

Confirmation Preparation Handbook

Calendars Forms And all that you need to know

WHEN THE TIME FOR PENTECOST WAS FULFILLED, THEY WERE ALL IN ONE PLACE TOGETHER. AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME FROM THE SKY A NOISE LIKE A STRONG DRIVING WIND, AND IT FILLED THE ENTIRE HOUSE IN WHICH THEY WERE. THEN, THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE, WHICH PARTED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH ONE OF THEM. (ACTS 2:1-3)

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Important Confirmation Dates

Parent & Teen Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 11 from 6:30-8pm

Back From the Dead Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 15 from 5-9pm, ticketed event \$5



Confirmation Retreat

Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 13 at Camp Round Meadow, permission slip & [\\$60 required](#).



Sponsor Info Form Due

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Worthy of the Call Training

Sunday, December 4 during regular youth ministry from 6:30-8pm
Volunteer Application required

Spirit Day for Teens, Parents & Sponsors

Sunday, January 8 from 6:30-8pm

- Sponsor certificates are due.

Confirmation Lessons

Confirmation specific preparation during youth ministry:

March 12, 19, 26 and April 23, 30 from 6:30-8

- If the teen is choosing a saint name it is due by April 23.
- Letter to the Bishop will be completed during these lessons.

Emmaus Walks

Sunday, April 30 during regular youth ministry, 6:30-8pm

Candidates will walk and talk with a youth minister to demonstrate their understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation and discuss their service and prayer commitments. Study Guide enclosed.

Summer Service Opportunities: Tentative Dates - Baltimore Work Camp

6/25-30, Vacation Bible School July 10-14, iServe July 27-28, Summer Formation July 31 - August 4.

Spirit Day Part II: Tentatively August 27, 6:30-8pm

Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass: Early September 2023.

Attendance

Confirmation preparation is condensed . . . meaning that each session is designed to deliver important information that is integral in helping our Confirmation candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. If you know of a conflict in advance, please inform Marissa so that an alternative can be discussed. If a teen misses a class unexpectedly he/she is expected to ask Marissa for make up arrangements. Teens are also expected to actively participate in weekly Mass, high school youth ministry or Catholic school.

Pilgrimage: Back From the Dead

A pilgrimage is a prayerful journey to a holy place. Attending a pilgrimage is a great way to actually EXPERIENCE your faith - rather than just talk about it. Whenever possible attending confession and Mass enhances the pilgrimage experience.

We are encouraging ALL Confirmation candidates to attend the *Back from the Dead* pilgrimage on October 15 at the Mother Seton Shrine because we will be talking about how to choose a saint name for Confirmation as well. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend. We begin with 5pm Mass at St Timothy, followed by eating a packed dinner from home and listening to a teaching on choosing a Confirmation saint. Then everyone is responsible for their own transportation to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg. Everyone will have time to tour the museum and gift shop, then we will go on the pilgrimage walk. We should be done between 8:30-9pm.

This is a ticketed event with a limited number of tickets.

- Register & Purchase tickets for the *Back from the Dead* Pilgrimage with St Timothy's at the Mother Seton Shrine [here](#).
- If you *cannot* attend with our group on October 15, please take your teen on an alternate date. You can purchase your own tickets from www.setonshrine.org. They sell out fast, so do not wait. Let Marissa know when you are going - note that you will miss the teaching on picking a saint name for Confirmation if you don't attend with us, so watch [Marissa's YouTube video](#) at www.stimothys.org/confirmation.



Retreat

The weekend retreat is always one of the highlights of our teens' Confirmation preparation experience. It will be at Camp Round Meadow 14840 Manahan Road Sabillasville, MD. Teens should be dropped off to the retreat center at 6:30pm (eat dinner before they come) and picked up on Sunday morning at 11:30am. Teens will attend Mass while on retreat. Attending this retreat is required. The cost is \$60. [Payment](#) and permission slips must be turned in no later than November 6, 2022. Teens will be housed in large lodges with bunk beds and bathrooms/showers. Separate lodges for boys and girls. There is a gymnasium, dining hall, fire ring and beautiful grounds to play on.

