



## CONFIRMATION 2022-23

We are beginning to prepare our Confirmation program for our gr. 8 students whose families are registered in our parish. Students may be affiliated with St. Anselm School, St. Anselm P.S.R., NDES or another area school.

Accompanying this letter is a **Confirmation Registration** which needs to be completed and returned to the parish office by September 16. Notice near the bottom of the registration form are spaces for the name of the sponsor as well as their email address and phone number. Please give some time in prayer in choosing the sponsor for Confirmation.

Our Opening Meeting will take place on

October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Church for the Sponsors.

Parents and students will attend this session via Livestream at [stanselm.org](https://stanselm.org)

Scroll down to the church picture with the arrow on it and tap it.

This evening will address our use of the Confirmation text, **Decision Point** by the Sponsor with the candidate. We have found the interaction between the sponsors and candidates have been a very positive experience. In meeting with the sponsors, we can give them a clearer understanding of their role.

**Decision Point** will be distributed for the sponsor along with a packet of information at the meeting, if the sponsor can't make it, I invite a parent to come in the sponsor's place. The sponsor will be asked to bring the distributed materials to the parents and student. Sponsors will receive their own book and materials as well. [Please inform the sponsor of this important meeting on Oct.4](#)

Any questions, please contact me at St. Anselm parish office at 440-729-9575. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Sr Noel Marra*



## Confirmation Preparation Registration 2022-2023

Please return the following: This form completed, A copy of your Baptismal certificate (if not baptized at St. Anselm Church), A check \$50.00 made payable to:

**The Church of Saint Anselm/Confirmation**

**12969 Chillicothe Road**

**Chesterland, OH 44026**

**440-729-9575**

[sacraments@stanselm.org](mailto:sacraments@stanselm.org)

**Please be sure to print clearly.**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal Name	Last Name	Age	Gender
Address _____			
Street	City	State	Zip

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number will be used for Onecall communications (will be used for most communications)

**Religious Education History** (Indicate where you received religious education - PSR or parochial):

Grades 1 - 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade & School \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Record Information:**

First Holy Communion Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ copy attached \_\_\_\_\_

Address of church \_\_\_\_\_

Please include City, State, ZIP

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name First and Maiden Name

**Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Student was baptized at St. Anselm...records will be verified by office staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student was not baptized at St. Anselm, baptismal certificate is enclosed (We will return original).

**Please note:** Canon law requires that the parish Confirmation coordinator see and verify the information on the Baptismal certificate in preparation for reception of the sacrament.

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor information: There are four requirements of a sponsor: (1) Active Catholic; (2) Baptized and received First Holy Communion and Confirmation; (3) Over 16 years of age; (4) If married, marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Parents may not be sponsors for their child.**

Please return registration to us by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please mail or scan to [sacraments@stanselm.org](mailto:sacraments@stanselm.org)  
Sister Noel will contact you with further information later.

# **ST. ANSELM PREPARATION PROCESS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Parent: Please read and pass on to designated Sponsor**



## **Role of the Student:**

- Give serious thought to the preparation process.
- Decide to participate fully with the support of family and sponsor.
- Participate in Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Commit to the process, complete and sign the Pledge of Commitment.
- Present their commitment form to the catechist, teacher or Sr. Noel in November.
- After presenting the Pledge of Commitment, young people will be considered Confirmation candidates.

## **Sponsor Requirements**

- Sponsors are baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholics in good standing with the church,
- Sponsors may be male or female and must be at least 16 years of age.
- Sponsor signs and returns enclosed Commitment Form which attests to the fact that the sponsor is baptized, confirmed and regularly practices his or her faith.
- One of the candidate's baptismal godparents may act as a sponsor for Confirmation as an appropriate expression of the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
- Parents may not be sponsors.

## **Role of the Sponsor**

- The sponsor:
  - is available on a regular basis to meet each month (October – February) with the candidate for faith sharing and for practice prior to celebrating Confirmation as well as for the ceremony itself.
  - is an active Catholic Christian, an adult role model who is able to share his or her experience of living the Christian faith in his or her own community.
  - has a positive and open relationship with the candidate which will last over time.
  - is comfortable talking with the candidate about his or her faith life and encourages the candidate to participate fully in the Confirmation process.
  - will be asked to assist in the evaluation of the candidate's progress and in his or her readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.