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# Blessed Sacrament

## Confirmation Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Form & Letter Due by Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (Sponsor Form is a Blue Form)

\_\_\_\_\_ Rite of Enrollment Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the 11am Mass

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptismal Certificate (If not Baptized at Blessed Sacrament) Due by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Choose Confirmation Name and give to Margie Crooks by Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Retreat - Saturday, April 10th

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tentative** Confirmation Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 28th

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tentative** Confirmation date- Thursday, April 29th



# The Sacrament of Confirmation



The Church specifies that Confirmands be “suitably instructed, properly disposed, and able to renew the baptismal promises.” With these goals foremost in our minds, the preparation program includes weekly instruction, formation requirements detailed in the Confirmation packet (contents below), and a retreat, all culminating in Confirmation once all the requirements have been met. Our program for Confirmation at Church of the Blessed Sacrament is a one year program based on the school year. **One must be at least 14 years old and enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in this Confirmation program.**

## Sponsors

According to Code of Canon Law, Baptismal godparents are preferred as Confirmation sponsors because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation. This assumes the godparents are practicing the Catholic Faith. However, other practicing Catholics may be chosen as Confirmation sponsors. Confirmation sponsors must be mature in their faith and at least 16 years old; this means that he/she must feel comfortable answering questions the Confirmand might have and sharing his/her faith. The sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. **A parent may not be their child’s sponsor.** All sponsors must have a form signed by their parish priest stating they are a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; if the sponsor is married, he or she must be in a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church. **This form & a letter to the sponsor is due in class on Sunday, October 11, 2020.**

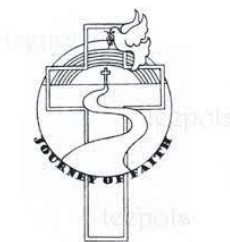


## Parental Participation



The participation of the parents in the Confirmation program is vital. It is important for you to set the example for your child as he or she takes on the responsibility of a Confirmed Catholic. The example of the parents’ prayer life and attitude toward Jesus Christ and His Church is the best teaching sons and daughters will ever have. Although it is the Confirmand’s responsibility to complete all requirements, it is the parents’ responsibility to assist by making sure all assignments are done on time and that the child is at each scheduled activity.

## Rite of Enrollment



Rite of Enrollment Date: **October 11<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am Mass (Life Teen Mass).** In the Rite of Enrollment, confirmand will be blessed and state their intent to continue in their Confirmation journey by preparing for and receiving the Sacrament. This means attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, attending and participating in class, participating in service opportunities, properly preparing their hearts for the Sacrament through Reconciliation, and engaging in a relationship with God through daily prayer.

Parents and sponsors are invited and encouraged to attend.

# Sunday and Holy Day Mass Attendance

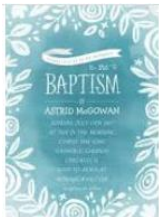
The Mass and the Eucharist are the very center of our Catholic faith. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and to avoid unnecessary work on those days is a responsibility for all Catholics. We expect all of our Confirmands to understand and embrace this rule, which is based on the Third Commandment. With COVID-19, there is a dispensation from the obligation of Mass attendance (updates pending), however, if at all possible, we encourage you to attend the following: In the United States the Holy Days of Obligation are:



November 1	Solemnity of All Saints
December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 25	Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
April 4	Easter Sunday
May 13	Ascension of the Lord **
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\*\* The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday in many dioceses, including the Lafayette diocese.

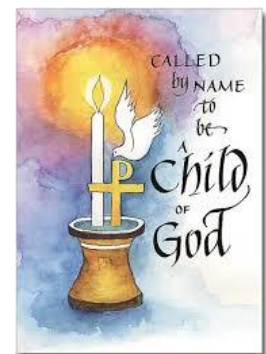
## Baptismal Certificates



Baptism is necessary before one can receive any other sacrament. Every Confirmand should know the Church in which they were baptized. All church records are kept at the church of Baptism. **All Confirmands who were not baptized at Church of the Blessed Sacrament must submit a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to Margie Crooks by December 13, 2020.**

## Confirmation Name

A name identifies us and tells others who we are. The Confirmand chooses a new name as a sign of growth in faith such as a saint's name or a Christian virtue. Students are encouraged to choose a Saint they feel a connection to. The Saint may be the patron of an activity that they love or have a story that speaks to the confirmand. However the student feels connected they are also encouraged to ask for this Saint's intercession for them through prayer as they continue on their Confirmation journey. **Students need to have a Confirmation name chosen and communicate it to Margie Crooks by Sunday, January 24, 2021.** You can e-mail Margie at [crooksm@hotmail.com](mailto:crooksm@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. In addition, a brief paper or another creative format on your saint (who they are, why you choose them) is due on **Sunday, February 7, 2021**.