Confirmation Lessons

This year we are moving all of our Confirmation lessons to Sunday nights during youth ministry. We are trying to make it easier for families to get all of their teenagers to youth ministry. It's very important that teens attend these lessons. If they miss there is make up work at www.stimothys.org/confirmation. Teens are encouraged to bring their school chromebooks with them.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Teens must have completed preparation for the sacraments of Confession and Communion prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It's also important that the candidates are actively taking part in weekly Eucharist and that they attend the sacrament of Confession while they are preparing to be Confirmed so that they may be as spiritually ready as possible to receive the sacrament.

Emmaus Walk

Our teens are expected to grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit over the course of their preparation year. We also expect them to have knowledge about the Holy Spirit, living as a disciple of Christ and the sacrament of Confirmation. Teens are expected to study the Study Guide enclosed so that they will be prepared to walk and talk with a youth ministry about what they have learned and whether they are ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Mass

There will be a mandatory rehearsal for Confirmation candidates and sponsors a few days before the Confirmation Mass.

Teens and sponsors should arrive at least 15 minutes before the Confirmation Mass and meet in the gym. Light refreshments will be provided after the Mass. No photography is permitted during the Mass.

Dress Code for Confirmation Mass

- Girls: can wear either a dress, skirt with a blouse or dressy pant suit. All skirts and dresses should be at least close to knee length. You do not have to wear white. If your top has spaghetti straps or is off the shoulder please wear a sweater or shawl to cover your shoulders. The idea is to look beautiful and modest.
- Boys: Button down dress shirt, tie, dress slacks and dress shoes. A suit coat is optional. Do not wear tennis shoes, flip flops, jeans, sweatpants, hoodies, hats.

Letter to the Bishop

All candidates will write a letter to the Bishop at youth ministry. These are the guidelines. Beginning with, Dear Your Excellency or Dear Bishop Lewandowski,

- Ending with Sincerely, Your Name

- In the body of the letter you can tell him about any of the following: (choose several)
 - What is your family like and what are your main interests and activities?
 - Of the different things you have done to prepare for Confirmation (classes, retreats, service projects, talks with your sponsor, prayer, etc.) what has made the greatest impact on you?
 - What gift of the Spirit do you most look forward to receiving and why?
 - What are some practical ways you can be a faithful follower of Jesus after you are confirmed and how will you be a witness to Jesus in word and deed, especially among your peers?
 - As you think about your future, do you ever talk to God about it? Have you ever considered serving God and the Church as a priest, deacon or religious sister or brother?

You may write the letters in English or Spanish. Please, please proofread them. Use proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. And don't stress. He's your Bishop. He will be thrilled to read about your faith journey.

Worthy of the Call Training

During and following Confirmation our young people are called to fully participate in every area of Church life. This can only be done, if like the adults, our teens complete safe environment training which is called "Worthy of the Call." This training equips young people to be peer ministers, leaders in their parish and responsible mentors for children. If your teen has not yet completed Worthy of the Call training he or she needs to attend the training during youth ministry on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. In addition to attending the training teens must turn in a completed Volunteer Application Form, included in your red folder and have 3 references in file. Please choose references that will answer our phone calls when we call.

Confirmation Retreat

Begins Friday November 11 at 6:30pm at Camp Round Meadow. It ends on Sunday November 13 at Camp Round Meadow at 11:30am. Teens should eat dinner Friday night *before* arrival. Teens are expected to attend the entire retreat. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Where: [Camp Round Meadow](#) in Catocin Mountain State Park
14840 Manahan Rd, Sabillasville, MD 21780

Cost is \$60. You can pay by cash, check made out to St Timothy Catholic Church or online at <https://bit.ly/3mXW4jS>



Things to Bring: label your stuff

Linens or sleeping bag	Pillow
Comfy, modest clothes	Sneakers for gym
Towels for showers, wash cloths	Flip flops for showers
Personal toiletries	No need for money - there's nothing to buy
reusable water bottle	

Teens can bring sporting equipment or games for free time

Things not to bring:

Alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, juuls, video games, weapons

Cell phones:

Teens will be expected to leave their phones and airpods in their bags. If an adult sees a teen with their phone out they will be asked to go put it in their bag in the lodge.

