

Goal/Responsibilities

Our goal, with the help of the parents and sponsor, is to prepare the young people of St. Margaret Mary Parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation by providing them with opportunities for learning, service, prayer, and worship.

The parent assumes the responsibility to assist the candidate in meeting the programs attendance and service requirements, models commitment to personal prayer, community worship and ministry, and is willing to step in for the sponsor at anytime if the sponsor is unable to fulfill his/her commitment.

The candidates are asked to enter the journey with an open mind and willing heart, to commit oneself to personal prayer, attend all sessions, willingly engage in service, participate in the retreat, complete all assignments, maintain an open and honest relationship with their sponsor and support fellow candidates on their journey

Letters

Candidates are required to write a letter to the Archbishop. A syllabus will be provided.

Sponsors are asked to write a letter of readiness/preparation to the pastor about their candidates.

Service

Candidates are asked to perform twenty (20) service hours in three areas:

1. Parish
2. Community
3. Family (no more than 4 Hours)

Listed below are some suggestions, not limitations, for completing the service hour requirements:

- **To fulfill parish** service hours, a candidate may volunteer to help at the picnic, fish fry, school set-up for new school year, "Gather the Children," Fall Festival, Craft Show, new student tours, Vacation Bible School, or projects offered by Human Need and Concerns (watch the bulletin for these projects)
- **To fulfill community** service hours, there's Dare to Care, Catholic Charities, Kid's Cafés, St. Vincent de Paul, nursing homes and numerous other worthwhile organizations. A candidate may volunteer to rake leaves in their neighborhood, mow a neighbor's lawn or wash a neighbor's car.
- **To fulfill family** service hours, a candidate may volunteer to babysit, clean their house, cook dinner or do the laundry.
- **Mandatory** Service Projects – The candidate must sign up for at least one of the following: Senior Social, Parent's Night Out or Santa's Workshop/Pancake Breakfast.

Sponsor

Every Confirmation Candidate must have a sponsor who is:

- **A practicing Catholic**
- **Confirmed**
- **Over 16 Years of age**
- **In good Standing**

The sponsor must be willing to share his/her faith story with the candidate, support the candidate during his journey, pray for and with the candidate model the commitment to personal prayer, community, worship. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Archbishop. The sponsor must be willing to continue to guide the newly confirmed in the future. **A parent cannot be a sponsor for his/her own child.**

Confirmation Name

All Confirmation Candidates must do a saint project this consist of researching the saint they have chosen as well as a drawing of his/her Saint. Syllabus will be given out at the beginning of the school year.

Dress Code

It is customary at St. Margaret Mary that the candidates wear robes. The dress for underneath the robes is as follows

Boys are asked to wear dress pants, dress shoes, shirt and tie.

Girls may wear dress, skirt or dress pants. If their dress has spaghetti straps please wear a jacket, sweater, or shrug.

Confirmation Forms: All paper work must be turned into the Parish Office by October 3 office with a copy of the Baptismal certificate.

Enrollment Mass: This will take place the weekend of September 17 Candidate may attend any weekend Mass of their choosing. Please stop by the A/B meeting room prior to Mass to sign in and pick up your pin.

Retreat: Saturday, February 25 Kavanaugh Enrichment Center in Crestwood. Students may choose between a morning session or an afternoon session..

Interviews:
Will take place during school or PREP.

Evening of Reflection and Rehearsal for Sponsors and Candidates Will be held on the Thursday, March 22, 2012.

Confirmation Mass Date:
Saturday, March 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.. Gather in the Hospitality room at 1:15 p.m.. with your sponsor. There will be a picture opportunity following in the gym.

Dates to Remember

For

Confirmation

- Sept. 17** Rite of Enrollment
- Sept. 18** During all Masses

- Oct. 16** Saint Projects due (PREP)
- Oct 17** Saint Projects due (School)

- Oct. 21** Fall Festival

- Nov. 5** Senior Social

- Dec. 10** Set up Santa's Workshop
- Dec. 11** Santa's Workshop

- Feb. 25** Confirmation Retreat

- Mar 22** Confirmation Rehearsal

- Mar 24** Confirmation

Saint Margaret Mary Sacrament of Confirmation



2011-2012

A Prayer during your Confirmation Journey

**May you have the strength?
of the SPIRIT, the power of
PRAYER and the force of
FAITH. . .
To live in SERVICE, to
LOVE, with all your heart
and to let God lead you,
always.
Amen.**

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