

**ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS
GRADE 9**

Attendance: Attendance is a very important in the preparation process for Confirmation. The ninth grade year is the “informational” part of the program which leads to the “formational” part of the program in the tenth grade. Each session leads to the next session and ultimately to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students in the ninth grade program are expected to attend a minimum of 85% of the sessions in order to move on to the tenth grade preparation process.

Service: Service is an integral part of the Confirmation process. Students in the ninth grade are required to do a minimum of 10 hours of service during the ninth grade Confirmation preparation period. Students must complete a service form signed by the service project coordinator and submit it to their catechists by **April 8, 2018**. A separate form concerning the Confirmation service requirement is included with this information.

Confirmation Sponsor: Students in the ninth grade preparation process are encouraged to begin thinking about who they would like to ask to be their sponsor. Ideally, the students will have a sponsor chosen by December of the ninth grade year and minimally by the fall of the tenth grade year. Please consider carefully and prayerfully who your sponsor will be. Following are the sponsor eligibility requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. A sponsor must be already fully initiated into the Catholic Church i.e., having already received the Eucharist and having already been confirmed. (c. 874 1, no. 3)
2. A sponsor must be sixteen years of age or older. (c. 874 1, no. 3)
3. A sponsor must be living a life of faith in keeping with the function of sponsor. (c. 874 1, no. 3). This requirement renders ineligible those who do not practice the faith.
4. Neither the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed can be the confirmation sponsor. (c. 874 1, no. 5)
5. Both the Rite (no. 5) and the Code of Canon Law (can. 892-893) envision only a single sponsor per candidate. It is desirable but not required that the confirmation sponsor be the same as the baptismal sponsor. (c. 983 2, no. 5).

Mass Attendance: Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is required for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation which fully initiates a person into the Catholic Church. “For by the sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC #1285). To confirm your faith in the Catholic Church is to say that God is truly present in the bread and wine. If you are confirming this, how can you not be at Mass?