

PARENT-CANDIDATE-SPONSOR-PARISH SUMMIT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PART 1 DISCUSS

1. Parents/Sponsor - recall the story of your own Confirmation Day, What do you remember? How did you feel? Why did you say yes to receiving Confirmation?
2. Parents/Sponsor – service is central to living God’s word, share your experiences with service. How/where do you serve? If you are looking for additional ways to serve, team up with your candidate and check out opportunities in various parish ministries at SFdS.

PART 2 DISCUSS

1. Parents – share with your child why you want them to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and what influence you hope Confirmation will have on their lives
2. Parents –share which gifts of the Holy Spirit you already see developing in your child?
 - a. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - ✓ Wisdom to know what is truly important
 - ✓ Understanding to know why it is important
 - ✓ Knowledge to know God and God’s plan for salvation
 - ✓ Fear of the Lord to have the right perspective of God’s almighty power and love, and our place in creation
 - ✓ Piety or Reverence to know the God who created the universe deserve love and praise
 - ✓ Counsel or Right Judgement to know what is right and wrong and to choose what is right
 - ✓ Fortitude to persist in doing the right thing, and have courage to do it no matter what
3. Parents/Candidate/Sponsors – brainstorm how you will make faith a priority.
4. Name 4 ways parents will help the child prepare fohe sacrament of Confirmation

PART 3 DISCUSS

1. Sponsor – why do you think you were chosen to be a sponsor and why did you said yes?
2. Candidate – why did you choose your sponsor and what qualities do they possess that you admire ?
3. Sponsor –which fruits of the Holy Spirit do you see in your candidate?
 - a. **The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit** – Kindness, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Generosity, Modesty, Self-Control, Chastity, Faithfulness, Gentleness
4. Sponsor/Candidate – brainstorm ways you will strengthen your relationship and be present in each other lives
5. Candidate – what expectations do you have of your sponsor in order to support you during Confirmation preparation?

PART 4 DISCUSS

1. Candidate - share your feelings regarding Confirmation preparation with your parents and sponsor. Start today and continue as you progress through the Confirmation preparation program. Are you engaged, interested, bored, disconnected, or feel shoved into the program? Whatever you are feeling, please be honest!
2. Parent/Sponsor –name 4 ways your Candidate can actively participate in Confirmation preparation program

HOMEWORK

Now that we had a chance to explore our roles in the Confirmation Preparation process, I am asking the **parents** to coordinate the completion of the CANDIDATE-PARENT-SPONSOR-PARISH Contract. Parent please complete the google form on or before Feb 7th, the link to the contract can be found on the parish website. I would suggest the candidate/parents/sponsor review the contract from time to time to ensure we are honoring each other’s commitments