

## **CONFIRMATION: WHAT IS IT?**

**Parents:** Please go over this information with your child. If you want further information, or you or your child have questions please contact me for a time for your family to come in and talk more about this.

### **What is it?**

In the Catechism Confirmation is known as “The completion of Baptism”

### **What is it not?**

- It is not you becoming an adult member of the Church
  - At Baptism you became a member
  - At Eucharist you reached the “Source and Summit” of our faith with full responsibilities
- It is not you deciding to become Catholic
  - You are Catholic at baptism
- It is not just that you are receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - It is you receiving a deeper understanding of how to use those gifts

### **What are the Baptismal Promises you are re-committing to?**

V. Do you reject Satan?

V. And all his works?

V. And all his empty promises?

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

### **Who can receive Confirmation?**

- Within the age range
- Profess the faith
- Be in the state of Grace
- Desire to receive the Sacraments
- Intend to live as a disciple of Christ and witness to the faith, both within the Church and the world.

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### **How do I pick a Sponsor?**

- A sponsor needs to be the following
  - At least 16 years of age, confirmed, and baptized
  - Must be a practicing Catholic
- A sponsor should be
  - Someone that you as the Confirmation candidate picks
    - Not just an honorary family title
    - Not someone who is picked for you
  - Someone who is educated in the faith and is able to give you answers of faith
  - Someone whom you look to and want as part of your life long term
  - Someone whom you trust as they are sponsoring you not just for a day but in your entire faith life.
- Make a list of people in your life that fit the above criteria
  - Then sit with your parents to discuss the people
    - Parents should not force a particular sponsor on a candidate
  - Discuss why someone might be a good choice
  - Possible interview the choices if you are stuck and unsure of who to pick
  - Then ask that person if they would be your sponsor

### **The Rite of Confirmation – What are the steps?**

Introductory Rite  
Liturgy of the Word  
Presentation of the Candidates  
Homily  
Renewal of Baptismal Promises  
The Laying on of Hands  
Anointing of the Sacred Chrism  
Prayer of the Faithful  
Liturgy of the Eucharist