

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT CEREMONY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
**(After the Homily)**

**Presentation of the Candidates**

**Dr. Brinkley:** In September these young men and women of our parish began their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are now asked to make a more formal commitment. We invite the following students to be enrolled as Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come forward with your parents and sponsor as your name is called.  
(Read list)

**To The Confirmation Candidates:**

**Father Charley:** Through Baptism you have been called as sons and daughters of God. You are followers of the Light. Now the way of the Gospel opens more fully before you, inviting you to acknowledge God's love for you by asking you to commit yourself to a life of service and love, of peace and justice to all. This is the way of faith on which Christ will lovingly guide you. Are you ready to enter more fully into this journey?

**Candidates: I am**

**Father Charley:** Are you willing to deepen your personal commitment to Jesus Christ, to grow in the Spirit, and to take responsibility for the gifts of the Spirit so that you may, as Disciples of Christ, help to build the Kingdom of God?

**Candidates: I am**

**To the Parents/Sponsors of the Candidates:**

**Father Charley:** Parents/Sponsors, are you willing to help guide these Confirmation Candidates in the name of this Christian Community on their journey of the Spirit?

**Parents/Sponsors: I am**

**To the Parish Community:**

**Father Charley:** I now ask the parish Community to stand. Will you continue to renew your own faith in the spirit, and will you support these young men and women as they follow Jesus and His Gospel?

**Community: We will (Congregation please be seated)**

**Father Charley:** Lord of love and mercy, we thank you in the name of our sisters and brothers who have experienced your guiding presence in their lives. Today, with the support of your Community, they are promising to prepare for your coming in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(Bless crosses and wait until they are distributed to the parents before resuming)

**Father Charley:** Parents, I ask you to place the Cross around the neck of the Candidate as I say "Receive the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By this sign of His love, Christ will be your strength. Learn now to know and follow him. Remember that He is your ally on your journey of the Spirit."

**Candidates: Amen**

**Father Charley:** Lord, we pray for those who have just received the Cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. By its power, keep them safe. May they be faithful to You and live forever with You, their beloved Creator. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: AMEN**

**Father Charley:** Together, we all stand and profess our Faith.

Parents and Candidates return to the pews.