

The Role of Those to be Confirmed

1. *Enter the Journey*
 - Be fully engaged in the process
 - Apprentice yourself to mentors in faith: teachers & catechists, a sponsor, your parents & older siblings, others in our parish community, and don't forget - the Saints!
 - Candidates must want to be confirmed and must be willing to be involved in the preparation process...with the intent of remaining faithful to Christ and his Church.

2. *Examine Your Life*
 - What's not working?
 - For what do you need to seek forgiveness?
 - Where do you need to grow?
 - Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

3. *Develop Christian Virtue*
 - Embrace the Gifts of the Spirit
 - Cultivate the Fruits of the Spirit
 - Pick one virtue, Gift, Fruit to develop throughout the preparation process. Ask God's help. Practice, practice, practice!

4. *Reflect on (study) the mysteries of our Catholic faith*
 - Pay attention in religion class.
 - Read, reflect, question, delve...
 - Assess what you know.

5. *Serve others.*
 - This is what it means to be a disciple and follow the way of Christ.
 - Develop the habit of service in your daily life.
 - Reach out beyond your immediate environment.
 - Your life is not about you! God has a special mission for you...

Essential to helping you accomplish all of the above steps are: personal prayer; attendance at Sunday Eucharist; study, reflection and journaling; and talking about faith with others.