

Confirmation Student/Sponsor Conversation 1

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Please read **pgs 17-22** of your Sponsor Guide. This is the beginning of **Part 2: Four Important Conversations to Have With Your Candidate.**

This week choose Discussion starters #1, 2, or 3 to have with your teen.

One way to encourage discussion around question #3 (Ask your candidate what Saint name he or she plans to choose for Confirmation and why) is to both **look for an image of a Saint that speaks to you.**

Share the images with each other and talk about them. What do you notice about the way the Saint is depicted? What do you like about the image? Do you notice any symbolism (ie: palm branch often symbolizes martyrdom, lily symbolizes purity)? What might you add to the image, based on the research you did for your Confirmation name? etc.

Here are some websites I like to get you started - there is a wide variety of images here:

- [Kelly Lattimore Icons](#)
- [The Saints Project](#)
- [Fine Arts America](#)
- [Br. Mickey McGrath](#)
- [Portraits of Saints](#)

At this point of preparation, **your mission is to help your candidate delve into questions that will lead to informal but purposeful conversation.** Listen. Wait. Ask. Wait. Listen. Sometimes a pause is needed for young people to collect their thoughts.

This upcoming week try to **meet in person!** If you are unable to meet in person, consider using FaceTime or social media. There is special value in hearing a voice and seeing a face, especially when dealing with questions of faith.

Please **pray** for your Candidate and their family! Know that I am praying for you as you continue this important ministry in the life of your Confirmand.