

Confirmation Requirements

Age:

- Bishop Malloy's official decree dated May 19, 2013, states, "The age of those to be confirmed in the Diocese of Rockford will be established as norm for individuals who are in the 7th, 8th or 9th grade."

Confirmation Name:

- Candidates may use their given names if they are named after a canonized saint.
- If selecting a different name, it should be one the student admires or appreciates.
- It can be a Saint, a Blessed, or a biblical hero.
- The name does not have to be gender-specific.

Confirmation Sponsor:

- The sponsor witnesses the commitment to Christ the student is making.
- The sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and already received the sacrament of Confirmation, as well as be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- The sponsor cannot be a parent, but can be a Godparent.
- The sponsor does not have to be the same gender as the candidate.

Documentation

- In order to ensure that a Confirmation student has received baptism and First Communion, the parish must either:
 - verify the record of their Baptism and First Communion from the records on file,
 - or receive a copy of the Baptismal and First Communion certificate from the parish(es) where the Sacraments were received (within the last six months).
- After Confirmation is received, the parish is to record the Sacrament in their register.
 - The Confirmation register is to include:
 - Full name of the confirmed as found on his/her baptismal certificate.
 - Date and place of birth.
 - Date and place of baptism, as verified from baptismal certificate.
 - Full names of parents.
 - Confirmation name, if different than baptismal name.
 - Full name of sponsor/proxy.
 - Date and place of the Confirmation.
 - Name of Bishop (or pastor Bishop appointed) who performed the Confirmation.
- Notification of the reception of this sacrament is to be sent to the place of baptism. The date and place of the reception of this sacrament is to be noted in the baptismal register even if the sacrament took place in the same parish or faith community.