Lights Out:

Teens are expected to be respectful of bed time. If teens choose to be disrespectful in the wee hours of the night we will inform a parent during Sunday pick up.

Contact Numbers:

Marissa's cell: 240-344-3342

Isaac Lopez (Español): 240-397-0530

Medication:

Any medication the teens need should be given to Rob (males) or Jane (females) upon arrival with written instructions enclosed.

Dietary Needs:

If your teen has any dietary needs please let Marissa know ahead of time. We are preparing and serving all our own food. Teens can also store food in the kitchen refrigerator if necessary.

Retreat Discipline Policy:

1. In cases of minor disruptions teens will be warned and could be removed from an activity.
2. Major infractions, such as, drugs, alcohol, vandalism, sex or violence, will result in the teen's parent coming to pick him/her up and taking him/her home immediately.

Confirmation Retreat Archdiocesan Permission & Release Agreement

This Archdiocesan form must be returned to the office before a child may leave on a Retreat.

I hereby give my express permission as parent/legal guardian for my Child, (please print) _____, to participate in the Retreat Activities described above.

In consideration of the opportunity for my Child to participate in the Activities, I knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and my Child do hereby agree to forever RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFY the Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore and each of its affiliate organizations, agents, governing board, departments, employees, officers, directors, volunteers, officials, representatives, agents, insurers, students, and other participants in the Activities (collectively, the "Archdiocese of Baltimore") to the fullest extent permitted by law from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action, including claims of negligence, arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury (including illness or death) sustained in connection with or arising out of my participation in the Activities, including any and all actions taken by the Parish or the Archdiocese of Baltimore pursuant to this Permission & Release Agreement.

By my signature below, I understand and acknowledge that my Child's participation in the Activities may involve risk of minor or serious injury, including illness, permanent disability, death, and/or economic losses that may result from my Child's actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others, and the inherent risks of the Activities, including travel to and from the Activities. I further understand and acknowledge that the Activities may involve outdoor activities, including but not limited to exposure to sun and other elements, and changing environmental conditions due to inclement weather, lightning, wind, or temperature. I fully understand, appreciate, and hereby assume all such known and unknown dangers and risks related to my Child's participation on behalf of my Child and I voluntarily elect to allow my Child to participate in the Activities. I affirm that I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have received all information about the Activities I feel necessary to assume the risks associated with the Activities.

I understand that my Child's participation in the Activities may require a minimum level of fitness for safe participation, and the Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore do not screen, medically or otherwise, individuals that participate in the Activities. I acknowledge that it is my sole responsibility to make certain that my Child is physically fit and healthy enough to participate in the Activities. I understand that my Child's participation in the Activities may also result in a greater risk of exposure to or contraction of COVID-19. By allowing my Child to participate in the Activities, I confirm that my Child does not have an elevated temperature, has not tested positive for COVID-19, has not been in direct contact in the last 14 days with someone infected with COVID-19, and has not otherwise exhibited any symptoms related to COVID-19 as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In the case of a health emergency or need of urgent healthcare, after a reasonable effort has been made to contact me and any below-named emergency contact(s) (or if the urgency of the circumstances does not allow for an attempt to contact me or any below-named emergency contact(s)), I authorize and consent to any medical care deemed necessary for my Child's health and safety during the Activities. If my child is not covered by hospitalization and medical insurance, I assume responsibility for the cost of hospitalization and medical care for my child.

