

Holy Family Religious Education
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June 27, 2011

Dear Holy Family Parish Confirmation Candidates for 2012 from Mother Teresa and Parents/Guardian,

The enclosed Confirmation instructions are being mailed to you today for your review and preparation for Confirmation.

Please read them over carefully and be aware of the deadlines of your requirements, **especially** for your sponsors' paperwork. Keep these notices in a safe place. There will be a mandatory parents meeting September 21, 2011 regarding Confirmation, at 7:15 pm in our school cafeteria. Our Confirmation date is not known until the Bishop of Trenton notifies us.

Any paperwork required by you should be dropped off at the religious education office located at the school. Call us at 264-7043 to check for hours.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,



Patricia McCarthy
Director, Religious Education

Enclosure
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Dear Confirmation Candidates for 2012,

You **must** choose your Confirmation name over the summer.

Go on the internet or to your library and read stories about the Saints name you choose. Choose one that you would like to model in your life.

You **must** write a report on your chosen Saint's life and have it ready to hand in to the Religious Education office in September. It will be due by our third week, September 28, 2011. Details enclosed on how to write report.

You **must** choose a Sponsor for your Confirmation. Your Sponsor **must** meet the requirements on the enclosed **form** and that form **must be** completed by **their** parish. Your Sponsor's paperwork **must** be returned by **September 28, 2011**. We are giving you this form now so that if your sponsor lives elsewhere you have enough time to get it back by the deadline.

You **must** attend the Confirmation Commitment Mass and the Mandatory Day of Retreat.

You **must** complete a minimum of 20 Christian Community Service hours; **at least 10** of those hours **must** be completed by December 14, 2011. The remaining 10 hours before February 29, 2012. Your service must be listed and signed, on the enclosed form, by the adult, advisor or chairperson in charge of the service provided. Check with local nursing homes and services for local charities. When in doubt, check with our office to see if the service qualifies. Some suggestions for Christian Community Service right here in our parish can be given by the contact below:

Holy Family Altar & Rosary Society: Contact- Betty Pietrowski

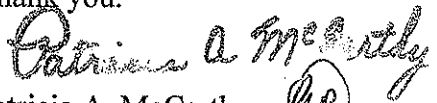

Holy Family Children's Choir: Contact- Janet Manochio (732)335-3665 Or
manochiojanet@yahoo.com

Holy Family lectoring and/or altar serving is also eligible hours.

Also enclosed is your **Confirmation Requirements with due dates** and a **Confirmation Check List** along with a copy of the Apostle's Creed and new Nicene Creed, you will need to know both of these prayers for Confirmation.

If you or your parents/guardians have any questions, please call my office at the above number and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you.


Patricia A. McCarthy 
Director, Religious Education Program

Enclosures

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CHECK LIST OF CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2011-12

Requirements

Due Dates

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| *Letter to the Pastor
(Why I want to make Confirmation) | September 14, 2011
(First day of classes) |
| *MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING | September 21, 2011 7:15 p.m.
(School Cafeteria) |
| *Confirmation Commitment Mass
(Mandatory) | September 25, 2011 9:00 A.M.
(followed by a light breakfast) |
| *Saint's Report | September 28, 2011 |
| *ONE Sentence of the Priest or Deacon
Homily or Gospel | Weekly |
| *Sponsor's Letter of Eligibility | September 28, 2011 |
| *Christian Community Service
(At least the first 10 hours are due in to class) | December 14, 2011 |
| *Christian Community Service
(Remaining hours due, if not already completed) | February 29, 2012 |
| *Mandatory Day of Retreat | To Be Announced (Memorial Hall)
10 am to 3 pm, If weekend
4pm to 9pm, If weekday |

**It is necessary that these requirements be fulfilled in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Required Knowledge Checklist for Confirmation Candidates

Name: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

*****Keep this page in front of your folder, if you lose it, you must start over.*****

BELOW REINFORCED IN 8TH GRADE	DATE	Teachers Initials	BELOW DUE IN 8TH GR.	DATE	Initials
BASIC PRAYERS			OTHER		
Sign of the Cross			Saint Report		
Our Father			Homily: Due weekly		
Hail Mary			Letter to Pastor		
Apostles Creed			Sponsor Letter w/seal		
Nicene Creed (New Words)			Commitment Mass		
Act of Contrition			Class Mass		
PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING			Class Mass		
Holy Days of Obligations			Reconciliation Service		
Seven Sacraments			Reconciliation Service		
The Ten Commandments			Retreat		
The Beatitudes			Program Fee		
Spiritual Works of Mercy			Gown Measurements		
Corporal Works of Mercy					
Duties of a Catholic Christian					
Theological & Moral Virtues					
THE HOLY SPIRIT & CONFIRMATION					
Pentecost					
Effects of Confirmation					
Gifts of the Holy Spirit					
Rite of Confirmation					

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow up to and including and became man, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles be used.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty from there he will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

After the priest invites all to pray, the deacon or other minister sings or says the petitions.

