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# 2020 Confirmation Registration

St. Joan of Arc Confirmation is offered annually and is open to youth in grades 10-11 who are questioning and seeking answers. There is a cost of \$100 to cover retreats and supplies, payable upon registration. Scholarships are available.

Dear Confirmand,

We welcome you to the Sacrament of Confirmation! Over the next 12 months you will explore through ritual, formation, reflection and discernment what it means to live as a person of faith.

Our time together will consist of getting to know your leaders and other candidates, as well as sharing your story of being a person of faith. You will explore what beliefs, practices, and values are at the heart of Catholicism. We will invite you to reflect on your past experiences of faith, religion, and spirituality, and consider your current ideas and feelings about those realities.

Each session will be a time of listening, discussing and reflecting in small and large group settings. There will be time to learn about the person of Jesus, exploring the core of His life, ministry and message. We hope that you will take this opportunity to grow both as a person and as a Christian, and to develop your prayer life and desire to serve others as a result.

Each activity throughout the year, and in particular participation in the Sunday evening sessions, are meant to help you in the discernment process. This is your time to reflect on your decision concerning the Rite of Confirmation.

Confirmation is you saying "I choose to express my faith in the Catholic tradition as a part of our faith community at St. Joan of Arc."

Welcome to the journey! We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Peace of Christ,

Rose Aspholm  
Youth Ministry Director

Brennan Hall  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

# SPONSOR AND CANDIDATE

## Who to Invite to be a Sponsor...

### Qualifications for a Sponsor:

- A Confirmed, Catholic adult who lives her/his faith authentically and has, or is interested in developing, a faith-filled relationship with their candidate.
- An adult who can offer direction for spiritual life.
- Someone who is committed to spending time with their candidate .
- Not the candidate's parent—we want to encourage a spiritual relationship with another caring adult.

### What are you, the sponsor, saying “yes” to?

1. Attend two retreats with your Candidate: December 1st, 2019 and one in the fall, 2020. Both retreats will be in the afternoon.
  2. Meet with the candidate monthly to discuss the materials sent to you by the confirmation team (so it is important we have a current email).
  3. Participate in a service experience with your candidate over the summer, or do one in conjunction with other candidates and their sponsors. This can be one full day, or an ongoing commitment through the summer.
  4. Attend mass with your candidate whenever possible, spend time discussing the liturgy and answer questions after the mass.
  5. Stand with your candidate at the Rite of Confirmation Liturgy in November 2020.
  6. Maintain a relationship with your candidate after they are confirmed.
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# BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

If you were baptized at St. Joan of Arc, call or stop in at the Parish Center to verify and find the date. If you were *not* baptized at SJA, you need to provide us with a copy of your Baptismal certificate by November 17th.

This can be done in two ways:

- 1) A Copy of the original (we can copy it here—we do not want to keep the original)
- 2) By calling the Church of Baptism to have them send a copy of the record to our Parish Center

The Catholic Church's documentation of sacraments is important within the parameters of the Church itself as well as in a broader historical sense. By providing the most accurate information, you can be part of this ongoing spiritual, sociological and genealogical record. If you are unsure of some church data, or are unable to obtain it, the internet is an invaluable source, and SJA has a directory which lists the names and addresses of every Catholic Church in Minnesota.

ALL BAPTISMAL INFO MUST BE TURNED IN BY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Registration will be considered incomplete until a Baptismal certificate is received.

## Contact Information:

Church of St. Joan of Arc  
4537 3rd Ave. South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419  
Phone: 612-823-8205  
Fax: 612-825-7028

## Web Information:

[www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com)  
choose from the menus:

- Sacraments
- Confirmation

## Confirmation Leadership:

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## SERVICE EXPERIENCES/SJA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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**MICAH 6:8 - ...and what does our God require of you but to Do Justice,  
Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with your God...**

### Service Experience

St. Joan of Arc wants you to experience different facets of service during your Confirmation year. We want you to share your gifts, time, and talents by serving in and around the community in a variety of settings. Candidates will participate in three different service experiences, two of which will be completed and written up by the May 5th meeting. These experiences should be in a variety of settings (global, community, parish). One of the experiences will be with your sponsor, and we encourage the summer “break” as a time to get together for that experience. The intent is for candidates to begin to develop a lifestyle of service to others and with others. Candidates are expected to find service opportunities with the help of parents, sponsors, or other adults in their life. Our Confirmation group will participate in “A Journey Home” together (April 2020) and this can be included as one of your three experiences. After each experience, please fill out a Confirmation Service form found online at [www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com) under “Sacraments,” and “Confirmation.”

### SJA Community Engagement

You have chosen the community of St. Joan of Arc to discern what it means to become confirmed. As part of your journey, we are asking you to engage in the community in a specific way. Choose three events/meetings/celebrations outside of Sunday mass or the youth ministry program to learn more about our church community. This could be attending a speaker, a concert, a prayer group, a reconciliation service, a baptism, a rally for justice, a meeting on how to respond to the homeless, etc. The possibilities are almost endless! Read the bulletin, go to the website, choose your community activity and attend! After your experience, go to our website, under “Sacraments” and “Confirmation” and find the Community Engagement form to fill out. Please complete three engagement activities by the end of the Confirmation process.

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