

Rite of Enrolment

At the beginning of the Mass, the priest welcomes all the Confirmation candidates, their families and friends.

He might say something about the fact that today, they are being presented to the parish community and they are asking to be enrolled into the programme of preparation.

After the Gospel, the candidates are presented by a catechist, and then they will be asked some questions by the priest. The parents and the parish community are asked if they are willing to support these young people as they prepare to be confirmed.

Catechist: 'Father, I am here to present to the parish community the young people of our parish who have asked to join our programme to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation [and now a list of the candidates is read].'

As each person's name is read out, they stand and remain standing.

Priest: 'My young friends, do you want to be enrolled in the programme to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation?'

Candidates: 'We do'.

Priest 'Do you agree to take part in the sessions and activities that are a part of this programme? Are you willing to open your minds and hearts to the activities of the Holy Spirit during this time of preparation? And, do you pray for a deeper growth in faith and hope and love?'

Candidates: 'We do' Candidates to be seated

The priest asks their parents:

Priest: 'Are you willing to support these young people as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation?'

Parents/Guardian: 'We do.'

The priest asks the parish community:

Priest: 'Are we willing to support and guide the candidates by your prayers and example?'

Congregation: 'We are'.

The priest concludes the presentation by addressing the young people:

Priest: 'The parish community welcomes you with great joy. You are now enrolled as candidates. May God bless you as you begin your preparations.'

Prayers of the Faithful –

We pray for our candidates in the bidding prayers at this Mass and at all the Masses in the parish this weekend.