



Requirements for Confirmation

- Confirmation preparation will begin fall of the student's 8th grade year. Students will then be confirmed fall of their sophomore year.
- Candidates are required to have completed two years of Confirmation preparation before receiving the sacrament.
- Attendance: Candidates must be in regular attendance in faith formation classes. If a candidate is to miss a class, a parent must contact the Faith Formation Office. Two absences will result in a call from the Director of Faith Formation. More than two absences will result in a meeting with the parent, candidate, and Director of Faith Formation and/or Pastor.
- Baptismal Certificate: Parents of 9th grade candidates are to contact their child's baptismal parish and request a copy of their baptismal certificate be sent to SJV Faith Formation Office. The copy must contain the parish seal. (If baptized at SJV, no copy is needed.) **Baptismal certificate is due by March 31, 2019.**
- Retreat: 9th grade candidates are required to attend the SJV Confirmation retreat prior to receiving the sacrament.
- Sponsor: Candidates must find an appropriate sponsor (not a parent) who is 16 years old or older, has been confirmed, regularly attends Mass, and belongs to a Catholic parish. **Students being confirmed fall of 2019 must complete and return the Confirmation Sponsor Form by January 31, 2019.** Students must also give their sponsor the Sponsor Attestation Form. The sponsor will need to complete the form. The sponsor must then have their Pastor sign the form and have the parish seal affixed to the form. **The sponsor should return the form by March 31, 2019.**
- Saint name: Candidates are to choose a saint name to use for Confirmation. The chosen name must be that of a saint recognized by the Catholic Church. Students will research this saint and write a summary of the saint's life and why that saint was chosen. **Students being confirmed fall of 2019 must complete and return the Confirmation Name Form by January 31, 2019.**
- Interview: The fall of Confirmation year, the candidate will complete an interview with the Director of Faith Formation or Pastor of SJV prior to receiving the Sacrament. At this time, the student's knowledge of the faith and readiness for the sacrament will be evaluated.
- Service Experiences: **Current 8th graders are to participate in at least 7 service experiences** just as we celebrate the seven sacraments. **Current 9th graders are to participate in at least 12 service experiences**, as modeled by the twelve apostles. Candidates must track their experiences on the Confirmation Service Experiences Log per their respective grade. They should also be able to share details of the experience and how the experience affected their spiritual growth. **Forms need to be completed and returned on or before September 30, 2019.**

(Forms to be completed and returned to the Faith Formation Office: Recent Baptismal Certificate with Parish seal from baptismal parish, Confirmation Name, Confirmation Sponsor Form, Sponsor Attestation Form, Confirmation Service Experiences Log)