

2022-2023 IGNITE Confirmation Process

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CANDIDATE:

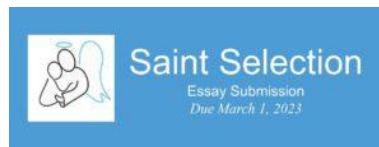
Participation and attendance at all seven sessions of IGNITE trimester in which candidate is enrolled.

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[Be The Church Experiences](#) (DUE May 1, 2023): Candidates must choose a minimum of **nine** parish life events to participate in outside of Ignite sessions, regular weekend Mass and holy days of obligation. After each event, candidates submit a google form through the link below detailing your experience. The goal of these experiences is for you to learn more about yourself and how the Holy Spirit is guiding you to live an active life of faith within your parish community. Although we never want to discourage community involvement outside our parish, these nine experiences must be sponsored by a St. Matthew ministry.



Saint Selection (DUE March 1, 2023): Candidates will choose a saint to be their heavenly prayer champion and lifelong guide. Teens should feel both connected and inspired by the saint you select. The chosen will be the name used during the anointing and will be entered into the sacramental records alongside the candidate's given baptismal name. *Only names of canonized or beatified (blessed) saints recognized by the Catholic Church can be chosen as confirmation saints.* **Candidates are expected to write a personal reflection at least three paragraphs in length which tells of who you are, who your saint is and how you connect and submit via the link below.** All submissions will be reviewed by St. Matthew staff members. We look forward to seeing which saint you chose and why! *Need help getting started? Look [HERE](#) or [HERE](#)!*



Sponsor Selection (DUE March 1, 2023): In similar fashion to the saint, a candidate's sponsor should be viewed as a human prayer champion and lifelong guide in faith. The responsibility of the sponsor is to present the candidate to the Bishop at your Mass of Confirmation and to guide them in the Catholic faith everyday forward. A sponsor **must be at least sixteen years of age**. A sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, who has been confirmed, has already received the Blessed Eucharist, and lives a life of faith abiding by the truths and precepts of the Catholic Church. The sponsor can not be the parent or legal guardian of the candidate. Once chosen, the sponsor will need to complete the form found at the link below, or provide a letter from their home parish.

