CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE – SPONSOR BOOKLET

To be completed together and returned

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Your Saint’s Name and why you have chosen it: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact your sponsor and arrange an initial meeting with them. Look through the booklet and decide together how often you will need to meet. Be sure both you and your sponsor sign each page.

JESUS

1. Describe your image of Jesus.
2. Do you feel like you have had an experience of Jesus Christ in your life? Where? When?
3. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. Which, if any, of Jesus’ teachings is difficult for you?
5. What area of your life parallels the life of Jesus the most?

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BEING YOURSELF

Sponsors, please share the answer to the following with your candidate:

1. What were the greatest challenges you faced in “being yourself” in high school?
2. Who was defined as “popular” then?
3. Who would you define as popular now?

Candidates:

1. What prevents you at times from truly being yourself or from living in a way you know is right?
2. Knowing that all emotions are normal, what are the things you fear or worry about as you look to the future?
3. What makes you popular in the eyes of others?
4. What makes you popular in the eyes of God?

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FAITH

Read Matthew 16:13-20

Write your answers to the following questions and discuss them with your sponsor:

1. Who is Jesus to you?
2. Name two or three people you think have a strong faith in God.
3. How would you respond to the following:

If a person has faith, they will not have doubts about God.

For most people, faith is a “crutch.”

God does not expect us to have faith all the time.

Faith will heal you when you are sick.

Faith will help you pass a test.

If I could see a miracle, I would have more faith.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

***Parish:***

Who is on the pastoral staff at St. Anthony and what are their specific areas of ministry?

What are the weekend Mass times at St. Anthony?

What are the roles of the lector and ministers of Communion?

***Diocese:***

What diocese is St. Anthony in? What is the name of our bishop?

***Bible:***

What are the two great commandments that contain the whole law of God? (Mark 12:28-31)?

Name the twelve apostles.

Who was Simon Peter?

Paul?

Mary Magdalene?

Judas Iscariot?

Stephen?

***Sacraments:***

What is the purpose of baptism? Who can administer it?

What is required for receiving confirmation?

How should one prepare to receive communion?

What is holy orders?

Why do Catholics receive the sacrament of reconciliation? What is meant by *the seal of the confessional*?

When should the sacrament of the sick be received?

***Liturgy:***

What are the two main parts of the Mass?

When is Advent celebrated? What special prayers or practices are associated with it?

When is Lent celebrated? What special prayers or practices are associated with it?

Tell what each feast commemorates:

Immaculate Conception

Ascension

Pentecost

All Saint’s Day

***Catechism:***

What are the precepts of the church?

What is the meaning of the word *catholic*?

What are the four cardinal virtues?

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and which one do you most wish to pray for?

What is the church’s official teaching on abortion? Death penalty?

***General:***

What is fasting? What are the rules for fasting in our diocese?

Who are you named after and why or how did your parents decide upon your name?

In what specific ways do you plan to get involved in your faith once you are confirmed?

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