

## Confirmation Notes from Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting

(September 2, 2021)

### Confirmation: Components- **Nuts & Bolts**

- We will be sending out a worksheet for your child to fill out. In it will be questions such as: *Did your parents take a Confirmation Name? If so, what was it & WHY did they chose that name? Ask your parents to tell you what they remember about their Confirmation studies & especially the day they were Confirmed.* Mail/email sheet back to MCN. Please have the Confirmation Candidate fill out the sheet & not a parent. **Remember**, you, the parent, ARE their primary catechists. What you model at home speaks volumes to your children!
- Service
  - Serving others is at the backbone of who we are as Christians and Catholics. Service is something that should come naturally to each of us, whether it is helping someone carry their groceries, volunteering at homeless shelters such as PADS
  - This would be a great way for your teen to see that service doesn't end once their Service Reflections are turned in!
  - <http://www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org/> has lots of local service opportunities!
- Confirmation Name
  - A Confirmation name does not have to be chosen. Post Vat. II, Rome prefers to keep Baptismal name as a way of completing the Initiation Sacraments.
  - If your child chose a Saint's name for a Confirmation name, it is very important that they research and learn about that particular saint. Ex: St. John, the 4 volume book Butler's Lives of the Saints has 36 different Saint Johns!
  - The saint your child chooses should have the qualities & characteristics that they would want to emulate. To seek guidance from the particular saint by looking at that saint's life and wondering, "What would my saint do in this situation?"
- **Desire to be Confirmed**
  - Remember, Confirmation is the final Initiation sacrament in the Catholic faith which started with Baptism. In Baptism you the parents and Godparents choose for your child to be initiated into our faith. This is your child's opportunity to confirm that choice and to make that choice freely on their own. And

although Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation, it marks the beginning of one's deepening faith journey to the love of God through Jesus Christ. No one NEEDS to be Confirmed. Therefore, once Confirmed, it is expected that each person be actively involved in their faith community via service, ministry & Mass attendance, one should be serious & fully & willingly receiving the sacrament.