

2011-12 CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 24, 2012, each candidate must:

- Clearly understand that the Sacrament of Confirmation is the completion of the Sacrament of Baptism; that they are confirming the Baptismal vows taken by their parents and godparents.
- Attend Mass weekly. Faithful attendance at Mass weekly is a **MANDATORY** requirement. Failure to attend Mass on a regular basis without good reason is grounds for not being Confirmed. The full cooperation of every family is essential.
- Successfully complete class requirements as set forth in class by the catechists.
- Attend all classes for the full scheduled class time. **MORE THAN TWO ABSENCES**, in the absence of serious medical or family emergency, is grounds for not being Confirmed.
- Attend class on time. Late arrivals are disruptive and are strongly discouraged. Candidates arriving more than 10 minutes late may not be admitted to class at the discretion of the catechists.
- Write a letter to Fr. Mark requesting to be confirmed. The letter should explain why the Candidate wants to be confirmed, demonstrate an understanding of the Sacrament and include how the sacrament of Confirmation is expected to affect their lives. Draft and final letters must be turned in by the due dates announced in class.
- Participate in an interview with Mary Wood and/or the catechists, time-permitting. The candidates will be asked questions that will demonstrate their readiness for Confirmation and their willingness and ability to spread and defend their faith as confirmed Catholics.
- Complete **Three** Community Service Projects from the approved list provided. **One** must be outside the parish; **One** must be for the Parish; the **Final One** may be either outside the parish or for the parish. Credit for projects not on the approved list provided is subject to approval by Mary Wood.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation.
- Attend both Confirmation Retreats on **Saturday, November 12, 2011** and **Saturday, January 21, 2012**. Attendance at the Retreats is **MANDATORY**. **If a candidate fails to participate in the January retreat, he/she will not be confirmed.**
- Attend the Confirmation Rehearsal on **Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** Attendance at the Rehearsal is **MANDATORY** for the candidate. If possible, the Sponsor should also attend.
- Must have sponsor turn in the Sponsor Certificate on or before January 8, 2012. Sponsors will be communicating with the confirmation candidates throughout the preparation period; therefore, **candidates must choose a sponsor by October 2, 2011.** The Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic, 16 years of age or older. NOTE: You may only have one sponsor for Confirmation. According to the [Code of Canon Law](#), a confirmation sponsor may not be the candidate's mother or father (#893, 874). Any challenges to these requirements must be addressed directly by you with the Diocesan Office of Worship.
- Must turn in a copy of their Baptismal Certificate on or before January 8, 2012.

Please sign and detach.

I, (please print name) _____, have read and understand the **“2011-12 Confirmation Requirements.”** By signing below, I agree to participate fully in the Confirmation Program at Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Peter the Apostle Parish and to complete the requirements as stated.

Confirmation Candidate

Date

Confirmation Parent/Guardian

Date