

## **Confirmation Expectations**

### **What St. Clare Parish Expects from Candidates**

Confirmation is the active part of the initiation process. The baptized Christian chooses to embrace the faith that was freely given at baptism. This requires that the candidate for Confirmation review his or her knowledge of what the church teaches and accepts it as his or her personal faith. This includes attentive participation at St. Clare School or Parish School of Religion, as well as individual preparation for meeting with the Bishop.

#### **To be adequately prepared for Confirmation, a student must:**

- 1) Go to Mass every weekend.
- 2) Be aware that an active faith life begins with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is one step in a lifelong journey.
- 3) Complete and return all necessary paperwork and reports on time.
- 4) Attend all scheduled group events for Confirmation preparation.
- 5) Complete 30 service hours over two years.

### **What We Expect from Parents**

Because parents are the primary educators of their children, especially in matters of faith and morality, the witness of personal faith lived joyfully is vital. Therefore, we need parents to:

- 1) Go to Mass every weekend as a family
- 2) Participate in specified events during the Confirmation process
- 3) Help with service opportunities as they present themselves.

### **What We Expect of the Sponsors\***

To fulfill the role of sponsors, they must:

- 1) Be available and willing to talk about your faith with your candidate and complete at least two faith-sharing activities with the candidate.
- 2) Accompany the candidate and present him/her to the bishop at the Celebration of Confirmation,
- 3) Complete the sponsor eligibility letter and return it to the parish office no later than June 30.
- 4) Attend the Confirmation Retreat with their candidate.

\*If the sponsor is from out of town, a local mentor may work with the candidate during preparation.