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Confirmation Parent Information Packet

2019-2020

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WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES NOR KNOWS IT. BUT
YOU KNOW IT, BECAUSE IT REMAINS WITH YOU, AND WILL BE IN YOU.
—JOHN 14:16-17

All of us at St. Peter's Parish want to welcome you, your Confirmation candidate, and your entire family to the Confirmation preparation process! This is an exciting time for your Confirmation candidate within their faith journey. Your Confirmation candidate is now embarking on the journey to own their faith!

With that being said, we are here to help with that process. We want to make sure that we are providing all the necessary tools, experiences, and communication to make this a meaningful of process. Please never hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Within this packet, you will find various important pieces of information that you will want to keep track of throughout the entire year. Please make sure you take the time to cover this information with your Confirmation candidate and store it in a place where you both can locate it. The following information will be covered:

- ✚ Confirmation Requirements Outlined
- ✚ Service Component Explained
- ✚ Retreats
- ✚ Saint Presentation
- ✚ Confirmation Statement of Intent
- ✚ Confirmation Rehearsal
- ✚ How to Choose a Sponsor
- ✚ Confirmation Ceremony Information
- ✚ Forms due dates

May the blessings of our loving Heavenly Father be poured out upon your candidates and your entire family during this process. I am so excited to embark on this journey towards Confirmation with each Candidate.

In Gratitude,
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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

The Confirmation preparation process at St. Peter's contains specific elements in order to help the candidate experience as many aspects of faith as possible. The elements of Confirmation preparation are as follows:

- † Attend Sunday Mass weekly
- † Substantial attendance in Confirmation classes (*no more than two excused absences*)
- † Participation in 3 group service projects
- † Attend 3 Fellowship Events at St. Peter's
- † Attend St. Peter's sponsored retreats
- † Write a Confirmation Statement of Intent
- † Choose a Confirmation Saint & prepare a short presentation on the Saint
- † Attend Confirmation Rehearsal
- † Movie Project with Sponsors
- † Attend Holy Thursday Services
- † Attend Confirmation Ceremony

Please discuss these elements with your teen in order to work together and plan appropriately during the Confirmation process this year.

MASS ATTENDANCE

As Catholics, we are to attend Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation (CCC 2180). God created us for the purpose to know, love and serve Him in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next. Because of this purpose which is written on our hearts, we are actually only able to be satisfied living it out.

Mass is the richest encounter we can have with God here on earth and helps fulfill our core purpose: union with God. God also knows us and our needs better than we even know ourselves and as such, commands us to attend Mass (3rd Commandment: Keep Holy the Sabbath).

No one will be taking attendance to make sure your son or daughter is attending Mass. As a family, the parents set the example of how to live life as a Catholic. The responsibility is on the parents to ensure that their teen, God's child, understands the importance of and the blessing that Mass is for us.

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CONFIRMATION CLASS ATTENDANCE

Confirmation classes are a crucial part of the faith formation process. Confirmation candidates are expected to attend all of the Confirmation classes. We understand that students will have various obligations; however, we highly encourage confirmation candidates to make Confirmation preparation a priority. With that being said, no more than two excused absences will be allowed. Please plan ahead for homework, jobs and sports.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & YOUTH EVENTS

WHY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IS NECESSARY:

- ✠ Throughout Scripture, we are called to love our neighbor and stand up for justice as well as peace. Since service and justice are so important to who we are as Catholic Christians, performing service is essential to our lives. Therefore, we ask that each candidate takes the service projects seriously and make them a priority.
- ✠ It is important to keep in mind that service to others isn't something that we do "to check it off our list". Rather, service is something we do because we know that the presence of Jesus is in all persons and in all of God's creation. We literally serve Jesus!

WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED AND BY WHEN:

Candidates are asked to participate in planned 3 service opportunities and attend 3 planned fellowship events in the upcoming months. Please see the Confirmation calendar for options available.

**Candidates are asked to complete 3 service opportunities
and attend 3 fellowship events by September 30, 2020.**

CONFIRMATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Cell Phone Policy:

Should be left at home or tucked away. Please place in silent mode and do not use when gathered with Confirmation community. We will collect them, if they become a problem.

Overall Dress Code:

Clothing should be well fitting and in good condition. Please no baggy or torn items. Shorts, skirts and dresses should be finger-tip length and/or accompanied by leggings.

General:

Please sing at Mass

Please do not talk while someone else is presenting or sharing.

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CONFIRMATION STATEMENT OF INTENT

WHAT IS THE CONFIRMATION STATEMENT OF INTENT?

Each candidate is asked to compose a statement of intent at the beginning of their Confirmation preparation journey to explain where they are in their faith journey, why they are wanting to be confirmed in the Catholic Church and what they will do personally to prepare for the Sacrament. Please include any struggles with their faith, the Church and/or Catholicism and how they see their faith as a part of their teen and adult lives.

