

CONFIRMATION PROJECTS/REQUIREMENTS FOR 8TH GRADE

All projects due the first class for PREP students.

Projects should be returned in the folder you received.

PROJECT 1: Saint Report – Candidates will be confirmed under the name of a saint of their choosing. For this reason, careful consideration and preparation should be taken so that the candidate feels a strong connection to this saint. Follow these guidelines:

- Research various saints and choose one that best represents him/her
- Source suggestions: Catholic Encyclopedia, Book of Saints, Catholic.org etc.
- Use the Fact and Name sheet to organize your information and write your report

* Derivatives of names are welcome as long as they can be traced back to an original saint. (ex. Patricia = St. Patrick, Mikayla = St Michael, Carlos/Charlie = St Charles)

PROJECT 2: Service Hours – Each Candidate for Confirmation is strongly encouraged to complete 10 hours of service. (This project is suggested, but not mandatory)

- Keep a list of the activities and times on the service log.
- Have supervision verify/sign each entry.
- Students should not receive money in return for service.
- Complete the reflection questions when service hours are complete

- Some places to find service hours.
 - Vacation Bible School – call Mrs. Zambito
 - Summer help around SCS school – call school office
 - Stuffing bulletins – Call Parish Center
 - Cleaning the church
 - Soup Kitchen

PROJECT 3: Letter to the Bishop – Every candidate writes a personal letter to the Bishop expressing his/her desire to be confirmed. The letter should follow these guidelines:

- Letter must be about one whole page or more, typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 Font
- The letter should include:
 - Personal introduction (name, school, hobbies, etc.)
 - Why you want to receive the sacrament
 - How you have prepared
 - Confirmation name and sponsor you chose, and why you chose each
 - How the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will help you witness your faith
- A worksheet is enclosed to help you

PROJECT 4: Memorize Questions for the Bishop – The Bishop routinely asks the candidates preconfigured questions at Confirmation. These nine questions are required knowledge of the sacrament and its purposes.

- Make an effort to practice, recite, and memorize the questions
- Questions will be tested the first week of October.
- Do NOT wait until the last minute to memorize these.

PAPERWORK 1: Choosing a sponsor for Confirmation – Each candidate must choose a sponsor, a witness to the Catholic Faith, who can help the candidate faithfully fulfill the obligations of the sacrament. Use the following guidelines to prayerfully decide:

- A Godparent is desirable (but not necessary)
- Sponsors must adhere to the following criteria:
 - The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic in good standing who has already been confirmed
 - The sponsor must submit the SPONSOR FORM enclosed in this packet. This must be filled out by the Sponsor's **home parish**. Please do not wait until the last minute for this.
 - The sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age.
 - A parent may NOT be a sponsor
 - A person of either sex can stand for either a boy or a girl.
 - If married, the person must be in a valid Catholic marriage presided over by a Catholic priest.
 - A baptized non-Catholic **may not** act as a sponsor.
- **Return the BLUE Sponsor paper to Mrs. Zambito in the DRE Office no later than the first PREP class in September 2024.**

PAPERWORK 2: Information Sheet – Each candidate (or their parent) must fill in the Confirmation Information Sheet. Please do not leave anything blank. Please be sure to fill in the actual date of Baptism and the complete address of the church. Information must be sent to the church of Baptism and therefore is very important.

This GREEN paper is due to Mrs. Zambito in the DRE Office no later than your first PREP class in September 2024.

ACTIVITY 1: Confirmation Retreat - A retreat is designed to offer the candidates reflection and time to make the final preparations for the sacrament. Retreat Date TBA

*As preparations for Confirmation begin we are asking that each child bring in a **\$20.00 Sacramental fee**. This money will be used to cover the cost of the many enrichment activities we will be doing throughout our Sacramental preparation including the retreat. Please include the fee in the envelope in the folder and return it with your project.