

Roles and Responsibilities of Parents

All who are led by the Spirit are children of God. – Romans 8:14

Parents are the most important role models in a child's life. Parents are asked to be faith-transmitters to their children. The church's task is to equip parents to be the best transmitters possible. Children learn best when they learn with their parents. The faith journey begins at home.

For the discernment process to be as meaningful as possible parents must:

- Recognize their role as the primary catechist to their candidate.
- Be responsible for initiating their candidate into Sacramental Life.
- Be a model of Catholic Christian life to their candidate.
- Make worship, prayer, and participation in the Mass priorities and regular family events.
- Model full, active, conscious, and passionate participation in the Mass.
- Nurture their candidate's faith.
- Encourage their candidate to reflect and pray about their decision to celebrate their Confirmation.
- Encourage their candidate to view their Confirmation as a beginning and to continue to explore their faith.
- Model service as a Catholic Christian value.
- Spend quality time with your family around the dinner table to share food and your stories.
- Pray with and for your candidate.

If a sponsor is not able to attend the monthly Confirmation preparation sessions with the candidate, then a parent is required to attend in the sponsor's place. Please see the calendar for dates/times.