

C2 Confirmation Resource Booklet



2017-2018

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A Little Background Information...

Confirmation is: one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. It continues a process of full membership in the Church that was begun at Baptism. Confirmation strengthens and celebrates the presence of God's Spirit in our lives.

At St. Patrick's, preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process for young people in high school as requested by our Archdiocese. The Confirmation program uses a curriculum that fosters the development of knowledge and maturity needed for an adult level of participation in all areas of parish life. At the conclusion of this program there is a beginning of complete membership in the parish community. Each part of the series focuses on different aspects of community and different levels of understanding of the Catholic Faith. In addition there will be a strong emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching and the need for regular charity in our Christian lifestyle.

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General Expectations ...

Candidates are expected to participate in Family Faith Formation sessions for their age level during both ninth and tenth grades. They are also expected to complete service and participation requirements as listed in this resource booklet. Candidates must also choose an appropriate sponsor to help them on their journey by working with them, praying for them, and being able to support their decision that they are ready to fully join the Church (see page 4 for sponsor details). Finally, candidates must decide if they are ready to commit to fully joining the Church, and, if they are, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of tenth grade. Confirmation is to be the beginning of an active life as an adult member of the Church- a joining ceremony. Confirmation is not the end, but rather a beginning of life long active faith.

Parents/Guardians are expected to help their child focus on what is expected as a candidate, support and pray for their child, and do any "at home" work requested. While parents should encourage their child to want to be a full member of the Church, the young person should be allowed to make the final decision themselves about whether or not they are currently ready to fully commit to adult membership, participation and responsibility in the Church. During the two years of preparation, parents can help the young people make useful service choices, attend Mass and parish events and see the ways that belonging to a parish are important to the family. At the end of this time, the young person must determine their readiness for Confirmation.

Candidates in C1 & C2: In order to be Confirmed, the family of the candidate must be members of the parish. This is a Church expectation- not just a St. Patrick's expectation. The candidate must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. A Baptismal certificate must be on file in the office. If the candidate was **NOT** baptized at St. Patrick's Church please provide a photocopy of the original Baptismal Certificate from the parish where the candidate was baptized. A copy may be obtained by calling the parish of baptism and requesting a copy. The candidate must then complete all the requirements of the program. If he/she decides not to be Confirmed at the end of the program, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

LEVEL 2- in more detail

Confirmation Level 2 (C2): usually happens in 10th grade but can be later if desired/needed. In addition to attending the regular formation sessions for their level (approximately 12 sessions), the candidates do the following:

- Focus on the Creed, why they want to belong to the Church, the place of faith in their lives, etc.
- Focus on the Sacraments and understanding their role in the Church
- Complete the information form on Page 7 of this packet
- Parents will complete the consent form for the C2 retreat on page 8 of this packet
- Complete the Saint Report on page 9 of this packet
- Remain in contact with your sponsor after each and every session
- Complete 3 **different** service projects and corresponding sheets on page 11 of this packet
- Attend weekly Mass
- Attend sessions and retreats as listed on the Faith Formation calendar
- Attend final Confirmation meeting with sponsors on **Tuesday, April 25, 2018**
- Complete an interview in April to determine readiness for reception of the Sacrament

Attendance/Calendar: All required formation sessions and Confirmation meetings, events, and retreats are listed on the master formation calendar. This calendar is available on line at www.churchofstpatrik.com. We understand that young people must sometimes be absent due to schedules and illness. Please notify the faith formation office as far in advance as possible, make up any work immediately, and make absences as rare an occurrence as possible. **Families with high absenteeism will be contacted to determine a solution to the situation. Confirmation may be postponed if there is a high level of absenteeism.**

Sponsor: A sponsor will need to be selected at the beginning of the C1 year. Sponsors will help the candidates prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation through discussion and their willingness to act as a role model. It is important for candidates and sponsors to discuss their faith often before the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Who can be a sponsor? Given the nature of the sacrament of Confirmation as a Sacrament of Initiation, and its close relationship with Baptism, sponsors will need to stay in close contact with the candidates as they move through the remainder of the preparation. **At the completion of the process the sponsor will be required to present the candidate to the Catholic Church community as fully prepared to enter into the community as an adult member. This can only be done through regular contact and dialogue after each and every session.**

Please note:

- Given the guidelines of Canon Law a sponsor cannot be a parent of the candidate
- The sponsor must be an active practicing Catholic 16 years or older, and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- The sponsor must be an excellent model of adult Catholic living in the world
- Sponsors will be asked to attend 3 different sessions:
 - Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM
 - Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM
 - Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM
- If a sponsor is unable to attend a sponsor session, a parent should come in the sponsor's place.