I hereby authorize the Archdiocese to take photographs and video recordings of my Child in connection with my Child's participation in the Activities. I acknowledge and agree that photographs or videos of participants in the Activities, including my Child, may be used and published for educational and promotional purposes, including, for example, such purposes as publications, website or social media content, or other print or electronic materials produced from

time to time by the Archdiocese. (Participants will not be identified by name, however, without specific written consent.) I agree that if I do not wish my Child to be photographed or videotaped, I will notify the above-named Administrator in writing.

If any provision or provisions of this Release Agreement are determined to be invalid or unenforceable, either in whole or in part, the parties agree that the invalid or unenforceable provision will be modified to the minimum extent necessary to render it valid and enforceable, so that the rights and obligations of the parties to this Release Agreement are preserved to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I Certify that I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD, HAVE READ THE FOREGOING permission & RELEASE AGREEMENT and any accompanying attachments, UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY, WILLINGLY, AND VOLUNTARILY.

Signature Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ DATE _____

Parent/Legal Guardian phone number on day of trip: _____

FOOD ALLERGIES OR MEDICATIONS? _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS (*include cell phone numbers*):

TEEN EXPECTATIONS: Parents please go over this with your teen and have them initial and date.

___ I understand that my phone and airpods must remain in the lodge at all times.

___ I understand that I am expected to fully participate in the retreat for the entire weekend.

___ I understand that if I have questions or ever feel uncomfortable that I can speak to a youth minister for assistance.

___ I understand that I will be living in community for the weekend and that I need to be respectful at all times especially in the lodge during sleeping hours and when getting ready for bed and for the day.

Teen Signature

Date

Turn in at Youth Ministry no later than
November 6, 2022 along with \$60 payment

Service

The service component of Confirmation preparation helps our young people experience that service is meant to be part of the life of a disciple of Jesus. These experiences also give them the chance to figure out how they like to serve and how they can be most helpful.

Choose AT LEAST 1 service option below. Check off the one you completed and then fill out the reflection form and turn it in to Ms Marissa by April 23 or August 27.

- Baltimore Work Camp 2022
- Vacation Bible School 2022
- iServe 2022
- Summer Formation Plus 2022
- Helping weekly at Monday Night Christian Formation 2022-2023
- Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Live Stream Camera, or Children's Liturgy of the Word weekly 2022-2023
- Baltimore Work Camp June 25-30, 2023, tentative date
- iServe July 27-28, 2023, tentative date
- Vacation Bible School July 10-14, 2023, tentative date
- Summer Formation July 31-August 4, 2023
- Participate in at least 3 of these Parish events: Soup Kitchen, Fall Festival, All Saints Party, Our Lady of Guadalupe Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Yard Sale, Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Teens may submit a service project proposal for a service he/she would like to provide to St Timothy's

Name _____

Why did you pick this service experience?

Where or how did you see Jesus through this service opportunity?

What "need" did this act of service meet? _____

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
2. To give drink to the thirsty (Matthew 25:35)
3. To clothe the naked (Matthew 25:36)
4. To shelter the homeless (Matthew 25:35)
5. To visit the sick (Matthew 25:36)
6. To visit the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35)
7. To bury the dead (Matthew 25:40)

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To instruct the ignorant (Matthew 16:15)
2. To counsel the doubtful (John 14:27)
3. To admonish sinners (Luke 15:7)
4. To bear wrongs patiently (Luke 6:27-28)
5. To forgive offences willingly (Matthew 6:12)
6. To comfort the sorrowful (Matthew 11:28)
7. To pray for the living and the dead (John 17:24)



the seven themes of
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING for children



1 God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.



5 Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.



2 God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.



6 God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.



3 God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.



7 The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.



4 God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.



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What corporal or spiritual work of mercy did you participate in during this act of service? Or did you enact one of the 7 themes for Catholic social justice

teaching? _____

Would you like to serve like this again? Why or why not?

Anything else you'd like Marissa to know?

Be ready to share what you are doing with a youth minister at your Emmaus Walk in April and then if you participate in service over the summer you'll get to share with a youth minister about it at the end of August. We can't wait to hear!

