer, and example as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

All:

We are.

Celebrant:

Those who are to be recognized for their progress in their Confirmation preparation, please stand, together with your sponsors. Sponsors, place your right hand on your candidate's right shoulder.

The celebrant addresses the sponsors:

Sponsors, these candidates are now entering into the final phase of intensive formation as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Do you consider them fully committed to study, prayer, and service in order to become young adult witnesses for Jesus Christ?

Sponsors:

We do.