

Role of the Parent

Parents are an integral part of the spiritual development of their children. As a young man or woman prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and full initiation into the Catholic Church, parents are to accompany their teen in prayer, discussion, and presence. Here are a few things that you may do in seeking to live fully this stewardship:

- Encourage attendance and promptness for Confirmation Sessions, Sunday Mass, and the high school Youth Ministry Nights. Your enthusiasm and support demonstrates that you agree that these things are important.
- Pray for your son/daughter and yourself on a regular basis.
- Be a substitute for the sponsor when he/she cannot attend a Confirmation session. Work with the sponsor to help your son/daughter attend as many classes as possible.
- Encourage family participation in the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- Share your own personal faith journey or witness.
- Encourage appropriate dress for Mass. Modesty and humility are important virtues to stress during this time of preparation.