



JUST FOR PARENT'S

Can you remember the joy that was on your heart the day your child was born? How about the experiences of their baptism and first communion? Think back on all the joys and struggles you've had bringing your child to this point in his/her life. Without a doubt, your job as parents has not always been easy. As your child matures into their teen years, it may seem as if you don't even know them any more. But, you do! Deep inside, they are the same, but now they are trying to find their way, filled with anxiety and doubt, wondering who they are and who they are becoming.

Think back to when you were confirmed. What was that experience like for you? Does your confirmation still have meaning for you now? Have you grown to a deeper experience of the sacrament as an adult?

The goal of our confirmation program is to help the parents, who are the primary teachers of faith, prepare their children for a lifetime of faith development and Christian service.

Although it may seem like there are lots of requirements and things to do in preparation for Confirmation Day, we ask you to not look upon them as "just one more thing to do", but rather take the time to see the meaning behind what we together are trying to accomplish. Simply put, our goal is to help our candidates come to a conscious awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives and help them make a serious commitment to work with that Spirit as Roman Catholics.

We know your job as parents is not an easy one. We are all so busy, so tired, so concerned about the future of this next generation. The beautiful truth is that God is in control. He has given us the sacraments, including Confirmation, to help us communally, and on our individual journeys that will one day lead to Him, the One who knows us by name.

As your child develops their awareness of the Holy Spirit, we ask that you too be open to God's movements. If you are concerned about your own faith struggles, set up an appointment with a priest, spiritual counselor, or someone you trust. With God, all things are possible.

Our parish priests, staff, and community offer our prayers and assistance to you. We strive to create a healthy and holy environment in which everyone will feel welcomed and encouraged.



Let nothing disturb
you,
let nothing affright you.
All things are passing;
God never changes;
Patient endurance
attains to all things
Those whom God
possesses lack
for nothing.
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila