

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PACKET

St. Eulalia Parish Confirmation Events

Sunday, March 09, 2025

5:00pm Mass | Presentation of Confirmation Candidates – **Rite of Welcoming**

Monday, March 31, 2025

7:00pm to 8:15pm | **Confirmation Orientation & Prayer Service** for Candidates & Parents
Review of Schedule and Events for 2025
Prayer Service
Refreshments

Wednesday, October 01, 2025

7:00pm to 8:00pm | **Presentation by Fr. Dan O'Connell** in the Church
for Candidates & Parents (Sponsors Are Invited as Well)

(Candidate Information Sheet and Essay Due at this time)

Sunday, November 02, 2025

9:00am to 7:00pm | **Confirmation Retreat**

Thursday, November 13, 2025

7:00pm to 8:30pm | **Night of Reflection** in Church for Candidates Only

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10:30 am and 1 pm | **Celebration of Confirmation** at 10:30 am for 10th Graders and 1pm for others. Candidates/sponsors should plan to arrive to Manion Hall by 9:15 am for the earlier ceremony and before 12 noon for the later ceremony.

Sunday, December 07, 2025

1 pm | **Confirmed Pancake Brunch** for Families, Manion Hall

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

*Please return this completed form and essay on October 1, 2025 at
Fr. O'Connell's Presentation

Personal Information: Please print clearly.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your EXACT date (month, date, year) of Baptism: _____

Please do not guess or estimate date & place of your Baptism. We need the exact date. Ask parent for assistance if needed.

Your EXACT Place of Baptism:

Parish _____

Town/City _____ State _____

Your FATHER'S FULL Name: _____

Your MOTHER'S FULL Maiden Name: _____

Your CONFIRMATION Name: _____

Name of your Confirmation Sponsor: _____

Sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Roman Catholic.

Original godparent at candidate's Baptism most preferred.

Sponsor cannot be a parent (although a grandparent CAN be a sponsor).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESSAY

DUE on October 1, 2025 at Fr. O'Connell's Presentation

WE REQUEST AN ESSAY FROM EACH CANDIDATE. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PUT YOUR FULL NAME AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. MAKE SURE YOU ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING 3 QUESTIONS:

1. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FAITH AND WHY YOU WISH TO BE CONFIRMED.
2. DESCRIBE WHY YOU CHOSE YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME (WHETHER YOU CHOSE YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME OR OTHER).
3. DESCRIBE WHY YOU CHOSE YOUR SPONSOR.

NOTES:

Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced.

Essays must have your name typed at the top of the page.

Essays must be approximately 250 words.

Please bring your Essay and Confirmation Candidate Information Sheet to the Parent-Candidate Session on October 1.

INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A SPONSOR

(Canon Law 8874)

The role of the sponsor in Confirmation is to ensure that the person being confirmed acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

The sponsor is essentially saying “The members of the Church want you to know that I support you. I will be happy to guide you as we try together each day to live as Jesus Christ lived. I want to share the Christian faith with you.”

It is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism also be the sponsor at Confirmation. This expresses more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and also makes the function and responsibility of the sponsor more effective.

To be a sponsor, a person must:

1. Be chosen by the one to be confirmed and have the qualifications and intent of performing the special role of a sponsor.
2. Be a practicing baptized and confirmed Catholic who has also received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and lives in harmony with the faith of the Church.
3. Be at least 16 years of age.
4. May NOT be the father or mother of the person being confirmed. A grandparent CAN be a sponsor.

ON CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

The Confirmation name is a sign that we are called by God. The idea of being called goes back to Old Testament times when God called the nation of Israel to be God's chosen people. Again and again, God called the prophets by name. In the New Testament, it is Jesus who calls us back to God; it is Jesus who knows us and challenges us to follow Him. Thus, in Confirmation, choosing a name shows that God loves us so much and knows us so well that He calls us by name.

Your initiation into the Church, begun at Baptism is now brought to completion by your choice to be confirmed. God calls us by name to be members of God's chosen family in Baptism. Again, God calls us by name to complete our membership in this family through Confirmation.

As part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have the privilege and responsibility, just like your parents did when you were born, to choose a name. Your Confirmation name should reflect your close identification as a member of the Catholic Christian community. The idea of choosing a *new* name is an option many Confirmation candidates choose. Your name should be the name of a Catholic saint. You may also choose to keep the same name that you were first called in Baptism.

There are a variety of books and websites depicting the lives of the saints that you will find very helpful as you research a Catholic saint who inspires you. We have information about the saints also available in the Mulrenan Youth Center and are happy to arrange time for you to read about the saints.