There will be an opportunity in class to do some research on Saints, but students may also do this on their own. There is a worksheet attached to this packet to help students think about what name they may want to choose and how to begin researching. We have an excellent set of Catholic Encyclopedias, as well as books on the lives of the Saints, in the parish library. You may also use the Public Library or sites on the Internet to find a Saint, such as: <http://www.catholiconline.org>

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/SAINTS/indexsnt.htm>  
<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp>  
<http://www.theworkofgod.org/saints/>

## Confirmation Retreat

All Confirmands are required to attend our Confirmation retreat on **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. It is an all-day retreat including activities, reflection, and prayer. More details to come.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation



It is desired that all Confirmands and their sponsors be in a state of grace at the time of Confirmation. Therefore, Father will make time available for confessions or help direct you accordingly.

There will be an opportunity to attend Reconciliation on the retreat. Blessed Sacrament also offers Reconciliation every Saturday at 4pm and St. Thomas offers Reconciliation Monday – Friday at 4pm. Students are also encourage to participate in this Sacrament regularly, not just before their Confirmation. It's a beautiful Sacrament that helps us to stay in close relationship with God and to come to Mass prepared to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. **Reconciliation is also available at the 2 Night Fever opportunities listed on the Confirmation calendar.**

## Confirmation Rehearsal and Date

Confirmation rehearsal for the Confirmands and Sponsors will be held the night before Confirmation. **Sports and recreational activities are not an excused absence from rehearsal.** Confirmation rehearsal and Confirmation date are both tentative.

## Confirmation Dress Code

(Will discuss closer to Confirmation)

**Boys** Dress Slacks  
Dress Shirt/Tie  
Dress Shoes  
**NO SNEAKERS**

**Girls** Dress or skirt (any color) at or below the knee  
Dress Shoes  
If nail polish is worn, it should be a subdued or pastel color  
**NO SNEAKERS**



**The sponsors** should also be appropriately dressed, since in their role they are an official representative of the Church. Men should wear Dress Shirt/Tie and Jacket. Women should wear a skirt or dress of appropriate length or a dress pants suit.

## Choosing a Confirmation Name

*“I will give them an everlasting name.” - Isaiah 56*

### **What’s in a name?**

When you were born, your parents chose your name. They may have chosen your name in honor of a special person in their lives: a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or close friend. They may have chosen your name for the meaning behind it. Perhaps they chose your name because they felt a close connection to a holy man or woman of our faith- one of the saints. Maybe they just really liked your name! Most likely, it was a combination of many factors. (If you do not know why your parents chose the name they did for you, why not ask them about it?)

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. Throughout our lives, we will identify ourselves with many names- the name of the mascot of our school, the name of the region of the country we live in, the title of the career we choose.

However, there is a name above all names that, through our Baptism, we should strive to be known to the world by- and that name is Catholic Christian. At your Baptism, you were called by name, and christened to become a child of God. You entered into the Catholic community by name.

### **Now it is your turn!**

As a part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have the privilege and responsibility, just like your parents did when you were born, to choose a name.

† Your Confirmation name should reflect your closer identification as a member of the Catholic Christian community.

† Your Confirmation name must be on the Church’s official roster of saints. The saint’s name must be used in the formal format out of respect, no truncated names or nicknames should be used. The Bishop requires that males choose a male Saint and that females choose a female Saint.

† The name you select can be associated with someone in your life, your parish, or your community whom you respect and admire. Many Confirmation candidates select a name from a parent or grandparent, honoring them for their example of love and holiness.

† Your Confirmation name follows your middle name, i.e. “Annette Marie *Maria Goretti* Klanac” ....”Peter Michael *Patrick* McGill”

† PRAY! Just as you should pray about any decision you have to make, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you choose a saint as your patron/patroness.

*All you holy men and women, pray for us.*