TURN IN AS SOON AS YOUR SERVICE IS COMPLETE

Your Saint Name

Your Full Name: _____

Saint Name Chosen _____

Directions: Please take time to read the pamphlet called, "How to Choose a Saint Name" and watch this video.

Archbishop Lori highly suggests that you consider keeping your baptismal name (first or middle name) as your Confirmation name. I suggest you begin by researching your name to see if it means something to you. If not, then proceed to find a saint that you do make a connection with. After you have selected and researched your saint please fill out these two pages thoughtfully and legibly. I am really interested in why YOU picked this saint and how this person is affecting your faith life. Feel free to write in pencil or you can complete this online if you'd rather type: www.stimothys.org/confirmation

Did you talk to your parents about your baptismal name (first/middle name)?
Were you named for a saint?

Why did you choose this Confirmation Name? Give me at least 2-3 sentences

Give two examples of how your saint is a model of holiness for you.

1. _____

2. _____

You are called to be a saint - how can your Confirmation saint help you to become a saint?

Do you find them inspiring? Relatable? Do you like to ask for intercession from your saint?

Give 2 concrete ways that you can live like your saint today. Remember you're called to be a saint :)

Anything else you would like to tell Marissa about the significance of your saint name?

On the day you are Confirmed, your sponsor will say your saint name to the bishop and it will be printed on your certificate. Please write below the way you want your saint name to appear. For example: If you choose Our Lady of Guadalupe do you want it to say "Our Lady of Guadalupe" or "Virgen de Guadalupe." If you choose a name like St Francis or St John - be specific! There are many of them. Did you choose St Francis of Assisi or St Francis de Sales for example.

HAND IN BY THE LAST CONFIRMATION LESSON IN APRIL

Sponsor Information

Please read the pamphlet in your Confirmation folder entitled "Choosing a Sponsor Guide" and watch Marissa's video. Once you have selected your sponsor please do the following:



- If your sponsor is **NOT** a parishioner at St Timothy Catholic Church then he/she needs to contact his/her own Church and ask the secretary for a "sponsor certificate for Confirmation." What that secretary will do is verify that your sponsor is a member of the Church, is a fully initiated Catholic (baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), and in "good standing" (this usually means that if the person is married, they are married in the Catholic Church). If your sponsor meets those requirements request that the certificate be mailed to:
 - Sandy Gordon St Timothy Catholic Church 8651 Biggs Ford Rd.
Walkersville, MD 21793
- If your sponsor **IS** a registered member of St Timothy's then all you need to do is complete the form below by November 27 and turn it in.

Things to Note:

- Sponsors cannot join a Church in order to become a sponsor. The sponsor needs to be a member of their Church for at least 6 months before they can receive a certificate.
- If your sponsor is married, please make sure he/she is married in the Catholic Church. If the person is not, he/she may not be a sponsor.
- You only need 1 sponsor. If you are choosing a couple, they both need certificates.
- There are no exceptions to the rules for receiving a Sponsor Certificate. Remember the job of a sponsor is to be a role model in the Catholic faith for the person being Confirmed.

Sponsor Information Sheet: Turn in November 27 at Youth
Ministry

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Phone # _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

Sponsor's Church _____

Phone Number of the Sponsor's Church _____

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Study Guide

Please study this sheet prior to attending your Emmaus Walk in April. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask a youth minister. Do not stress about this. Rather be proud that you know information about the sacrament you are about to receive! Your youth ministers are looking forward to having a nice conversation with you.

What is a sacrament? It is an outward sign made by Christ to give us grace. Grace is God's life within us. Grace makes us holy. The outward sign of the sacrament of Confirmation is the Bishop anointing our foreheads with oil. This outward sign represents for us what is happening inside - that our souls are being sealed and strengthened with the power of the Holy Spirit.

What are the 3 Sacraments of Initiation? Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. In Baptism we enter in God's family, are cleansed of original sin and are given the Holy Spirit. The sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of baptism. In Confirmation we are sealed with a special strengthening of the Holy Spirit to live as witnesses of Christ's love and mercy in the world. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. The Eucharist is Christ actually giving himself to us as spiritual food.

