

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH

PARISH

- Organise the calendar of yearly preparation with the teachers and the schools.
- Offer parents time to reflect on the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Pray for the children and their parents at Sunday Mass.
- Commitment Service in the parish.
- Priest to visit the confirmation class throughout the year in support of the pupils and teachers.
- Home visitation of families with a child preparing for Confirmation.
- Organise a Service of Light Ceremony for parents and children.
- Organise a Penitential Service for the Confirmation children.
- Invite the parents to decorate the church appropriately for Confirmation.
- Organise a day of reflection for the children before or after Confirmation.

HOME

- Show an active interest in your child's preparation.
- Ask your child about what he/she is learning at school.
- Encourage the child to learn their prayers and study their Alive O book.
- Accompany your child to Mass on Sunday.
- Discuss with your child what is involved in choosing Confirmation.
- Engage with the child in choosing the name of a saint for Confirmation.
- Talk about the sponsor – the choice and the role of the sponsor.
- Discuss the correct attitude to and the use of drink and drugs. Why the pledge?
- Talk about family values and family rules.
- Talk about your hopes and expectations for the child.

SCHOOL

- Use Alive O to prepare the children for the sacrament.
- Provide the children with good prayer experiences.
- Help the children experience faith as a living faith interwoven into daily life.
- Chat about people who witness to the faith.
- Teach the hymns for the Confirmation Ceremony.
- Do a project on the choice of Confirmation name. Needs to be name of a Saint.
- Discuss the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Talk about the link between our diocese and Kerry. See the diocesan website.
- Help decorate the church for Confirmation.