



Confirmation Parent Packet

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are called the Sacraments of Initiation. Through these sacraments, we become members of the Catholic Church, a community of Spirit-filled people who have been saved by Christ and who witness Christ's love in the world.

By means of the Sacrament of Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of God, our sins are forgiven, and we are welcomed as members of the Church. Confirmation impresses the candidate with a special character. Through this sacrament, the candidates are enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are bound more perfectly to the Church, and are strengthened in faith. They are enabled to witness more courageously to Christ by word and deed, to spread and defend the faith. The Eucharist unites the people of God as a family of Christ, whose body and blood they share.

By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, the faithful receive in increasing measure the treasures of divine life and grow toward the perfection of charity.

The Role of those to be Confirmed-Those to be confirmed must be suitably instructed and properly disposed. They must be willing to be involved in the preparation program with the intention of remaining faithful to Christ and his Church.

The Role of Parents-As parents, you play a primary role in the sacramental preparation program. You help your son or daughter grow in faith as you prepare him or her for fruitful reception of the sacrament. Your attendance at the parent meeting and the Sunday parish celebrations of the Eucharist is vital. There is, and can be, no substitute for your actual presence at such moments. Your interest, involvement, and concern make a difference in your son's or daughter's perception of what this sacrament and the Christian life are all about.

The Role of the Sponsor-Each candidate is responsible for choosing a sponsor. It is recommended that, if possible, the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor. This choice would express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and would make the function of the sponsor more effective. There is no regulation determining that men be sponsor for boys and women be sponsors for girls. **Church law states that the sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age. He or she must be a confirmed Catholic who has received Holy Eucharist and is also a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. The sponsor may not be a mother or father of the one to be confirmed. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to give assurance of his or her qualifications.** Sponsors take on a lifelong commitment to help their candidate fulfill the obligations of the sacrament. During preparation, sponsors are encouraged to take an active role in the Confirmation program. Sponsors should be present at the retreat, Confirmation practice (if possible), and

ceremony. Their immediate role demands time, commitment, and willingness to engage in faith-sharing activities with their candidates.

Selecting a Saint Name and Essay

At your Confirmation, you enter into a deeper relationship with God. One Confirmation custom is to choose a name which symbolizes this relationship. Your Confirmation name reflects your choice of a saintly patron, which sometimes means claiming for yourself the name received at Baptism. If you choose a name different from your baptismal name, you will have a patron saint in addition to your baptismal patron saint.

Some questions you might ask before choosing: What is your complete baptismal name? Why did your parents give you these names? Think of a saint you admire and wish to be like...what is his/her name? What is the feast day, is it a special day in your life? Are there any miracles associated with this saint? Is it the name of your sponsor? Is there a family name or confirmation name that is passed through the generations? What do you want your Confirmation name to be? Why? What does your Confirmation name and your Confirmation Saint mean to you?

Students should submit a one to two paged typed, double spaced essay about your Confirmation name patron.

Reports must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- The name of the saint, date of birth, death date, feast day and if this saint is a patron of something
- A little history about the saint and other interesting information. Also include why and when he or she was canonized
- Why you chose this saint
- **What you admire about this saint and how you could exemplify the saint**
- **Name(s) of a person and a description of the qualities of saintliness that you have seen in that person**

Candidate may select a saint of either gender and/or someone in the process of Sainthood (e.g. Blessed). Old Testament Prophets names are acceptable, but the report could be written about another chosen modern saint.

Please understand that the Confirmation Name chosen will be the one that the Bishop will announce at Mass during the Rite of Confirmation.

Essays are due on January 16, 2019.



Requirements and Checklist:

Category	Explanation	Due Date
Candidate and Sponsor Information Form PAGE 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate & Sponsor information • Saint name identified • Include copy of baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. B 	November 7, 2018
Saint Report PAGE 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a saint • Research history of saint • Write 1-2 page report 	January 16, 2019
Religion Class	active participation and regular attendance according to the Covenant signed	Ongoing
Sunday Mass	regular attendance	Ongoing
Parent Meeting	Your parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend the mandatory CREDO session. <i>The date is TBD.</i>	TBD
Journal	for reflection time	Done in Class
Questionnaire for Confirmandi	for Bishop Paprocki's use prior to Confirmation Mass	Done in Class
Confirmation Retreat & Reconciliation Service	All day retreat for students and sponsors at St. Boniface beginning with Mass and including penance service.	March 24, 2019 approx 8am-4pm
Confirmation Rehearsal	Walk-through for students and sponsors in the church.	March 27, 2019 6:30-7:45pm
Conferring of the Sacrament	Bishop Paprocki confirms the 7th and 8th graders during Mass	April 5, 2019 at 6:30pm

Please contact Kyle Lask at klask@st-boniface.com or Jennifer Hoeflerlin at jhoeflerlin@st-boniface.com concerning any questions, difficulties or problems with the various aspects of Confirmation.



Candidate and Sponsor Information Form

Candidate's name information will be used for the Parish sacrament record, therefore, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Candidate's Given Name: _____ Age: _____

Saint Name Selected for Confirmation: _____

Home Address: _____

Candidate's Baptismal Information: Church of Baptism: _____

Church Address (fill in address and submit a copy of baptismal record if sacrament was received at any church other than St. Boniface):

Date of Baptism (accurate, please): _____

Father's Baptismal Name: _____

Mother's Baptismal Name (Maiden Name): _____

Current Height (for gown sizing): _____

Sponsor's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Sponsor's Email Address: _____

Sponsor's Current Parish Name: _____

Parish Address: _____

Sponsor's Year of Confirmation: _____ Sponsor's Year of Baptism: _____

(No need to request Sponsor's Baptismal record if year of Baptism and Confirmation are already known by sponsor.)

A Confirmation Sponsor must be:

- At least 16 years old and must be a practicing Catholic
- Have received the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the Confirmation sponsor be one of the candidate's baptismal godparents to show the unity between the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- May not be the father or mother of the candidate, but may be either a man or woman, but only one sponsor per candidate

COMPLETED FORM IS DUE TO TEACHER BY NOVEMBER 7th, 2018