

CONFIRMATION PACKET 2024

Candidate's Full Name (include middle name): _____

Church (please include city and state) and DATE of Candidate's Baptism (Please include even if it is St. Joseph):

Church of Candidate's First Communion: _____

Age of Candidate (as of October 27, 2024): _____

Birth Date of Candidate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Candidate's Address: _____

First and Last Names of Candidate's Parents (**Include Maiden Name in Parenthesis**):

Full First and Last Name of Candidate's Sponsor (for certificate): _____

Please print candidate's full name including Confirmation name for his/her certificate:
(First Name, Middle Name, Confirmation Saint Name, Last Name)

NAME FOR CERTIFICATE _____

In order for us to be able to complete the required planning for our parish celebration of Confirmation, please note the due dates by which each enclosed form is to be returned. Please use the bottom section of this paper to check off the things you have completed and will be returning. If you have incomplete service hours at the time of returning these forms, you may note the projects/times you expect to complete prior to Confirmation. The important thing is not counting the hours but learning to be a servant for others as Jesus taught us to be.

- Registration Online ... **complete by January 1, 2024**
- Baptismal Certificate (those not baptized at St. Joseph) ...**return by February 4, 2024**
- Sponsor Selection along with Sponsor form (from sponsor's parish)...**return by February 25, 2024**
- Patron Saint Report...**return by April 28, 2024**
- Sponsor Activity Form... **return by September 15, 2024**
- Service Record...**return by September 15, 2024**
- This Sheet...**return by September 15, 2024**

SPONSOR SELECTION (Due 2/25)
(Sponsor cannot be a parent of the candidate)

I, _____, have chosen _____ to be my Confirmation Sponsor. He/She practices his/her faith at _____ Parish.

I have chosen him/her because he/she meets the requirements set forth by the Catholic Church and for the following reasons (please do not write just a bulleted list and please try to fill up the entire page):

*(These are the requirements for sponsors -- Be mature enough to assume the responsibility of this role and be 16 years or older, have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing member of the Catholic Church, and if married, his/her marriage was performed by a Catholic priest or deacon. **Please remember that a sponsorship form, which is obtained from the sponsor's parish, is to be sent to St. Joseph by 3/10/24.**)*

Candidate signature: _____

Sponsor signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

A PORTRAIT OF MY PATRON (Due 4/28)

Candidate Name _____

My chosen patron saint for Confirmation is _____

I understand that this is the name by which the Bishop will Confirm me and will be part of my permanent sacramental records.

In my permanent record, I would like my patron saint's name listed as this (as an example, some formats of St. Pio include "Pio", "Pio of Pietrelcina", and "Padre Pio"):

I chose this saint as my patron because:

This saint lived in this country (put "Heaven" if an angel): _____

at this time (n/a for angels): _____

and is considered the patron of: _____

In researching my patron, these are things that I found of interest:

I hope to imitate my patron saint by (specifically):

A specific virtue of my saint for which I will pray is:

Important Things to Consider when Selecting a Confirmation Sponsor and Name

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR:

Consider your choice of a Confirmation sponsor thoughtfully. This person should be someone who is willing and able to offer support in your journey of faith, both by example and guidance. Your sponsor should be a witness of Christ in your life. The choice of a Confirmation sponsor is different than the selection of a favorite family member or friend because the role of sponsor is not just an honor, it is also a responsibility. Someone who is casual or indifferent about their practice of their faith may not be the best choice.

- Catholic sponsors have specific roles they play in the lives of their candidates. They:
 - Pray regularly for them
 - Give an example of Catholic living
 - Encourage their religious education
- Catholic sponsor should be active members of the Church community
- Sponsors cannot be a parent of the candidate
- Catholic sponsors should:
 - Be mature enough to assume the responsibility of this role and be 16 years or older
 - Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
 - Be a practicing member of the Catholic Church
 - If married, his/her marriage was performed by a Catholic priest or deacon

The ancient tradition in the Catholic Church of sponsor is a beautiful one and provides us with a person in our lives who models their faith, lives their faith, and is joyful and enthusiastic about sharing their faith!

Please remember that a sponsor needs to obtain a sponsor form from their current parish!

CONFIRMATION NAME:

Likewise, choose your Confirmation name thoughtfully. Your choice should be made based on the life lived by the saint you choose. Rather than choosing a name you happen to like, you should focus on the example set by the saint's life and reflect on the following questions:

- How did this saint model Gospel values?
- How was this saint a witness to the life of Jesus?
- How did this saint live a life of service to others?
- How did this saint actually live his/her faith?
- Why do I connect with this saint?
- What message does this saint's life have for me to apply to my life today?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE

- We should receive our date for the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Diocese in Spring 2024. Our hope is to have a Sunday date in early November.
- Students should be enrolled in either St. Joseph Parish Day School or St. Joseph Parish School of Religion. As in the past, a candidate for Confirmation has received both Baptism and Eucharist and has participated in previous religious education day school or PSR programs. If you have not met the above qualifications, you are invited to enroll in the Confirmation process. However, in order to do so, please call our Parish DRE, Rozann Swanson, or Youth Minister, Michael Grecol.
- Students will attend a total of 10 Confirmation sessions throughout the course of the school year, outside of either Day School or PSR classes. In addition to these sessions, students will participate in a Confirmation Retreat and service activities totaling no less than 30 hours. The purpose of these sessions is to build community and to provide opportunities for students to grow together in their faith journey as one Confirmation class.
- Students are responsible to return completed packets no later than the listed due dates. Packets can be turned in as soon as they are complete.
- Dress code for Confirmation:
 - Girls:
 - White blouse (not a tee) and a plain black, navy, grey, or khaki skirt of appropriate length (not a mini...think at least fingertip length). Black, navy, grey, or khaki dress pants are also an acceptable option instead of a skirt
 - OR a plain white, black, navy, grey or khaki dress
 - Boys:
 - White dress shirt and dark, conservative tie with black, navy, grey or khaki dress pants
 - A black/navy/grey suit with a white dress shirt and dark, conservative tie
 - The basic thing to remember for all students: dress nice, dress modest, try to keep within the color guideline if possible.
 - I am not one to try and split hairs over outfits and I trust the parents to have the final say over how their child dresses. If the parents feel that the outfit is appropriate and modest, the outfit should be fine.



2024 Confirmation Sessions
5:00 Mass – Session from 6:15-7:45

Winter & Spring 2024 Sessions

Fall 2024 Sessions

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Information Session for Parents and Candidates

Sunday, January 21, 2024

1 Parent attends with Candidate

Sunday, February 4, 2024

1 Parent attends with Candidate

Sunday, February 25, 2024

1 Parent attends with Candidate

Saturday, March 10, 2024 – Noon-8:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat – Candidates Only

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Sponsor attends with Candidates

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Candidates Only

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Candidates Only

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Candidates Only

Sunday, Sept 15, 2024

Candidates Only

Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

1 Parent attends with Candidates

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Sponsor attends with Candidates

Sunday Practice in late October & the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in November

We do not yet have the Confirmation date set with the Diocese of Cleveland. We should receive our date from the Diocese in Spring 2024.

Our hope is to have a Sunday date in early November.



Confirmation Team Members:

Fr. Ron Wearsch, Pastor
Michael Grecol, Youth Minister
Joseph Kowalski
Carrie Gardner
Table Leaders
Prayer Partners

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Created by Saint Augustine (354-430)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.