

Candidates are encouraged to do this prayer service with their sponsors and their family members to serve as witnesses to their commitment to continuing the journey towards the sacrament of Confirmation. If the sponsor cannot be present, a family member can step in to represent the sponsor.

Candidates and their sponsors may choose to do this prayer service in the gathering area of St. Joseph church where the cross (already signed by some of their peers) has been placed. They may choose to bring their own permanent markers or to use the markers provided next to the cross.

The church is open M—F 6:30 am—7:00 pm and Saturday from 7:30 am—5:00 pm. You may choose any time around daily Masses and Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday if you would like to limit your social contact. No need to sign up! Daily Masses are at 6:30 am (M—F), 8:30 am (M—S), and 6:30 pm (M—Th) and the Vigil Mass is at 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Candidates and sponsors may also choose to do this prayer service at home (or over video call). In this case, they can sign a cross or religious item that will stand in as a sign of their commitment. When they are comfortable coming back to church, they can sign the cross in the back of church, along with their peers.

Rite of Enrollment

Confirmation Candidate (CC):

As we join together in prayer, we hear the call of the Lord, a call to serve. The prophet Isaiah writes: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’” Will we give the same answer Isaiah gave? Will we say, “Here I am, Lord; send me!”?

Father, we gather together this evening to declare our desire to be your witnesses through all of our words and actions. We ask you to strengthen us as we prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation through our study, service and witness. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

Sponsor or Family Member (S/FM):

Let us pray.

Our response to each petition is “**Here I am Lord, send me.**”

S/FM: When we see the hungry and thirsty, help us remember the words of Jesus; “I have come to serve, not to be served”.

CC: Here I am Lord, send me.

S/FM: When we meet the homeless, poor and needy, help us remember the words of Jesus; “I have come to serve, not to be served”.

CC: Here I am Lord, send me.

S/FM: When the lonely, sick or depressed become known to us, help us remember the words of Jesus; “I have come to serve, not to be served”.

CC: Here I am Lord, send me.

S/FM: When strangers, sinners, or enemies come into our lives, remember the words of Jesus: “I have come to serve, not to be served”.

CC: Here I am Lord, send me.

S/FM: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, bless all who have answered your call. Strengthen them as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Guide them as they discern their gifts and how to use them in service to you and to your Church. Help them, Lord Jesus, to keep their promises and strengthen them in the commitments they make.

May their services be a sign of their love for one another and their love for You. Lord Jesus, help each of them come closer to You through their work. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Signing Wooden Cross

- *Sponsor holds hand on the candidate's shoulder as the candidate signs, like at Confirmation. **Candidates: please draw a small cross by your name to show that you are the Confirmation Candidate.***
- *Candidate then places hand on the shoulder of the sponsor as the sponsor signs the cross.*

Closing Prayer

CC & S/FM (together): We have inscribed our names as a visible sign of our commitment to continue to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. By spending time in prayer, worship, study, service and reflection, we will fulfill all that is hoped for by this church. We ask the parish of St. Joseph to remember us in prayer when they see our names and those of our peers in the gathering area of church. May almighty God bless all of us as we journey on our way to Him. Let us go, led by Your Spirit, in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.