The following or another response may be used:

9 General Intercessions

... we pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our pray

After the final petition, the priest says a concluding prayer.

Saint's Report

Every student must complete a two-page report on the Saint's name chosen for Confirmation. This report must be typed or off the Computer and must also include a cover page and a bibliography.

Cover page

Should include the Saint's full name, the confirmation candidate's full name, the teacher's name and the date.

Page one

Should include a summary of the saint's life

Page Two

Should include a paragraph stating why this Saint was chosen and how you intend to model your life after the chosen Saint.

Saint's report is due by September 28, 2011

Saint Research

1. The saint I chose to pray to and imitate in my preparation for Confirmation is:

2. I chose this Confirmation name because: _____

3. Pretend you are the saint's biographer. On the lines below, write a summary of your saint's life story.

4. What event in the life of this saint most impressed you? Why?

5. What special virtues did this saint have? _____

6. How could you imitate this saint today? Be specific! _____

7. Explain why your Confirmation name is meaningful to you. _____

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

The following prerequisites are required for Godparents and Sponsors:

1. Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place or in their absence, by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function.
2. Have completed the sixteenth year age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause.
3. Be a baptized Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the role/function they are about to assume. The godparents/sponsor must be a fully initiated Catholic who participates regularly in the Eucharist and who is not living in a marriage which the Roman Catholic Church does not recognize.
4. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared, eg. Excommunication .
5. Not be the father or mother of the person to be baptized or confirmed.

A practice for ALL SPONSORS will be announced.

If the sponsor is unable to attend, there MUST be a family member to sit in as proxy. The sponsor chosen must fulfill all of the above requirements of the Diocese of Trenton.

NOTE TO SPONSOR: Once the form below is completed, return it to your candidate and they in turn will present it to the Religious Ed office. **You must go to the parish you are registered. ALL FORMS ARE DUE FROM THE CANDIDATE BY SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

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Name of student _____ Confirmation Name _____

This is to certify that _____ (name of sponsor)

_____ (address of sponsor)

is a member of good standing in this parish and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation in Holy Family Church, Union Beach/Hazlet, N. J. in the year of 2012.

SIGNED: Rev. _____ Pastor

Church _____

City/ State _____ Date _____

CHURCH SEAL

**Holy Family Religious Education
Christian Community Service Requirement**

This letter is to acknowledge the unpaid/volunteer community service hours that the following student has earned by their willing contribution to your organization.

Student: _____

Date of Service: _____

Hours of Service: (e.g. 2pm-3pm) _____

Description of Service:

Chairperson/Advisors Signature: _____

Chairperson/Advisor Telephone# _____

*****YOU MAY COPY THIS FORM AS NEEDED*****

SAMPLE

Outline for letter to Father Mark regarding receiving Confirmation.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR LETTER WORD FOR WORD. IF YOU PLAGERIZE THEM/ YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RE-WRITE THE LETTER. MRS. MULVEY AND MRS. MORALES WILL BE READING THE LETTERS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO FATHER MARK.

DON'T SEAL ENVELOPE

Please use the following as an outline for your letter to Father Mark.

Dear Father Mark:

I am currently an 8th grade ~~CCD~~ student at ^{MOTHER TERESA} Holy Family School. I have participated in CCD for the past _____ years. I have _____ the experience of CCD.

I am writing to you to discuss the reason I would like to receive Confirmation.

My Confirmation name is _____, Saint _____ is the saint I am using as an example for my life. Saint _____ is the patron saint of _____. The qualities of Saint _____ include _____, _____, _____, which I can relate to. I want my life to be similar to Saint _____ life in the following ways: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Confirmation is special to me because it represents: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Confirmation is not the conclusion of my religious education, but the start of my personal journey to gain the knowledge and the Catholic Church and to bring myself closer to God.

I hope by receiving the following gifts of the Holy Spirit _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____; that I take those gifts and apply them to my life in the best ways that I can.

Sincerely yours,

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