CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is expected of the Confirmation Candidate?

Attend at minimum:

- Attend Mass every Sunday
- Attend confirmation preparation classes through religious education, home school or catholic school
- Attend the Holy Cross confirmation retreat (alternative dates are offered but discouraged)
- Attend Saint Workshop (makeup assignment expected if missed)
- Make **3** visits to the Adoration Chapel on three different occasions with a family member
- Complete **3** types of service opportunities
- Go to confession before you are confirmed
- Meet/communicate on a regular basis with your sponsor

Complete:

- Write a report about the saint whose name you have chosen for confirmation.
- Write a letter to our pastor, requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Submit 5 forms by the due date: *Information Form,* a *baptismal certificate* (if you were not baptized and/or made your 1st Communion at HC), *Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Certificate*, *Adoration Form* and *Service Form*

How many service hours are required?

There is no set number of service hours required. The candidate is expected to explore their gifts and offer service within the Church, family and community. We hope each candidate will perform at least **three** types of service and record them on the service record to be submitted.

Who Can Be a Sponsor? What is Expected?

See *Confirmation Sponsor Sheet* and *Confirmation Eligibility Certificate.*

What is expected of the parent?

- Attend Mass together every Sunday.
- Pray for and with your son/daughter.
- Make sure your child attends the scheduled classes & events or finishes the makeup opportunities.
- Assist your child in researching the saints and discuss options.
- Discuss with them their options for a sponsor.
- Encourage them to have an open heart to receive the gifts Our Father offers to them.
- Ask specific questions about what is learned/experienced in class, retreats and workshops.
- Help them to find service opportunities that reflect the gifts/talents you see in your teenager.
- Enliven your own understanding of the sacraments and enrich your relationship with Our Lord.

How do I get forms distributed at the Parent/Candidate Workshop?

Go to the parish website at: www.holycross-batavia.org/confirmation

If you have any questions, contact Jan Herwaldt at *630-879-4750, ext. 109 or* religiouseducation@holycross-batavia.org