

Parent & Candidate information evening.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow people to get to know one another, to meet members of the Catechetical team and to be informed about the Confirmation Programme.

Suggested time: 1 hour.

Preparations for the meeting:

- Invitations for young people: Give out invitations to young people in the parish and Secondary school.
 - *Look at First Holy Communion records to find young people who are eligible.*
- Notice for the Bulletin: Open meeting for people to find out more about Confirmation sessions.
- Welcome card: Prepare a 'Welcome card' for parents and candidates to be placed on the tables with names of the team, contact number, parish contact details, prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- Prepare a signing in sheet: Name, address and contact details.
- Enrolment forms for candidates to complete
- Dates of Confirmation sessions, retreat days, rehearsals, the Confirmation Mass and activities post-Confirmation.

Information evening

- Venue set up: Café style: chairs around small tables – encourages talking and gives a 'parking place' for food and drink
- Place welcome cards on tables.
- Team to welcome: Confirmation Team and young people from previous confirmation group in the parish. (wear name badges)
 - Table with someone to encourage everyone to fill in details on signing in sheet.
 - Name and hand out name badges.
 - Show people to tables, make sure people are not sitting on their own.

Format of the evening

- Welcome people, give out name badges.
- Seat and distribute refreshments as people gather.

- Formal beginning with welcome and prayer
- Introductions to the catechist team and parish priest.
- Short input from a guest speaker
 - Invite a young person from a previous Confirmation programme or someone who has attended a larger event like World Youth Day, Lourdes Pilgrimage or CYMFed Flame.

- Outline of Confirmation sessions and dates.
- Opportunity to fill in an enrolment form.
- Question and answer session
- Thanks and Prayer.