

Suggested Ways to Support a Candidate

- Help the Candidate become aware of his or her reasons for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Help the Candidate understand and appreciate the sacrament of Confirmation, and have the right intention for receiving it.
- Help the Candidate prepare for Confirmation by encouraging him or her to pray, to participate in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and to become actively involved in the life of their parish.
- Support the Candidate and their family, and be a good example of Catholic Christian living.
- Meet with the Candidate on a regular basis for Mass, prayer, faith-sharing, reading Scripture, and discussions about the Christian life.
- Help the Candidate understand what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Present the Candidate to the bishop for Confirmation.
- Ensure that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.
- Continue to encourage the confirmed person to live a Catholic Christian life through:
 - prayer and the celebration of the sacraments
 - living the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - turning to other Catholics for support and guidance
 - studying the Catholic Faith (***Confirmation is not the END of our faith formation and education; it is only the BEGINNING!***)