



# Confirmation Preparation Meeting

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING. PLEASE ENSURE YOU'VE SIGNED IN, AS THIS ALLOWS US TO GIVE ATTENDANCE CREDIT TO THE STUDENTS AND KEEP TRACK OF THOSE WHO COULDN'T ATTEND. THIS WAY, WE CAN ENSURE THEY RECEIVE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

Let us begin with a prayer. (*Sign of the cross*)

- Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Open our hearts and minds so that we may recognize your presence in our midst and learn to truly value the gifts and talents of those around us and in ourselves. May we work together as a community that values justice, compassion and love. We ask this prayer through Jesus, your Son. Amen.
- (*Sign of the Cross*)



# Why we are here tonight

- While confirmation takes place in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of Religious Education we being preparation in year 7.
- Review steps for candidacy
- Explain the requirements
- Review the Confirmation booklet
- Explain the 8<sup>th</sup> year of Religious Education



# STUDENT BOOKLET

# *The Sacrament of Confirmation*

## *Student Booklet*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone #* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-Mail* \_\_\_\_\_

*Over the coming year, you will be given a number of details regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be administered in the spring of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Every student is responsible for completing this booklet and submitting it to the Religious Education office upon registering for Class.*

*If you have questions or problems please contact the R.E. office at 609-693-0368 or email [ccd@churchofstpious.org](mailto:ccd@churchofstpious.org)*

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*Catechist* \_\_\_\_\_ *(office use only)*

## Requirements of Confirmation Candidates

The Confirmation process is a two-year process. This begins with 7<sup>th</sup> grade and continues through 8<sup>th</sup> and up to the time of Confirmation. Below are the expectations and requirements for Confirmation:

\* Please note that reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is not automatic. Regular participation in Sunday Mass is an essential part of preparing for this sacrament. Ultimately, it is the Pastor who determines whether a student is ready to be confirmed. Students who do not attend Mass regularly may not be considered adequately prepared to receive Confirmation. This requirement is closely monitored over the course of the calendar year. Use student envelopes each time you attend Mass. Under NO circumstances are students or parents to submit another student's envelope at Mass.

- Religious Education Classes – Candidates are expected to attend classes once a week, adhere to the attendance policy already in place and successfully complete the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.
- Students are expected to participate in all activities related to Confirmation preparation which may include the Enrollment Mass, group service projects, retreats, etc.
- The completion and submission of this booklet by the date due.



APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please print clearly. All information must be filled in completely.

What night will the Confirmation Candidate be attending Religious Education?

Please select one  Tuesday 7-8pm  Wednesday 7-8pm

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Confirmation Name

The Bishop will seal your commitment to Jesus and His Church by anointing you with oil and calling you by name. You should pick a name that you would like as your Confirmation name. This must be a Saint's name.

You may pick a man or woman's name regardless of gender of the candidate.

You must research your Saint and in the lines below state why you have chosen this man or this woman as your chosen Saint.

Confirmation Name:

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## **The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor**

Individual sponsors must be selected and should be decided upon without delay. A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her on his/her spiritual journey and can share his/her own faith. This selection should take place at the beginning of Confirmation preparation as it often takes time for a sponsor to receive eligibility papers from his/her home parish. In fact, this process can easily take months if the sponsor is not known in his/her parish or in most cases not registered in a Catholic Church at all.

## Sponsor Eligibility:

**\*SPECIAL NOTE:** Sponsors who are registered at Saint Pius X and are active members of the church – **DO NOT NEED** a sponsor certificate. However, they must meet all of the requirements below.

- \* Must be at least 16 years old.
- \* Must be a Catholic who has received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).
  - \* May be male or female for either gender candidate.
- \* Cannot be a biological parent but may be a stepparent or grandparent.
  - \* Must meet the eligibility requirements of his/her own parish.
- \* Must meet the eligibility requirements of the Catholic Church including “valid marriage” status. (see below)

Once you have chosen a sponsor, he/she must go to HIS/HER parish and request a Sponsor Eligibility Certificate. Once they have that, they should give it to you to attach to your booklet  
(see "Attachment" page)

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish Name and Address:

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**\*Booklets will not be marked as complete without the Sponsor Eligibility Certificate.**

**\*\*A valid sacramental marriage means that if a person was married in a Catholic Church, he/she cannot be divorced and remarried unless the first marriage was annulled. For more information on whether or not someone qualifies, please speak to our staff.**

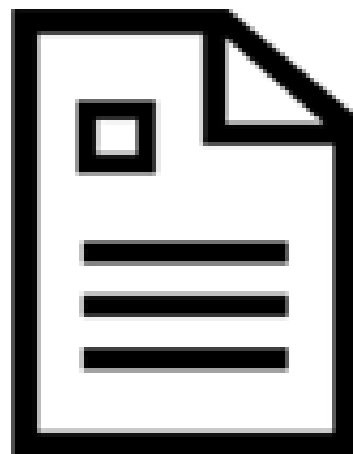
## Confirmation Fees and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**The tuition for Confirmation is \$ 125.00.** This covers the re-registration fee in total. There are no additional costs for retreats or Confirmation robes or materials. This fee should be submitted with this booklet unless other financial arrangements have been made.

Students will be measured for their Confirmation robes in January of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. These robes are rented not purchased.

Classes will meet on Tuesday/Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. from September until spring when Confirmation will likely take place. We will not know the exact date of Confirmation until the summer before it takes place.

Please attach sponsor Certificate of Eligibility here or staple to the back of the booklet.