Confirmation Service Opportunity:

Due to the importance of the regular practice of service in the lives of active Catholic adults all C1 and C2 learners will be required to complete **3 different service entries** of community service each year, 3 during the C1 year and 3 during the C2 year. Through the positive exercise of this service opportunity you should learn the value of regular service, and thus be prompted to partake in future service experiences.

The guidelines are:

- Service must be completed for a nonprofit organization.
- There needs to be a connection between who we are as Christians and the motives behind the service.
- Each service opportunity should be a different activity. It is important that learners experience different forms of service. This allows learners to come into a greater understanding about how they would like to serve as Christians after Confirmation.
- **Although admirable, membership on sports teams does not fulfill the service opportunity.**
- The candidates need to be able to complete a service entry form for **each service site activity** answering the questions on the form.
- At the completion of the service, all candidates will need to get a signature and phone number from the supervisor at the service site.
- Service events will be scheduled by SPY and promoted on the SPY website as well as during Faith Formation sessions.
- Candidates are welcome to attend SPY events or find other service opportunities on their own.
- If you are unsure about service sites, please ask.
- Do not wait until the last minute, please plan ahead.

Examples of acceptable parish events:

- Haunted House October 29, 2017
- All Saints Party October 29, 2017
- Epiphany Performance January 7, 2018
- Vacation Bible School
- SPY Outreach events as scheduled
- Other opportunities will be emailed out throughout the Faith Formation year.

Examples of acceptable outreach events:

- Feed My Starving Children – www.FMSC.org
- Neighbors Inc. - <http://neighborsmn.org/>
- Wilder Foundation - <http://www.wilder.org/>
- Volunteer match - <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- Events within your school, including NHS hours

Please look for the Service Form on Page 11. Additional forms will be available at future sessions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *How many hours of service do I need to do?*

A. There is no set number of hours. You are required to perform service a **minimum** of 6 separate times, 3 **during** your C1 year and 3 **during** your C2 year.

Q. *I already volunteer for a sport that I participate in. Can I just use that?*

A. No. A service project should be completed here at the parish or an acceptable non-profit organization.

Q. *I babysat my cousins/raked my neighbor's lawn/helped my grandma/etc. Can I use that for my service project?*

A. No. These are all great ways to serve one another, and should be done on a regular basis, but do not fulfill the service opportunity.

Q. *I did all my requirements, but I didn't fill out any forms. Do I really have to fill them all out?*

A. Yes. During the Confirmation process, we are trying to assess whether or not you are prepared for adult life in the faith. When you participate in the different aspects of the program, you are demonstrating preparation for an active Catholic adult lifestyle; we need to be sure that you understand why you are doing what you are doing.

Q. *The person I want for my sponsor lives out of town. Is that okay?*

A. Yes, as long as they meet the sponsor requirements listed earlier in this packet. All of the sponsor information can be done over the phone, but it is very important that they are there for the Confirmation Ceremony. Please bring a parent or other adult to sit in at sessions in the Sponsor's place.

Q. *Why is this program two years long?*

A. The Confirmation process is a two year process for a few important reasons. This program is based on the understanding that learners will grow and mature over the different years they attend the program. When all learners enter the C1 year, each has similar foundations in Faith Formation. Through consistent encouragement and relationships with each learner the program seeks the development of candidates into mature active Catholic adults. Faith Formation is not something that can be rushed, nor can learners test out of sessions. The value in each session, retreat, and gathering is the discussion and growth within a community of believers, an aspect central to our Catholic faith. In addition, the standards set forth by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis call for parishes to develop a two year program for many of the same reasons listed above.

C2 Confirmation information 2017 to 2018

*Please fill this form out and return it to by
Wednesday, October 11th, 2017*

*If you have any questions please contact Bryan at 651-621-1562
or by e-mail at bcollins@churchofstpatrick.com.*

Learner's full name as it will appear on the certificate of Confirmation: (no shortened names please)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(C2 Learners ONLY)

Is the information below the same as your C1 year? Yes No
(Please circle)

If yes, you do not need to complete the rest of this form.

Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Church of Baptism _____ City _____ State _____

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

(C2 Only) Consent form for C2 Confirmation Retreat – **DUE OCT. 11**

Learner/Participant Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ Grade 2016-2017 _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Retreat March 17 to 18, 2018 Type of Retreat Confirmation

Destination Association Retreat Center, Osceola, WI

Individual(s)/Teacher(s) in Charge Bryan Collins

Estimated Time of Departure 10:00 AM on 3/17/18 Return 3:00 PM on 3/18/18

Mode of Transportation To & From Event School Bus

Learner Cost (if applicable) Included in Faith Formation Registration Tuition

I, _____, grant permission for _____
Parent or Guardian Name Child Name

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child’s participation, I agree to indemnify the Church of St. Patrick and the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the Church of St. Patrick/Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney’s fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and the Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/suit.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact

Name Phone Number

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Medication my child is taking at present _____

Allergies _____

Other Medical Conditions _____

Family Health Plan carrier number _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

As Parent or Guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

Signature Date

C2 Saint Report

As Catholics, we look to people of great faith and spirituality as role models in our daily living. Since Confirmation allows you to enter into a greater participation of your faith, you should look to this group of diverse individuals and choose a saint with personal and spiritual characteristics you would like to incorporate in your life.

Confirmation Names: During this Confirmation process you will need to choose a Confirmation name. This name will be the same as the saint in your report. As Catholics, we look to people of great faith and spirituality as role models in our daily living. Since Confirmation allows you to enter into a greater participation of your faith, you should look to this group of diverse individuals and choose a saint with personal and spiritual characteristics you would like to incorporate in your life. You will carry that Saint's name with you during Confirmation. This name will be your Confirmation name.

Directions:

Write a 1-page report about a saint. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND THESE QUESTIONS ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ME A HISTORY OF THE SAINT. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!!!

- Explain why you chose the particular saint.
- What extraordinary events in your life attracted you to your saint?
- What was it about this saint that appealed to you?
- How did this person's faith lead them to sainthood? How did their devotion to Christ's teachings lead them to do great things in their life?
- What did you learn about yourself as a result of writing this report?
- The report should be 1-page, typed, 12-point standard font, double spaced, no pictures

During this Confirmation process you will need to choose a Confirmation name. This name will be the same as the saint in your report. Please list the name below and staple this form to the front of your report.

REPORTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM.

Candidate's Full Name: _____
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Candidate's Confirmation Name: _____

Saint Reports are to be turned in no later than Wednesday, March 7th

Some notes:

- Website resource for the saint report:
 - <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- Answer the questions and use your own words.
- DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA, please
- Ask your parents and sponsor for their thoughts.
- NOT A BOOK REPORT, so DO NOT PLAGIARIZE 😊

Church of St. Patrick Confirmation Service Form

Service Form Entry (circle one): 1 2 3

Entry 1 Due: December 13, 2017

Entry 2 Due: February 7, 2018

Entry 3 Due: April 18, 2018

Please note: We ask that each service opportunity be a different activity. Service MUST be for a nonprofit organization.

Name of Learner: _____

Service Site Name and Location: _____

Name and **Signature** of Service Supervisor: _____

Service Supervisor's Phone Number: _____

Date of Service: _____

Please use complete sentences to answer the questions; one-word or short phrases are not acceptable ways describe your service experience.

Questions:

Please provide a description of the service performed (what did you do?)...

What is the mission or goal of the organization you served? Why did you serve at this organization?

As Christians we are called to service, how was your service connected to your faith?

What did you learn from the experience?

C2 Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Notes
Wed., 9/20/17	Kick off Mass and Catechist information night	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 9/27/17	Session # 1	6:30 to 8:00 pm	C1 and C2 parent meeting
Wed., 10/11/17	Session # 2	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 11/1/17	Session # 3	6:30 to 8:00 pm	All Saints Mass
Wed., 11/15/17	Session # 4	6:30 to 8:00 pm	PCYI Session
Wed., 12/13/17	Session # 5	6:30 to 8:00 pm	SPONSOR Session
Wed., 1/10/18	Session # 6	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 1/24/18	Session # 7	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 2/7/18	Session # 8	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 2/21/18	Session # 9	6:30 to 8:00 pm	SPONSOR Session
Wed., 3/7/18	Session # 10	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 3/21/18	Session # 11	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Wed., 4/18/18	Session # 12	6:30 to 8:00 pm	
Sat., 3/17/18 - Sun., 3/18/18	C2 overnight retreat	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Association Retreat Center
Wed., 4/25/18	C2 Ceremony rehearsal and final session	6:30 to 7:30 pm	C2 Candidate and Sponsor
Mon., 5/7/18	Confirmation Ceremony	7:00 pm	Cathedral of St. Paul

* Calendar subject to change, please check the website for latest details.