

HOLY GHOST FAITH FORMATION

All Papers are Due by DECEMBER 1

1. Confirmation Candidate Information

2. Confirmation Sponsor Information Form - *“The sponsor’s function is to take care that the person confirmed 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).

3. Letter to Pastor (see attached “Guidelines”)

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. 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:

Following Jesus more closely,

Attending mass regularly,

Discerning the gifts of the Spirit and using them to build up the Church,

Knowing and defending the Catholic faith,

Spreading the Good News of Jesus to others through word and example,

Serving others in charity, especially the poor and vulnerable.

4. Saint Report (see attached “Guidelines”)

Parents should proofread!

Anyone not meeting the requirement by the deadline will need to speak with the pastor about being Confirmed.

Saint Report Guidelines

- **Header = Your Name (14 font)**
- **Name you chose for Confirmation (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 cited 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 (**Wikipedia is not a valid source**)
↳ see list below

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- Be sure to include all the following information in your report:

Paragraphs:

1) Introduction of 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, please don't forget to include the characteristics and virtues of the Saint that you find admirable.

*4) How can this saint's example and prayers help you to live out a holy life? (This should be a paragraph not 1 sentence)

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Guidelines for Letter to Pastor Requesting Confirmation

Your letter to Father Hornicak is due DECEMBER 1

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

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Here is a sample format for the 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 faithfully 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 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



Confirmation Candidate Parish Register Information

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Candidate's Baptismal Name _____
Full First Name Last Name

Confirmation Saint Name _____

Age on Confirmation Date _____

Place of Baptism _____
Church City State

Date of Baptism _____
FULL DATE Mo/date/year

Father's Name _____
Full First Name Last Name

Mother's Name _____
Full First Name Maiden Name

Sponsor's Name _____
Full First Name Last Name

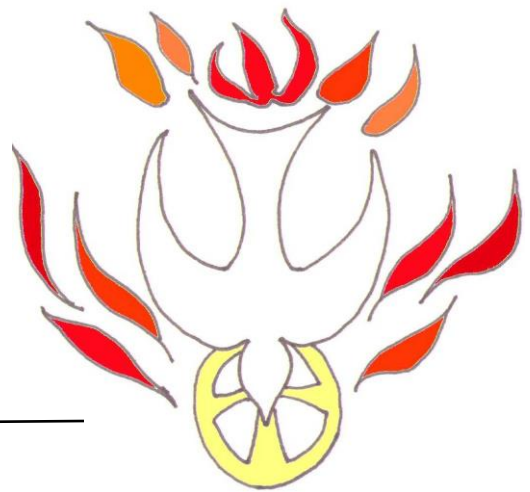
Sponsor's Date of Birth _____
Mo/date/year

Sponsor's Phone # _____

Sponsor's e-mail _____

Sponsor's Relationship

- Godparent
- Grandparent
- Uncle or Aunt
- Sibling
- Other Family Member _____
- Family Friend
- Confirmation Sponsor Form _____



Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

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SPONSOR APPLICATION

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 practice my faith by regularly attending Sunday Mass.
- That I have received the sacrament of Baptism and have been confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- That I am a registered member of

Church

City

State

- That I am fully aware of my responsibilities as a sponsor to provide the confirmation candidate 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

Date

verifying the above sponsor is a registered member of the parish.

PARISH SEAL



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 approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend, come prepared and will fully participate in all religious education sessions and activities with a sincere desire to learn
- I will complete all of the programs chapters and assessments that are to be done at home in a timely fashion
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will complete the required number of service activities for the Confirmation program according to the guidelines given.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

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.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate Date

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 they complete all the requirements for Confirmation

Signature(s) of Candidate's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)