## Candidates' Promise

As a member of the parish of St. Pius X Church, I hereby desire to affirm my faith and belief in Jesus Christ and His Church in the sacrament of Confirmation. I ask to become a candidate of Confirmation and to enter the program of preparation being offered to me by this parish. To the best of my ability, I will participate in all learning sessions and activities that are a part of the program. I understand that it is my responsibility to attend Mass regularly. I acknowledge that I enter this time of preparation of my own free will, and I accept my responsibility to open my heart and mind to the workings of the Holy Spirit during this time of preparation.

By signing your name below you agree to the Candidate's Promise.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian, by signing your name below you agree to assist with  
the Candidate's Promise.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Video from Bishop about Confirmation



# CONFIRMATION

*Strength for the Christian Catholic Journey Through Life*

# The Good Samaritan

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells the story of a man who is beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite, both respected figures in their community, see the injured man but pass by without offering help. It is a Samaritan—a person from a group despised by the Jewish audience Jesus was speaking to—who stops, tends to the man's wounds, and ensures his recovery by taking him to an inn and paying for his care. The Samaritan's actions demonstrate selfless love and compassion, transcending cultural boundaries and personal inconvenience. Jesus uses this story to teach us that loving our neighbor requires action and sacrifice, even when it disrupts our plans or challenges our biases.

In today's world, we might encounter a similar situation when we see someone experiencing homelessness on the street. Many of us might feel conflicted. We might avoid eye contact or cross to the other side of the road, thinking we're too busy or that someone else will help. Sometimes, our internal struggles—whether financial worries, a busy schedule, or even discomfort with the person's appearance—can hold us back from stepping in. Yet, being a modern "Good Samaritan" could be as simple as offering food, taking a moment to ask how they're doing, or even supporting local charities that provide long-term assistance. The act of kindness doesn't always have to be grand; it just requires willingness.

Often, what prevents us from acting is our own preoccupation with our problems. We may think, “I’m already stretched thin” or “I don’t have the time.” Yet the parable reminds us that compassion isn't convenient; it requires a heart ready to prioritize another’s needs over our own comfort. By choosing to act despite our hesitations, we become witnesses to the transformative power of love and mercy, just as the Good Samaritan was. The challenge lies not in the magnitude of the help we offer but in overcoming the barriers within ourselves to give it.



# Confirmation Service Requirements

## SERVICE

*And God will say to us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

When we are Baptized, usually as babies, our parents and godparents take on the baptismal promises on our behalf. When we are Confirmed, we are renewing those promises and taking them on ourselves. We are all called to "bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds" – this means that what we do and what we say must reflect that we are following Jesus. In preparing for Confirmation, you will be asked to do something which is a purposeful example of what it is to follow Jesus.

## **WORKS OF MERCY - REQUIREMENTS**

Confirmation Candidates are required to perform (4) Works of Mercy.

(2) Church

(2) Community

All Works of Mercy should be recorded on the Works of Mercy Summary Sheets located in your Service packets. You may hand these in at any time, however they must be in by the January before Confirmation.

If you need any further clarification regarding these requirements, please let us know. We would be happy to assist you.

# WORKS OF MERCY IDEAS

## **Corporal Works of Mercy**

### **1. Feed the Hungry**

- Pack lunches or snack bags for a local food pantry or homeless shelter.

### **2. Give Drink to the Thirsty**

- Donate bottles of water to a food bank, shelter or outreach program.

### **3. Clothe the Naked**

- Collect gently used clothes and donate them to a local charity or thrift store.  
(You can go through your closet and pick out used clothing.)

### **4. Visit the Sick**

- Make handmade cards for hospital patients or homebound parishioners.

### **5. Shelter the Homeless**

- Help put together hygiene kits for shelters.

### **6. Visit the Imprisoned**

- Write letters or make cards for prison ministry programs.

### **7. Bury the Dead**

- Help clean up a cemetery or decorate graves with flowers.

# Spiritual Works of Mercy

## 1. **Instruct the Ignorant**

- Help teach a religious education class or assist with Vacation Bible School.

## 2. **Counsel the Doubtful**

- Write a letter of encouragement for someone going through a difficult time, such as a friend, family member, or someone in the parish.

## 3. **Admonish the Sinner**

- Create a positive, respectful social media post or flyer about making good choices, standing up for others, or living out faith values. (For credit save the post and show it along with reactions.)

## 4. **Comfort the Sorrowful**

- Make a care package or craft to cheer up someone grieving or struggling.

## 5. **Forgive Offenses Willingly**

- Write a letter of apology to someone the you have hurt, or verbally reconcile with someone you've had conflict with.

## 6. **Bear Wrongs Patiently**

- Assist with a challenging chore or task at home or in the community without complaint, even if the task is unpleasant.

## 7. **Pray for the Living and the Dead**

- Complete a 9-day Novena and pray the chaplet of divine mercy each day for someone in need. (Divine Mercy Chaplet is on APP Store and Google Play).
- Attend 2 Holy Hours – Eucharistic Adoration

# Confirmation Works of Mercy Summary Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

What Project did you choose? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this project? \_\_\_\_\_

**What Work of Mercy does this project relate to? (CIRCLE ONE THAT APPLIES)**

Feed the Hungry	Give Drink to the Thirsty	Shelter the Homeless
Clothe the Naked	Visit the Sick	Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead	Instruct the Ignorant	Counsel the Doubtful
Comfort the Sorrowful	Bear Wrongs Patiently	Forgive all Injuries
Pray for the Living and the Dead		

What did you gain from serving this way? \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

| Questions?

## Closing Prayer (*Sign of the Cross*)

- Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for bringing us together as we prepare for the gift of Confirmation. Guide these students and their families with Your wisdom and fill their hearts with the Holy Spirit. May they grow in faith, hope, and love, always trusting in Your plan.
- We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
(*Sign of the Cross*)