Confirmation Candidates

The following forms are for the CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE to complete and return all necessary papers to your teacher by December 17th. Instructions for each are on the following page.

The pages are as follows:

✚ Confirmation Candidate Parish Register Information
✚ Sponsor Application/Information
✚ Letter to the Pastor
✚ Saint Report
✚ Confirmation Candidate Commitment

Candidate Name: ________________________________
HOLY GHOST FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Packet Directions

All Papers are Due to your teacher by December 17th

2. Confirmation Candidate Parish Register Information

3. Confirmation Sponsor Information Form

“The sponsor’s function is to take care that the person confirm behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament” (Code of Canon Law, Can892)

Sponsor Requirements: at least 16 years of age, a Catholic who has been confirmed and lives a life of faith in conformity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and not the parent of the candidate (Can.874). “It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism.” (Can.873, §1)

4. Guidelines for Letter to the Pastor

One of the requirements for Confirmation is that candidates express to the bishop or pastor a free and genuine desire to receive the sacrament. Such is the purpose of the letter that you are required to write to Fr. John Hornicak (pastor of Holy Ghost Parish).

- In this letter you should make it clear that you have participated faithfully in the Confirmation preparation program and consider yourself ready to receive the sacrament. The sacrament of Confirmation, like all the sacraments, is a gift from God. We do not “earn” the right to such a gift, but we do have to prepare ourselves to receive and appreciate it.
- You should demonstrate a basic knowledge of what the sacrament of Confirmation is and does for those who receive it.
- Finally, you should state what the responsibilities are of those who are confirmed:
  o Following Jesus more closely
  o Attend Mass regularly
  o Discerning the gifts of the Spirit and using them to build up the church
  o Knowing and defending the Catholic faith
  o Spreading the Good News of Jesus to others through word and example
  o Serving others in charity, especially the poor and vulnerable.

5. Saint Report (Guidelines Attached)

Parents, please proofread the finished report before submitting.

6. Confirmation Candidate Commitment

Please sign, and have your parents sign, and return to your RE teacher.

Anyone not meeting the requirement by the deadline will need to speak with the pastor about being Confirmed.
Confirmation Candidate Parish Register Information

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Candidate’s Baptismal Name___________________________________________________

Confirmation Saint Name____________________________________________________

Age on Confirmation Date _____________________

Place of Baptism ____________________________________________________________

Date of Baptism_________/_____/__________________

Month / Day / Year

Father’s Name______________________________________________________________

Mother’s Name______________________________________________________________

Sponsor’s Name_______________________________________________________________

Sponsor’s Date of Birth_________/_____/________

Month / Day / Year

Sponsor’s Phone #___________________________________________________________

Sponsor’s Email______________________________________________________________

Sponsor’s Relationship (circle one)

Godparent  Grandparent  Uncle/Aunt  Sibling (16 or over)  Other Family Member__________  Family Friend

Candidate Name: ________________________________
Dear Friend,

We Congratulate you! We have been informed that you have been chosen as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Please fill out the information below and present this letter to one of your parish priests at your rectory for his signature and church seal. Then return it to your confirmation candidate so they can turn it in to our religious education office.

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I HEREBY AFFIRM:

- My faith in Christ and His teachings and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- That I have received the sacrament of Baptism and have been confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- That I am a registered member of

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- That I am fully aware of my responsibilities as a sponsor to provide the confirmation candidate, (Candidate’s Full Name) ____________________________, with the proper example of active, adult membership in the church and to encourage the candidate to follow this example.

I DO THEREFORE AFFIRM THAT I MEET ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SPONSOR.

______________________________
Sponsor Signature

______________________________
Sponsor Name (please print)

________________________________________________
Signature of sponsor’s pastor/associate verifying the above sponsor is a registered member of the parish.

Date

PARISH SEAL
Guidelines for Letter to Pastor Requesting Confirmation

Your letter to Father Hornicak is to be submitted to your teacher by December 17th.

The letter is to be typed, single spaced, 12-14 font, at least a half page in length. Please follow the sample format.

Please have your parents proofread before submitting.

Here is a sample format for this letter:

Your Name
Your Street Address
Your Town, IL Zip Code

Date of Letter

Reverend John Hornicak
Holy Ghost Parish
254 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Dear Father Hornicak,

Paragraph 1: State your name, age, grade level, and school. Explain your reason for writing: requesting the sacrament of confirmation.

Paragraph 2: “I want to be confirmed because…” (minimum of 3 sentences). Explain what the gift of confirmation offers to you as a young Catholic. What responsibilities are you called to as a maturing disciple of Jesus and member of his Church?

Paragraph 3: “Things I have been doing to prepare for confirmation are…” (minimum of 4 sentences). Attending and participating fully in religious education classes. Researching saints, studying Catholic beliefs and practices, praying, choosing a sponsor, etc.

Paragraph 4: “I have selected _____________ as my confirmation name because…” (minimum of 2 sentences). Why did you choose this saint for your confirmation name?

Closing: “Thank you, Fr. Hornicak, for all that you do for Holy Ghost Parish. My classmates and I are looking forward to confirmation.”

Sincerely,

Sign your name: First Confirmation Name (Saint) Last

Type your name as you signed
Saint Report Guidelines

Header = Your Name (size 14 Font)
Name you chose for Confirmation (size 14 Font)

- At least 2 pages in length, double spaced, 14pt font, Arial, no greater than 1” margins.
- No Pictures or Prayers should be included
- Your name and the saint’s name should be in the header like the above example.
- Sources must be sited on a separate page (this is not page 2).
  - 2-4+ sources should be used in order to write a good report.
  - Resources:
    1. Library Books
    2. Catholic Websites (Not Wikipedia)

Parents, please proofread!
- Be sure to include all the following information in your report:

Paragraphs:
1) Introduction to your saint’s name, when did he/she live (1st century, 1800’s etc.), when were they made a saint and when is their feast day?
2) Biography of the saint and what did this saint do in life that caused others to see him/her as especially holy, i.e. what made them a saint? (This part should be several paragraphs)
3) Why did you choose this saint for your confirmation name? What is it about this saint that made you want them for your Confirmation name? What characteristics and virtues of theirs do you find admirable? *
   If you chose the saint because of family connections or what they are the patron saint of.
   -very important, do not forget to include!
4) How can this saint’s example and prayers help you to live out a holy life? (This should be a paragraph, not just one sentence)
Confirmation
Candidate Commitment

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
- Jeremiah 29:11

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

- I will attend, come prepared and will fully participate in religious education sessions and activities with a sincere desire to learn.
- I will attend Mass every weekend and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will be open to the Spirit of God.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by using my talents and gifts for the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer.
- I will attend the Confirmation retreat.
- I will try to model the Christian virtues of my chosen saint.
- I will support my fellow candidates.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life – plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Signature of Candidate ___________________________ Signature of Parent ___________________________

Parent Commitment:
I agree to help prepare my child for the sacrament of Confirmation by:
- Sharing my personal faith and teaching my child as their primary religious educator.
- Encouraging my child to study and learn about our Catholic faith.
- Ensuring that my child completes all the requirements for Confirmation.