



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC PARISH, UMBILO



EXPECTATIONS OF
TEENAGE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

A CANDIDATE MUST:

1. **Make a personal choice** to enter the Programme and make a commitment to participate willingly,
2. **Regularly attend the sessions** for about one and a half years:
7.00pm to 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays during the school terms, and attend a minimum of 80% (Unless required to attend more) of the sessions and if absent must inform a Team Member
3. Bring to every session: **Bible**, an exercise book (journal) and a pen
4. **Attend Mass** with their Catholic parent/s every **Weekend/Sunday**, including school holidays and **Holy Days of Obligation**.
5. **Attend**, together with their parents and sponsors, the **various liturgical celebrations** to be held during weekend Masses - these are part of the process of initiation and the sponsors recommend their candidates to the parish community.
6. **Attend the Retreat(s)** as per Programme,
7. **Be involved in service to the Parish Community**, e.g. by visiting the sick/the aged/the lonely, being an altar server, a minister of hospitality at the church entrance, being a reader at Mass, etc..
8. **Prepare sincerely and seriously for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**, to be celebrated about the middle of next year, (Normally PENTECOST SUNDAY) which requires a commitment to practice as a Catholic for the rest of his/her life.

UNDERTAKING OF CANDIDATE
(as on Registration form)

I would like to enrol as a candidate for the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** and the decision to be **Confirmed in my Catholic Faith** is a personal one made by myself after careful thought and prayer. I further commit myself to follow the Confirmation Programme faithfully.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

We, the parents/guardians of _____ promise to support him/her in all aspects of his/her journey to Confirmation.

SIGNATURE: FATHER: _____ **SIGNATURE MOTHER:** _____

EXPECTATIONS OF CANDIDATES
DURING TUESDAY SESSIONS

1. **Arrive at least 5 minutes before** the start of the Session at 7:00pm and remain until the end of session at 8:30pm.
2. **No talking while member of the team** or others are sharing with the whole group.
3. No sending of notes to other candidates.
4. Cell phones are to be switched off.
5. **No leaving the room unnecessarily** or going to the toilet, unless sick or for urgent matters, and only with the express permission of a Team Member
6. Participate and share on questions given during small group discussions.
7. **Keep Journal up-to-date** with personal reflections and handouts, and bring it to every session. These will be collected once a term to be shown to Father.
8. **Co-operate willingly and enthusiastically** with the team and Father, in order to grow in understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith, throughout the Confirmation Programme.