

Searching in the Spirit Programme

St Margaret Mary Parish

CONFIRMATION CRITERIA

1. A copy of the Certificate of **BAPTISM** must be attached to the Registration Form as evidence of the Baptism of the Candidate.
2. The Candidate is a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish community. For those who are registered at another parish, but would like their child to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Margaret Mary's, a **Pastor's Permission form** is available from the Church office. Please have your Pastor sign the form and return it at the time of Registration.
3. The Candidate must regularly join the Parish Community in participating in Sunday Mass
4. The Sponsor chosen **must** be:
 - a. A baptized and confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church
 - b. At least sixteen years of age
 - c. Preferably **not** a parent of the Candidate
 - d. May be of either gender
5. The custom of choosing another name at Confirmation is just that – a custom.
 - a. Choosing the name given at Baptism underlines the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation
 - b. If another name is chosen, it should be the name of a Saint whose life has been studied and who can serve as an example for the Candidate as he/she tries to live out his/her own Christian commitment.
6. The Candidate should be seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to be more fully initiated into our Catholic Church Community.
7. The Candidate is invited to participate in a half day Confirmation Retreat which will be held at the end of the Confirmation preparation Programme, before the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
8. The Candidate is asked to complete three (3) hours of Parish Community hours and 7 Community hours before they receive their Confirmation.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8