

ST.MARY PARISH CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS:

[At The Beginning of Mass]:

CELEBRANT:

In Jesus' name I welcome all our 8th graders and their sponsors and parents to this celebration. Today you ask the church to accept your desire and commitment to prepare yourselves to become full members of the Body of Christ. This preparation time leads up to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Is this what you request of the Church?

CANDIDATES:

Yes, I do.

[Mass continues as usual until after the Homily]:

RITE OF ENROLLMENT:

CALL:

MEMBER OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM:

Father _____ and parishioners of St. Mary's, I present to you these baptized young men and women who seek to deepen their Christian commitment and become full members of the Catholic Church through their reception of Confirmation. Let those who wish to enroll as candidates committed to preparing for the sacrament of confirmation please stand. *[candidates stand]*

CELEBRANT:

At baptism you entered the Church and began sharing in the life of the Spirit. Since then your family and parish community have worked to create with you a solid foundation in faith. Today the Spirit in whom we all live and move and have our being moves in you and calls you to take a step of commitment. What do you ask of your parish community?

CANDIDATES:

We ask for your prayers and support.

CELEBRANT:

Jesus taught us that to be a Christian requires standing up for truth, sharing our love through service, and making God a priority in our lives. The Spirit gives us the courage and drive to live as Christians and walk Jesus' way. Are you willing to follow the urging of the Spirit and seek the gift of full Christian life?

CANDIDATES:

We are.

CELEBRANT:

Are you willing to commit yourself to the process of becoming complete in the Spirit by participating in the confirmation program, in service, and in prayer?

CANDIDATES:

We are.

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[*Celebrant addressing sponsors – “Sponsors please stand”*]

CELEBRANT:

Sponsors, are you willing to share yourselves and your faith with these candidates in order to help them become open to the Spirit in their lives?

SPONSORS:

We are.

[*Celebrant to parish community – “I invite the parish family to please stand”*]

CELEBRANT:

Members of St. Mary Parish, you have witnessed the request of these candidates to begin preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. You have also heard their sponsors pledge their support. Are you prepared to pray for them, live a Christian example, and support these candidates in becoming full, active members of our Christian community?

ALL:

We are.

CELEBRANT: [*Please be seated*]

Dear candidates, this community calls you forth as children whom God dearly loves and asks to return that love, as sons and daughters whom your family dearly loves and hopes the best for, as young people whom this parish cherishes and envisions as its future.

Although you are entering this process together and are known as “the kids preparing for Confirmation”, you are individuals, special to God, special to us. With that in mind we ask you to come forward as your name is called and receive the Word of Life as your guide.

[BLESS THE BIBLES @ THIS TIME]

[at this time team member calls off names, candidates come forward to turn in their “Promise” paper, shake Father’s hand and receive their bible and return to their seat]

CELEBRANT:

Candidates, please stand. Loving God, we ask you to bless these young people who are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. May their enthusiasm and commitment to their faith call all of us to renewal. We ask this through your Spirit, in whom we live and move and have our being.

ALL: Amen.

[**MASS CONTINUES AS USUAL**]: