



# St. Mark Catholic Church

## CONFIRMATION PACKET

### Attention - FAITH FORMATION

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

Please submit all paperwork to the St. Mark Church Office by  
**February 1, 2026**

Candidate may not be able to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation if all materials are not submitted and Confirmation requirements are not fulfilled.

A complete Confirmation packet includes:

- \_\_\_ Candidate Information Sheet
- \_\_\_ Affirmation of Understanding of Confirmation
- \_\_\_ Saint Report (This will be your confirmation Saint)
- \_\_\_ Sponsor Affirmation of Faith and Morals with Pastor Signature
- (St. Mark Parishioners should submit the Affirmation without Father John Putnam's signature)
- \_\_\_ Official Copy of Baptismal Certificate with parish seal \*

\*If the candidate **did not** receive Baptism and First Holy Communion at St. Mark Catholic Church, the Church that administered the sacrament must send a **new official certificate with the parish seal** to St. Mark Catholic Church at the address listed above. Photocopies of the original baptismal certificate are **not accepted**. These Baptismal certificates must have the **First Holy Communion notation on the reverse of the certificate**.

Please ensure that the Confirmand's name is on every page of this packet.



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## Candidate Information

Please print legibly in ink.

### Baptismal Name:

(As appears in Church register)

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

### Birth Date:

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

### Baptismal Date:

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

### Baptismal Church:

CHURCH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY (IF NOT U.S.)

### Parent Contact Info:

Name

Phone Number

Email

### Sponsor Contact Info:

Name

Relation

Phone Number

Email

### Confirmation Saint:



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## Affirmation of Understanding of Confirmation

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

Read the statements, Candidate should initial each line legibly in ink, and sign below.

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. I understand that by the sacrament of Confirmation, I become more perfectly bound to the Church and am “more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (CCC 1285).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost” (CCC 1302).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, ‘Abba! Father!’;
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ more boldly, and never to
- be ashamed of the Cross.” (CCC 1303)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the ‘character,’ which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of the Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness” (CCC 1304).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “This ‘character’ perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and ‘the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially (*quasi ex officio*)’” (CCC 1305).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act” (CCC 1310).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Choosing a saint is an important part of our Confirmation process. It emphasizes our role in the church, and gives us a patron saint to intercede with! Choosing should not be something taken lightly, as this saint will be with you forever! We require you to research your saint, not only to prove you know about them, but to give you insight into their life as a catholic and what led them to sainthood!

Maddie didn't know anything about her saint when she chose her, and now she asks for their intercession everyday because the choice ended up being very providential! The Lord works in a beautiful way if you are open to it! In your Confirmation class, whether it be in FF, SMCS, or homeschool, you should discern the extensive amount of saints we have in our church!

## Confirmation Saint Report

**\*\*Students who attend St. Mark School will complete their Saint Report through the school with their religion class specifications\*\***

Saints are heroes of the faith who lived their lives as examples of faith, hope, and love. The tradition of taking a saint's name at Confirmation is an ancient practice in the Church. The patron saint becomes a role model for the person, and an example of how the Gospel can be lived in a practical way.

Select a saint you would like to imitate and complete a report about this saint. The name chosen is the name by which the candidates will be presented to the Bishop at Confirmation.

### Paper Guidelines

Your report must be **typed** and **2 pages double-spaced** in length (12 point font and 1 inch margins).

Please use reputable sources for your saint paper (do not use Wikipedia) and include a **reference page** (not included in 2 pages).

All papers are read by the Confirmation Coordinator. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their son and/or daughter does not submit a plagiarized paper. Plagiarism includes the submission of work that is not your original work, including reports written by siblings or friends. You should ensure that any information obtained online about saints is your own (not copied and pasted from online with few words altered). If a St. Mark School student submits a plagiarized paper, the Confirmation Coordinator will notify the School.

### Important items to include:

- Introduction (interesting information about the saint you chose)
- Biography (history: date of birth, location, family, general information about the saint, what did the saint do, what is the saint known for, canonization date, feast day) \*1-2 paragraphs only\*
- Why did you choose this saint? What qualities do you admire in this saint? What characteristics would you like to imitate? What event in the life of this saint most impressed you and why?
- Every saint is known for a particular quality or virtue. What special virtues did this saint have?
- What about this saint inspires you to be a better Catholic? How is this saint a model for you today?



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## Confirmation Saint Project Description

### **Purpose:**

In preparing for Confirmation, you are asked to learn about the life and faith of your chosen Confirmation Saint. This project will help you grow in your understanding of their example and inspire you to follow Christ more closely.

