

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION LEAFLET

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME, YOU ARE MINE

The Sacrament of Confirmation is:

- the completion of your initiation into the Christian faith
- the beginning of your own adult faith
- the receiving, owning and activation of the gifts of the Spirit in your life
i.e. wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and wonder.

Should godparents be available and wish to do so we encourage you to take part in the preparation sessions. We will need a copy of your baptism certificate as soon as possible!!!! (unless you were baptised in Rhyll). At some stage you need to choose a sponsor.....someone who lives the Christian faith who will represent you before the community and Bishop.

Two Prayers

Beautiful Lord, may we say 'yes' to you so that the Spirit in our hearts will once again be set ablaze. Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love. Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is. Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world. Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts. Come, Holy Spirit, fill us. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD

Lord, help me to cherish the last time I really laughed, value the last thing that I achieved, respect the last time I did something that scared me. Lord, be by my side so that I can find joy in the smallest things, appreciate the wonder of your creation and live my life to the full. Amen.

Anna Field/CAFOD

Why choose a Confirmation name?

It's about who you want to be? It's about letting God's Spirit call you by name, allowing yourself to be a child of God, by searching for and choosing a Saint's name, someone whose life signals to something important for you. Try..... <http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

"Dear young men and women, in Christ you find fulfilled your every desire for goodness and happiness," continues the Holy Father. "He alone can satisfy your deepest longings, which are so often clouded by deceptive worldly promises." The Pope calls on young people to not let the "precious treasure" of the ability to love and be loved to be debased, destroyed or spoiled. "In encouraging you to rediscover the beauty of the human vocation to love, I also urge you to rebel against the widespread tendency to reduce love to something banal, reducing it to its sexual aspect alone, deprived of its essential characteristics of beauty, communion, fidelity and responsibility,"

Pope Francis on World Youth Day 2015 Krakow, Poland