

# Candidate Confirmation Preparation Packet

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Cathedral of St. Andrews

360 Division Ave S,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

\*Date TBD by Diocese of Grand Rapids—*usually assigned in August.*  
*Announcement of the Confirmation date will be advertised through email, fb, Parish App, and the bulletin.*

## **Eligibility for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

The young person seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must

- Be baptized
- Participate in weekly Mass
- Receive Eucharist weekly

## **Preparation Requirements**

Confirmation Prep—participation mandatory

Attend XLT nights

Attend Middle School Retreat and/or Shine Youth Rally

Being active in living out the Faith

**Calendar of Events**  
**For the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**September thru May**

Confirmation Prep: Sundays 9:35–10:45am \*Required for faith formation students\*

EDGE Program–Wednesdays 7:15–8:30pm \*not required but highly encouraged for both IHM students and FF students

**February 4th** Confirmation Registration and Baptism Certificate Due

**February 10–11** 7&8th Grade Retreat

**March 24** SHINE Youth Rally

**June 4th** Preparation Material Due

- Eucharist Adoration Sheet
- Faith in Action Packet
- Saint Research/Declaration
- Sponsor Recommendation Letter
- Sponsor Certification due

## The Role of the Sponsor

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Catholic Church. They shall be the Candidate's "spiritual mentor".

- A practicing Confirmed Roman Catholic (attending mass weekly, living the faith daily, walking with the Lord)
- At least 16 years old
- May be the Candidates God Parent
- Willing to pray for and with the Candidate while leading them closer to Jesus Christ and His Church
- A person who is prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with the Candidate as well as supportive of the parents in raising them in the Catholic Church.

## Sponsor/Candidate Preparation Projects

**Due: June 4th (Instructions included with each preparation project)**

- **My Hour with Jesus Eucharist Adoration Sheet**
- **Faith in Action Packet**
- **Saint Name**
- **Sponsor Recommendation Letter** – This is your opportunity to share what you've done with the candidate during the discernment period of their preparation. This should include:
  - \*Summary of each of the preparation projects. What are your thoughts and feelings of what you accomplished together both in discussion and action.
  - \*Include your opinion on the candidates opens and readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Subject: Recommendation Letter for Candidate Name