What is the sacrament of Confirmation? Confirmation is the sacrament that completes baptism and gives us a strengthening of the Holy Spirit to help us be witnesses and disciples of Jesus.

How does the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation

TRANSFORM you? We are transformed by the power of the Spirit to more fully live as disciples of Jesus in the world just as the Holy Spirit transformed Jesus' first disciples on Pentecost, He desires to do the same in you.. He does this by rooting us more deeply in our relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church and through an increase in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Who confers the sacrament of Confirmation at Mass? What does he do to show that grace is being placed on the Confirmandi in the sacrament? The bishop confers the sacrament through anointing the Confirmandi with holy chrism, placing his hands on him/her, and making the sign of the cross because this is how the first disciples imparted the power of the Holy Spirit on Christians in the New Testament. You are an "anointed" one - a Christ in our world today.

Who is the Holy Spirit and why have a relationship with Him?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. Jesus sent us His Spirit to be our "advocate" always by our side. As we grow in our relationship with the Holy Spirit the gifts of the Spirit will be more active in our lives. The Holy Spirit

teaches us to pray, gives us the words when we don't know what to say, draws us closer to Jesus and the Church. He has the power to transform us!

Gifts of the Spirit: We receive the gifts of the Spirit in baptism and they are strengthened in us at Confirmation. They are:

Wisdom: sees all things with a supernatural value and allows us to choose our actions based on God's will. **Understanding:** enlightens my mind to know and love the truths of my Catholic faith and live by them **Counsel:** Guides my actions that I may do what is holy and the will of God

Awe & wonder of God: Helps me to avoid sin because I understand the power of God and love him, therefore I do not want to displease him by sinning

Piety: helps me to revere and worship God as my Father. It also reminds me that God's life dwells within us all, therefore I should respect myself and others

Fortitude: Strengthens my soul to do what is right especially when it is difficult or I am tempted

Knowledge: Teaches me to know good from evil and to do what is right. It helps me detach from material good and seek God.

We can pray for an increase in these gifts by praying to the Holy Spirit.

Fruit of the Spirit When we have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, the way we live changes. We begin to show the fruits of the Spirit out in the world. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, people around us will see us living a life that is full of these fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, chastity, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, modesty, self control, gentleness. (Listed in Galatians 5:22-23). Remember the Fruit of the Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is working in us.

What is the difference between the gifts & fruit of the Spirit? The 7 gifts of the Spirit are freely given to us in our baptism and are strengthened in us through our Confirmation. If we live in accordance with these gifts then we ourselves live out the fruit of the Spirit. Gifts we get (from God), fruit we live out for others to experience. (remember the tree we made)

What is Pentecost? How is it related to Confirmation? Pentecost is the name given to the event in which the Holy Spirit was poured out onto the first disciples. We read about this event in Acts 2:1-4. Christ's first disciples were radically transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. The same can happen for you.

What is a disciple? A learner, apprentice, one who is a committed follower, wants to be like his leader. As disciples of Jesus we are all called to continue learning about Him as we strive to follow him for the rest of our lives. Hallmarks of a Christian disciple are daily prayer, active participation in a

Church community (receiving the sacraments), offering our sufferings up for the good of others, serving those in need, advocating for those who are oppressed and joy!

Questions about your Confirmation Journey: During your interview your youth minister will ask you to chat with them about a couple of these questions.

1) Why did you pick your Confirmation saint? How would you like to be like this saint?

2) Tell me about your service experiences. Have you already completed them or are you doing something this summer?

3) If a friend asked you why you're seeking Confirmation what would you tell him/her?

4) What is your experience of Mass? What makes you feel a part of St Timothy's community?

5) What has been your favorite part of Confirmation preparation? What was your least favorite? Why?

6) How has your sponsor supported you as a person and as a Christian?

7) What's next for you on your Christian journey? How can I help you (or St Tim's) live as a disciple of Christ?

8) Do you want to be Confirmed?