

Confirmation II

Guidelines, Requirements, Facts and Information

Confirmation Guidelines

- 1) All candidates, if they have not done so already, are to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. If you were baptized at St. Mary Magdalen, I should have it on file. I will let you know if I need one.
- 2) Candidates should show mature, active participation in class events and service projects. Students are responsible to remember class dates.
- 3) Candidates are required to attend ALL classes.
- 4) Candidates should be attending mass each week. The Eucharist is the center of our faith. No one should ask to be confirmed if they do not accept or understand the importance of their Faith.
- 5) Candidates must know their basic prayers.
- 6) Service to others is an important part of preparing for Confirmation. Each student is required to complete 30 hours of “well rounded” service by March 31, 2019.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE!

Service project on your own can be through a school function, town activity or also with our parish. The definition of service is: freely doing something to help someone else and expecting nothing in return except the good feeling you get for helping!

Time to time I will email you with service opportunities that organizations have contacted me and are in need of help. These are on a first come, first serve basis.

- 7) Candidates must choose a confirmation name.
- 8) Each student is **required by the Archdioceses of Hartford** to attend a retreat before being confirmed. If you are not able to attend this retreat, it is your responsibility to find one at a neighboring parish before being confirmed.

- 9) All Candidates and Sponsors (or a proxy) are required to attend the Confirmation ceremony practice. The date for Confirmation will be sometime that week. If your sponsor cannot make the practice, please make sure you have someone else to stand in for them.
- 10) Confirmation date will be announced in January. We have requested 4 dates. I will notify you via email as soon as I hear.
- 11) Candidates are required to write a paper on their chosen saint. You may email me the paper any time prior to the due date.
- 12) All Candidates are required to have a meet & greet with Fr. Hickey before they are confirmed. Dates and times will be emailed when we decide. They will last 15 minutes and will be held at the rectory. Please dress casually nice and be on time.
- 13) During the Lenten season, you will be required to attend reconciliation service that will be held on Monday, March 18th @ 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 182 Robbins St., Waterbury. Dress is casually nice. This event should last about 1 hour. Parents encouraged to attend and may go to reconciliation themselves if they wish. If the sacrament is offered at school a few weeks prior to confirmation they may attend there. They just need to let me know.

Confirmation Sponsor form

Due: January 27, 2019

In canon law, a sponsor is a person who will give special assistance to one about to be confirmed or baptized in the faith to lead a life in harmony with that Faith.

Each Confirmation candidate must choose a sponsor. Sponsors may be male or female for boys and girls.

A sponsor needs to meet the following requirements:

They must have received the sacrament of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church and be 16 years of age or older. If married, their marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.

They must be a practicing Catholic now, attending weekly mass is a major part.

They must believe that the person being confirmed is ready and responsible to receive the sacrament.

A sponsor must fill out a Sponsor Affirmation Form. This is a form that is filled out by the candidate and is signed by the sponsor. This form affirms that the person you have chosen to be your sponsor meets all the required criteria. Please make sure your name is on it.

A candidate's mother or father may **NOT** be their sponsor. In the event that the chosen sponsor cannot be present on the night of the ceremony, a proxy can stand in for them. They too must meet the requirements. Grandparents may be sponsors.

Confirmation Name & Paper

Due: November 18, 2018

A Confirmation name is a name chosen by one to be confirmed, properly that of a patron saint on which to model one's life. Each candidate needs to select a name. The name you choose should not be chosen because it is just a favorite name of yours but rather, it should be the name of a saint for which you have some special admiration or a Characteristic you admire. Since the saint will become your patron, there should be a common bond between you.

Please follow these guidelines as recommended by the Archdioceses of Hartford when choosing a name.

1) The name chosen must be that of a saint or in accord with the Christian Spirit. Please make sure the saint you chose is on the Catholic Church calendar and is listed with a feast day.

2) Girls are permitted to take the name of a male saint are boys permitted to take the name of a female saint. However, you may choose a diminutive of the male/female name if you would like. For example: Girls may choose "John" or "Charles" but you may choose "Johanna" or "Charlene". Boys may choose "Frances" but you may also choose "Francis".

3) You are required to write a one page paper on the saint name that you chose. This paper must be 2 paragraphs.

*The first paragraph, please tell me about the saint, why this person was made a saint, why were they canonized, what were their accomplishments, family history, what did they do that was so special, when is their feast day and background on the saint.

*The second paragraph, please tell me why you chose that saint, what significant part does that saint or name play in your life. Details are important. For example, maybe the name you chose was your Grandfather's name or Grandmother's name or maybe it is a name that has family history behind it. Incomplete or poorly written papers will not be accepted. These papers are read by me and given to Father for review.

Confirmation Ceremony dress code

The Ceremony will be held in April of 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Candidates are to report to the church hall no later than 6:30 pm

There are dress code requirements for the evening that you are confirmed, failure to follow them will result in the delay of your Confirmation.

Girls: dress slacks, blouses, dresses, skirts and tops, pant suits and nice shoes. Any colors are fine. Please make sure that the dresses, skirts and tops are not too short or low cut. Also you will need to stand and walk in your shoes, please make sure you can do so.

Boys: slacks with a belt, long sleeve button down shirt, nicely tucked in, and a tie. Any colors are fine. NO jackets, also proper dress shoes. Black loafers or tie shoes are preferred.

If I feel that anyone is dressed inappropriately, I will ask them to either go home and change or leave not to be welcomed back. You are required to wear a name tag with your saint's name on it. Please make sure I have something to pin it on.

YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR: sneakers, work boots, flip-flops, clogs, crocks, jeans, hoodies, low cut tops or short bottoms.

THIS IS A SACRAMENT AND IT IS TO BE RESPECTED

If you have any questions on an outfit you are choosing, please feel free to contact me at any time.