The Statement of Intent is due at the Retreat on January 12, 2020

CONFIRMATION SAINT PRESENTATION

WHAT IS THE CONFIRMATION SAINT PRESENTATION?

Each candidate is asked to prepare a short presentation about their chosen Patron Saint. This Saint should be representative of who the teen would like to emulate, in terms of a specific trait, life choice or patronage (ie St. Sebastian is the Patron Saint of Athletes). Each student should give thoughtful consideration in choosing their saint. A chosen Saint should be a person who the student finds interesting and even inspirational. The use of your baptismal name, if already after a Saint, can serve to further emphasize the three-fold process of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The name chosen must be a Blessed or canonized Christian saint. A canonized Christian Saint is a man or a woman who has displayed heroic virtue and has been recognized by the Church.

THE BASIC DETAILS:

The Saint presentation needs the following components:

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| ✠ Name of the Saint | ✠ Path to Sainthood |
| ✠ When and where the Saint lived | ✠ Interesting information about the saint's life |
| ✠ Family life | ✠ What are 3 virtues (<i>a good habit that enables a person to act with moral excellence, according to God's Will</i>) did the Saint have? |
| ✠ Childhood | ✠ Why did you chose this Saint? |
| ✠ Occupation | ✠ What lesson did they learn from the Saint? |
| ✠ Education | |
| ✠ Feast date | |

The Saint presentations will be after Mass in August, September and October 2020.

Students will be assigned the date of their presentation.

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Confirmation Retreat Opportunities:

There are 2 retreats for candidates to participate in:

- ✠ Winter Retreat: Jan 12 8:45a-4:30 (Mass Included)
- ✠ Fall Retreat: Aug 26 8:45-4:30 with Sponsors (Mass Included)

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

**The Sacrament of Confirmation is October 28, 2020,
so rehearsal is October 25, 2020.**

Sponsors are required to attend the Confirmation rehearsal so please plan accordingly.

What will happen at the Rehearsal?:

The rehearsal will include: a reflection for candidates and sponsors, Rite of Confirmation rehearsal, and confession for candidates. Sponsors may also go to confession after all candidates have gone. We will be walking through the Rite of Confirmation in order to familiarize the candidates and sponsors with the roles they will play on the day of Confirmation.

DRESS CODE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Ladies:

Please choose an outfit with modesty in mind.

Skirt/dress must be below your fingertips

Dress shoes (no flip-flops)

Tops/dresses must have sleeves — no strapless or spaghetti straps

If you have a sleeveless top, you will need to wear something over it to cover your shoulders, such as, a jacket, sweater, or wrap.

Gentlemen:

Dress pants

Collared shirt with tie (jacket optional)

Dress shoes (no tennis shoes)

No denim, low-riding pants, tennis shoes, or t-shirts. Please check with Toni Mitchum if you are unsure if an outfit is appropriate. If you are questioning its appropriateness, please consider another outfit.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

The Confirmation sponsor must be chosen and the sponsor information form turned in by
February 23, 2020.

The Eligibility certificate must then be turned in by **March 29, 2020.**

**Sponsors are required to be at several meetings, events or service opportunities.
Please consider choosing someone who is local or who is able to travel frequently.**

What is a Sponsor?:

- ✠ A sponsor is a person who encourages, assists, and walks the faith journey with a Confirmation candidate to help them embrace, fall in love, and actively practices the Catholic faith before and after Confirmation.
- ✠ The sponsor also presents the Candidate to the Bishop at the celebration of Confirmation.

Who Can be a Sponsor?:

Being a sponsor is a huge role and not just an honor or fancy name. The sponsor must be an active, practicing Catholic who can be a role model for the Confirmation Candidate. Think about godparents from your Baptism, first. However, if your godparent is someone you can't choose to be your sponsor, then you want to ask someone who you see as an example of a committed, practicing Catholic.

The Catholic Church (per canon law) requires that a sponsor:

- ✠ May be either a man or woman. (Sponsor doesn't have to be the same sex as candidate).
- ✠ May not be the parent of the candidate.
- ✠ Is a person who regularly comes to Sunday Mass & celebrates the sacraments.
- ✠ Must be at least 16 years old.
- ✠ If married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- ✠ Must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, has made First Communion, and Confirmed).

FORMS

Deadlines:

Candidate Information Form:	Tonight / ASAP
Statement of Intent:	January 12, 2020
Sponsor Information Form:	February 23, 2020
Sponsor Eligibility Certificate:	March 29, 2020
Saint Presentation:	August 2020
Sponsor Movie Project:	September 27, 2020

Please review all the provided forms and return them to the parish office by their designated due date or earlier! All forms are also available online, www.stpkc.org, under the Sacraments tab for Confirmation.

Thanks so much!