



This upcoming year 2018-2019 promises to be a busy and exciting year for you and your family. Your preparation will help you to be fully ready to commit to the promises that your godparents made for you at baptism. There will NOT be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting. There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting in the fall that will discuss the entire Confirmation Preparation Program. We will keep you updated with all relevant information as it becomes available. The Confirmation date for 2019 has not yet been set by the Bishop.

## Family Interview Requirement

Each Confirmation Candidate and his/her parents will sign up for a family interview that fits their schedule. You will sign up at [ststephentinley.com/volunteer](http://ststephentinley.com/volunteer). Click the SIGN UP box and scroll to find "Confirmation 2019 Family Interviews."

**Interviews will begin on April 16. Every Confirmation Candidate needs to complete their Family Interview by June 29.** We encourage both parents to attend with their child. Families will be meeting with one of the priests or deacons from St. Stephen. It is important that you sign-up for a time that works for your family and that you make every effort to attend the scheduled meeting. If you need to reschedule, return to Sign Up Genius and delete your name from its original appointment; then schedule your new time. Please also contact the priest or deacon directly to inform them that you changed your time.

### Discussion topics during the interview may include:

- \* What Confirmation name did you pick and why? What did you learn from writing your saint report?
- \* Have you chosen your confirmation sponsor? If so, why did you choose that person?
- \* Have you completed any Mass Reflections? If so, how are they helping you to listen to God's Word?
- \* Talk about any service projects that you already have done or plan to do.
- \* Discuss your prayer life and your knowledge of the sacraments, Confirmation in particular.

We ask for your promise of cooperation and support of your child and your child's Confirmation Catechists.

- We ask you to make the effort to regularly attend Sunday Mass with your family. We ask that you support your child and help direct them if needed when they are completing their Mass Reflection Reports, but please do NOT write it for them.
- We ask you to assist your child in choosing their Confirmation name for their saint report and guide them in choosing a sponsor.
- We ask you to be supportive in your child's service projects.
- We ask that you help your child take care of their white Confirmation Folder as we will continue to use it in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation Requirements are to be turned into the RE Office as they are completed. Important information including monthly Confirmation Preparation Reports will go home Oct. 2018 through Feb. of 2019. Make sure to check your child's folder after each class.
- And finally, we would like to share our hope that this preparation period will be a time of recommitment in your own faith and in the life of your family.