### **Options:**

You may choose one of the following ways to present your research:

Hand Written Report – Details on previous page.

### **Examples include:**

Poster or tri-fold display board

Illustrated booklet or comic

Short video or slideshow presentation

3D model, diorama, or sculpture

Original song, poem, or dramatic monologue

Digital art or interactive media

### **Content Requirements (regardless of format):**

Your saint's full name and feast day

When and where they lived

Key events in their life

The virtues they lived out

Why they are important to the Catholic Church

Why you chose them for your Confirmation

How their example inspires you to live your faith

Due Date: 10/17 - Bring projects to class on 10/5-6 or to the church office by 10/17.

Presentation/Display: Projects will be showcased during our All Saints Day Celebration.

Creative projects will be displayed for everyone to see; reports will be available for reading.

Saint Reports and projects will be assessed according to the attached rubric. If a report or project does not meet the minimum amount of points (12/20) the candidate might be asked to **redo their report or project.**

# CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT RUBRIC

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Satisfactory (2)	Needs Improvement (1)
Content Accuracy	All required information is accurate, detailed, and clearly presented.	Most information is accurate and clear; minor details missing.	Some inaccuracies or missing key details.	Major inaccuracies or missing most required information.
Understanding of Saint's Life	Shows deep understanding of the saint's story, virtues, and impact.	Shows good understanding; some depth missing.	Shows basic understanding but lacks depth.	Shows little understanding or is unclear.
Personal Connection	Strong, thoughtful reflection on why this saint was chosen and how they inspire the student's faith.	Clear reflection with some personal connection.	Limited reflection; connection is vague.	No meaningful personal connection.
Creativity & Presentation	Project is engaging, neat, visually appealing, and demonstrates exceptional creativity.	Project is neat and shows creativity.	Project is complete but lacks visual appeal or creativity.	Project is messy, incomplete, or rushed.
Effort & Completeness	Goes above and beyond expectations; shows significant time and care.	Meets expectations; shows good effort.	Meets minimum requirements; effort is minimal.	Incomplete; little evidence of effort.

**TOTAL: /20**



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where do I submit the packet?**

Packets must be submitted to the Faith Formation Office at St. Mark. You may bring completed packets to the Welcome Desk Monday-Thursday, 9:00-7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 - 4:30 pm or Sunday 8:30-12:30 pm. Packets may also be mailed to Maddie Torres at St. Mark Catholic Church, 14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078. Students attending Faith Formation may submit packets during Confirmation Class.

**\*\*SMCS Students are to Submit Packets to Mrs. Ostrum's Class\*\***

**\* BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES with Parish Seal **MUST be mailed** to St. Mark Catholic CHURCH Attn: Confirmation Coordinator\***

### **What if my son and/or daughter cannot participate in their assigned Confirmation Mass?**

St. Mark will make every effort to accommodate your family at the alternate Confirmation Mass if they are unable to attend their assigned Mass. Please note that changes to Masses will only be made to accommodate illness, sponsor travel plans, and family conflicts. Changes cannot be honored to reassign Confirmandi to a Mass with their friends.

### **What if my son and/or daughter is unable to attend one of the two Confirmation retreats?**

If a student does not attend one of the two retreats, their Confirmation may be *delayed*. There may be another option within the diocese to meet this requirement but we prefer they attend our planned retreat.

### **Does my child's sponsor have to attend the rehearsal?**

Sponsors are highly encouraged to attend the rehearsal. If a sponsor is unable to attend a rehearsal, a parent or guardian must attend in their place.

### **What if my child's sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Mass?**

Students are highly encouraged to select a sponsor who can attend the Confirmation Mass to present them to the celebrant. If unforeseen circumstances arise and the sponsor is unable to attend the Mass, a proxy can be assigned. A proxy stands in place of the sponsor to present the student to the celebrant for Confirmation.

### **Who can serve as a sponsor?**

A sponsor must be 16 years-old by the Confirmation Mass, and they cannot be a parent or stepparent who already share in the responsibility of raising the child in the Catholic faith.

A sponsor must be a Catholic in good-standing. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC2041-2043), this means that they attend Mass weekly, participate in sacramental confession at least once a year, participate in worthy reception of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season, observe the Church's Days of Holy Obligation, observe prescribed days of fasting and abstinence, and support the Church in her needs (time, talent, and treasure).

Someone cannot serve as a sponsor if they are married outside the Catholic Church (married civilly only, married in a non-Catholic Church, etc.), divorced legally without an annulment, cohabitating with a significant other outside of the sacrament of marriage, etc.