

September 25, 2015

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Thank you all so very much for your presence at the first Parent Meeting and for bringing your son or daughter to our first **Chosen** Night! I am truly grateful to you for making the effort to come and for your clear commitment to the faith formation of your child. I am excited to get to know you and your family better!

Included in this letter is a Confirmation form and information regarding selecting a sponsor, choosing a Saint name, and the forms for each of these. Please turn these in to the office or at **Chosen**.

The due dates for the forms are as follows:

- Confirmation Form (**due Sunday, October 11**)
- Sponsor Form (**due Sunday, October 11**)
- Saint Selection Form (**due Sunday, November 8**)

*Also, please remind your son or daughter to invite their sponsor to **Chosen** on Sunday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m., as there will be time for your child and their sponsor to dive deeper into the Catholic Faith together. Dinner will be included for the sponsors as well!*

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing your son or daughter at our next **Chosen** night on October 11!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, Pray for us!

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CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

A Confirmation Sponsor has been given an incredible and challenging task: to walk with the candidate as a companion in his or her faith journey. A sponsor is a role model in the faith, and one who will help lead the candidate closer to Christ and His Church. As a disciple of Christ Jesus and baptized in the faith, he or she stands as a witness for the candidate before the Church.

It is, therefore, a requirement that the sponsor must be:

- Fully initiated into the Catholic Church (i.e., received the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- A practicing Catholic (receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist on a regular basis, and living as a witness and disciple of Christ Jesus)
- 16 years or older, and is *not* a parent of the candidate

To show the close connection of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (which completes the grace of God given at baptism), the Church encourages *but does not require* the sponsor to be one of the candidate's Godparents.

A sponsor is someone your son or daughter will look up to and someone who models the faith. A good sponsor will pray daily for their candidate and will walk with them in their faith journey, helping them to live as a disciple of Christ Jesus.

CHOOSING A SAINT NAME

In choosing a Saint name, take time to research different Saints in the Church. There are many holy men and women who followed Christ whole-heartedly and lived for Him. Find a Saint who you look up to and admire.

Choose a Saint whose life you relate to. Many of the Saints had experiences, joys, and struggles similar to our own lives, only at a different place and different time in history. Find a Saint whose life you would like to imitate.

A good website to learn about different Saints is www.ewtn.com (search *saints*). We will also discuss more about choosing the name of a Saint at the next **Chosen** evening on October 11.

Above all else, take time to pray, and ask the Lord to reveal to you a Patron Saint who will help guide you through this life and into the next. The Saint chooses the candidate!

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

(Due October 11)

Little Flower Parish, 2015-2016

Candidate Name _____

Your sponsor:

1. Must be a practicing Catholic who has received the following Sacraments:
Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
2. Must be at least 16 years old
3. May *NOT* be your (Candidate's) parent

Sponsor Proper Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Sponsor Date of Birth _____

Sponsor Address _____

Sponsor Phone _____

Sponsor Email _____

(CHECK ONE) My Sponsor WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ attend the November 8th
Chosen Night (5:30-8:00 p.m.)

CONFIRMATION SAINT FORM

(Due November 8)

Little Flower Parish, 2015-2016

Candidate Name _____

When selecting a Patron Saint

- Research different Saints in the church
- Choose a Saint whom you admire and with whom you relate
- Choose a Saint whose faithfulness to the Lord you would like to imitate
- Your Saint name must be the name of a canonized Saint in the Church

Saint Name _____

God calls each one by name.⁸⁷ Everyone's name is sacred. The name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, **2158**)