

Session One (Year B)

Sunday September 25, 2016

Pentecost Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Questions? Thoughts?

Theme: Introductions

Questions for the Candidates

- Why are you here?
- What is your bliss?
- What do you think we will study?
- Is there anything you would especially like to learn?

Scriptural basis of the Confirmation Preparation program at St. Maurice:

Matthew 11

28 "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Requirements

- Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Get a sponsor
- Attend sessions of Preparation (participate)
- Attend the retreat
- Select Confirmation Name
- Community Service
- Information about your baptism

Tests

- There is only one real test, which is open book and pass/fail, and which you definitely want to pass (Matthew 25, the Corporal Works of Mercy).
- There may also be less important tests of the content.

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Homework

- Daily Prayer: morning and evening is the standard, but you are free to do what works for you. Commit to memory the Apostles' Creed, the Pentecost Prayer, and other prayers listed in the Confirmation Preparation website.
- Frequent reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation (Confession/Penance).

Questions or comments?

Confirmation Sponsors

Any confirmed and practicing Catholic may act as sponsor. We ask that all Sponsors obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from their Pastor and submit it to the Church Secretary. All parishes have some sort of form for this, although there is no common form used by all parishes. A couple of typical examples will follow.

The most important thing that a sponsor does is model Christian living by doing good, and Catholic devotion by attendance at Mass and daily prayer. While we recommend that you consider asking one of your godparents to be your sponsor, there may be reason for not doing so, such as if they live too far away.

The sponsors' part in the ceremony will be explained at the rehearsal. The sacrament is administered much like communion, with two lines approaching the celebrant. The sponsor comes up with the candidate and stands behind them with their hand on a shoulder while the celebrant performs the anointing.

A sponsor is much like a godparent. It's a good idea to have a talk with them about their experience as a believer, and to share your concerns about the church and the faith with them. You could ask open-ended questions like

- What was it like to grow up Catholic?
- What do you remember about your religious education?
- What have you found difficult about being Catholic?
- How have you found that being a believer has helped you?
- How do you pray?

Most people have one or more issues with how the Church is governed. You might ask them how they think about things you have problems with.