

ns Schedule:

n (Date) at (Location)
before Christmas Break)

Read through each session

ponsible for completing these
candidates in their efforts.

ember:

by **April 22rd 2018**. This
ed to be handed in and is for

9pm at St. Joseph's Church—
d Evening Reflection: Both
expected to be there.

m at St. Joseph's Church—
r Mass

also need to meet with Fr.
oe done in March. More
these. Sponsors, please
how your candidate have
d Catholic.

St. Jo

Sponsor

2017



Session 4: Living the Catholic Faith

It is not easy to live an authentic Catholic life. What challenges have you faced living as a follower of Christ? What challenges do you think you will face in the future?

Review effects of confirmation

Sponsors-

How do you live your C

The best part of being C

Candidates-

I want to be confirmed I

How will you continue to

How can your sponsor

Both- Confirmation gives us
confess the name of Christ bo
confess Jesus name boldly? I
bold proclamation?

For too many teens, Confirma
they come to Mass for weeks,
this surprise you? Why or why
you feel? How can you encour
live their confirmation daily?

Sponsors-

What are specific things
prepare for Confirmation

Why do you think the ca
confirmed?

What gifts does the can
to serve God?

ponsor time this) to sit in
word or phrase.

by **share** the word or phrase

er. Repeat steps 1-3 and
ed to you. What do you see

repeat steps 1-3 and instead
ng for an image ask yourself
What is God asking you to do

er with some intercessions
world. Perhaps someone or
that you would like to pray for.

experience.
nage, and challenge that you
similar theme?
s shared? Why do you think

ed in your individual prayer?

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for saying “y
young person at St. Joseph’s.
for the candidates. They are a
receiving the sacrament of Co

You will discover through
that your role as sponsor has a
You will be a **mentor** as you share
of the Catholic faith. You will know
journey as you pray and share
importantly you will be a **brother**
them encounter our Lord and s
important to realize that some
brother/sister in Christ as we do
other.

On behalf of St. Joseph
ing form a young person in our
you and are here to help if you

Blessings to you on this journey

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and check-in (monthly)

s attendance
t faith formation
projects

th each other

our at adoration

Confirmation

ld be in a the state of grace
ous sin), be well prepared by
sis, and be committed to the
iled by the Sacrament.

e for ensuring the candidates
nfirmation through his/her
ervice.

challenge and correct
not come to Mass every
ke their preparations
ve concerns about the
or preparation, please call me
this.

Commit to doing one thing to more about your faith?

Next time you meet you will be
Take some time to reflect on h
God before you meet again. A
daily to pray, meditate, and co
discuss prayer if you do not ha

Session 3: Prayer

What have you done since you
faith?

What is prayer? (Look this up
Describe your prayer life.

How do you pray? (time
how long, what do you
you pray)

Describe a moment when you
closer to God during your pray
What challenges do you face w
prayer?

Lectio Divina: Take time fo
two of you to do this prayer me
invite parents and other peopl
and discussion. (Teens you c
Bible to find more information
C12. There are a number of c
one that you will do is slightly
Bible, but contains the same e
Scripture to reflect upon: Matt

Step 1: Candidate **reads** the
listens for a word or phrase th
as simple as one word or sent

2: Why Be Catholic?

One thing you chose to do
to grow closer to God?

What is happening in your life?

How has your commitment to
Confirmation been going?

What are you learning about in formation
and have you faced any

challenges? How can your sponsor help
you overcome these challenges?

God Sponsor: If a friend
is your sponsor, how would you respond?

What are you discovering/rediscovering your

Why do you want to be Catholic faith would you like

Answers to these questions? **Take
these questions together.*

Are you currently having a difficult time

Who do you select as your
sponsor? (Do not select a Saint name,
or you?) How does this Saint

Who do you want to pick for your

Effects of Confirmation

*Confirmation brings an increase in
baptismal grace:*

- *It roots us more deeply in the faith of our adopted sons and daughters. We cry, "Abba! Father!"*
- *It unites us more firmly to Christ.*
- *It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
- *It renders our bond with the Church stronger.*
- *It gives us a special strength to profess and defend the faith by word and deed, as witnesses of Christ, to conquer sin, and to live in peace, courage, and boldness, and never to be ashamed of the Gospel.*

Confirmation Checklist

help candidates complete the

- Initial Interview with youth minister
- Letter to Bishop (due February 15, 2018)
- Saint Name/Confirmation Mass (due March 2018)
- Interview with priest/youth minister (due March 2018)
- Justice Service Hours & Retreat (due March 2018)
- Complete Overnight Retreat (due March 2018)
- Meet 4 times with sponsor
- Attend Mass weekly
- Attend Class
- Attend 2 youth group nights

: The Start of a

the highlights from the past

ve been facing?

ct your sponsor?

when asked to be a sponsor

irmation day and your

prepare (classes, retreats,
:.)

f your confirmation like?

you have of that day?

one so far to prepare for

n what ways would you like to

*ve been preparing for
ears. This year you start your
on. Review the commitment
t sponsor.*

reparation for confirmation. I
-class formation sessions and
also agree to complete the
my personal retreat, the
liturgical ministry activities.

s with an open heart and give
o and group leaders.

I agree to cultivate a relationship
learn from their spiritual guidance
promise to receive all that God
and to let the gifts and fruits of
my life.

Candidates if you are prepared
sign the commitment in the front
Sponsors please help your candidate
by making sure they are attending
classes, praying, and striving for
study, prayer, and service.

Candidate– How can your sponsor
commitment? How can your sponsor
and challenge you to become

Sponsors– What advice do you
they begin this journey toward

This week one thing I can do

(Discuss how this one thing will

***Next time you meet you will
Catholic and exploring different
Please review the questions
Also do some of the questions
prepare for this session.***