

Frequently Asked Questions about Confirmation

How many sponsors may I have?

-One. There is only need for one sponsor, and it can be a godparent.

May one of my parents be my sponsor?

-No, parents serve a different capacity in Confirmation and cannot be sponsors.

May a man sponsor a young woman or vice verse?

-Yes, there are no restrictions in this regard.

May my older brother or sister be a sponsor?

-Yes, as long as the person is 16 years old, has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and is a practicing Catholic in good standing.

What if my sponsor lives far away and cannot be at my Confirmation?

-Another friend or relative (meeting the same qualifications as a sponsor) may stand in as a proxy. If you need this accommodation, please let the RE office know ASAP.

Do I have to pick a Confirmation name? /Can I use my “real” name?

-No, you do not have to pick a new name for Confirmation. Your baptismal name is fully appropriate.

Does my Confirmation name have to be a saint?

-Yes, it should be a saint of the Church who serves as a model and witness for you.

Can I have a male saint’s name if I am a girl or vice verse?

-Yes, if the saint is of great importance to you. You may also use derivatives of a saint’s name, e.g. Patricia for Patrick, if that is preferable to you.

Does the Saint Questionnaire have to be the same as my Confirmation name?

-Yes, it is fitting that your questionnaire be about the saint you have chosen for your Confirmation name.

Do I have to do a Saint Questionnaire if I am not choosing a Confirmation name?

-Yes, you will still need to complete the questionnaire on a saint of your choosing.

What do I do for service hours?

- Service is simply defined as any activity helping other people for which you do not get paid and which is not part of your regular family responsibilities (e.g. household chores). Be creative! Many opportunities are available through the parish and can be found on the webpage www.stpius.net/serviceopportunities.

Do I have to complete the hours before I am Confirmed?

-We ask that you complete 25 hours by April 10, 2023. If you are unable to do this because of some extenuating circumstance, we ask that you complete your hours after Confirmation.

Should I stop after 25 hours?

-No! Service is a joyful way of life, so we encourage you to exceed 25 hours. This is not simply to meet a requirement—it is much more about developing a habit of stewardship and care for our neighbors.

Do I have to have something signed?

-We have included a service log sheet for you to use. Please sign this along with a parent and turn it into the Religious Education office by April 10, 2023.

Other questions?

-Feel free to contact the Religious Education office at 277-5760.