

For Parents and Candidates for Confirmation

Because there are a number of details and activities involved in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have prepared this booklet to enable the Confirmand to sense his/her own progress and involvement and to facilitate the process of record keeping.

The cooperation of both parents and Confirmand is essential during the period of preparation if we are to achieve our goal, which is to strengthen our enthusiasm for the gift of the Spirit.

We ask that both parents and Confirmand study the booklet together. Note which matters should be attended to immediately (*as the Sponsor's eligibility certificate*) and those which require constant attention (*as the service project*).

This booklet is to be completed and presented at the end of the seventh grade year.

It is our hope that our newly Confirmed will truly understand their Confirmation; that it is not a rite to be "*done and gotten over with*" but a sign of a life-long commitment to Christ in a responsible and conscious way. It is our hope that they themselves will see, and even feel the need to continue their religious education after Confirmation.

We thank you for your continuous cooperation in these matters.

The Confirmation Team



Confirmation Team

The Confirmation Team has the responsibility of assisting parents in preparing the candidate to live the faith of the Christian Community by living lives which profess the Lord's presence and salvation in the world.

The Parents	of all our confirmands
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Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Program is a two-year process. Candidates must be registered members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, or students attending Our Lady of Good Counsel School, in the seventh grade or above, practicing Catholics attending weekly Mass, and receiving the sacraments regularly.

Seventh Grade Year:

- Community Worship / Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Parent / Student Meeting
- Study Guide / Confirmation Test
- Service Project
- Re-Registration
- Confirmation Sponsor
- Confirmation Name / Saint Research
- Completion / Presentation of Commitment Book
- True Love Waits Program

Eighth Grade Year:

- Community Worship / Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Parent / Student Meeting
- Confirmation Retreat
- Sacrament of Penance
- Confirmation Practices
- Confirmation Liturgy
- Confirmation Reception

After Confirmation:

- Parish involvement / Discipleship
- Parish Youth Group

Please contact the Office of Religious Education for questions and details regarding Confirmation

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Outline of the Confirmation Program

Seventh Grade

1. **Community Worship** –Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. **Liturgical Ministry** -- The Church calls us forth to Liturgical Ministry as part of our Baptismal Call to service. Confirmands are invited to respond to this call on the third Sunday of each month during the 9:00 A.M. Mass, serving as lectors, ministers of hospitality, and musicians. A parish formation program is established to prepare students for their role in liturgical ministry.
3. **Religious Education Class** – Attendance at all religion classes (in the parochial school or in the religious education program) is required. There is to be no unexcused absences.
4. **Confirmation Meeting** – Candidates and parents attend a Confirmation meeting in the fall and become familiar with the Confirmation Preparation Process.
5. **Study Guide** – This booklet includes a copy of the **Study Guide**, which is the outline of the material students will be tested on in the spring.
6. **Test on Basic Catholic Doctrine** – Students will be tested on their knowledge of the Catholic Faith during regular class time. Failure to pass this test will require a retake before classes begin again.
7. **Sponsor:**
 - **Choosing a Sponsor:** The candidate, in consultation with his / her parents, chooses a sponsor. *Please refer to “The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor” in this booklet.*
 - **Sponsor Eligibility Certificate** - A sponsor who is **not** a member of Good Counsel Parish will need a letter from his/her Church stating he/she is eligible to be a sponsor. **Please attend to this early.**
 - **About My Sponsor** – The candidate is to give a brief account of his/her sponsor and tell why the person was chosen as sponsor.
 - **Letter to Sponsor** - The candidate is to write a letter to the sponsor telling of his/her commitment toward Confirmation and asking for prayers, guidance, and help. The Confirmand is to ask the sponsor to answer by making a brief statement on what the church means to him/her.
 - **Letter from Sponsor** - The sponsor’s reply is attached to the proper page in this booklet.
8. **Confirmation Name / Saint Research** – The name chosen for Confirmation should be a strong name, one that identifies a person as a Christian, as does their Baptismal name. Candidates may retain their Baptismal name rather than choose another. This is pastorally and liturgically preferred because it manifests the unity between Baptism and Confirmation. However, a special Christian name may be chosen. Candidates are required to do research on the saint they have chosen to emulate, and to write a brief account in this booklet.

9. **Service Project** – Over the course of the seventh grade year, the candidate is asked to devote a minimum of 20 hours to a chosen service project and to write an account of this experience. Flyers with current service opportunities are distributed throughout the year. **Service hours may be completed over the summer, and Service Project Reflections turned in on the first week of Grade 8 classes.**

10. **Completion of Book of Commitment:**

Completed books are presented at the end of the seventh grade year. Please be sure that all pages are complete, and all required paperwork is attached **before** presenting books.

- **Baptismal Certificate** – Please staple a copy (*not the original*) to the proper page in this booklet. If your child was baptized at Good Counsel, no certificate is needed, as our office will verify this information.
- **Information Sheet** – Parents complete the sheet in the back of this booklet and sign, verifying information listed is complete and correct.
- **Confirmation Fee** – A sacramental fee of \$50 is to be attached to the Information Sheet. Checks are made payable to **Our Lady of Good Counsel - Religious Education**. This fee covers the cost of the Confirmation Retreat and additional sacramental expenses.

11. **True Love Waits Program** - Will be offered to seventh grade students during the spring.

Teens will receive a comprehensive view of teenage sexuality, highlighting responsibility and physical risks, which include the psychological and emotional consequences of engaging in premarital sexual activity. A detailed outline is listed in this booklet, and a parent mailing will be sent in the spring.

The Religious Education sessions have been moved to Sunday evenings, in conjunction with the Youth Group meetings. Trained teens will act as table facilitators, and guest speakers, with diocesan certification, will also be involved.

- **Religious Education Sessions:** May 2 and 16, 2010, 7:00- 9:00 PM, School Building
Closing Prayer Service: May 16, 2010, 8:30 PM, Chapel
- **School Sessions:** During class time, May 17 – 20, 2010.
Closing Prayer Service: May 21, 2010, 9:00 AM Mass, Chapel

*“The laity is a sacramental structure in the Church.
The Church is realized, though not completely, in the Christian laity.
From baptism in Christ to confirmation anointing in the Spirit,
from communion with Christ and the Church in Eucharist
to the mirroring forth of the church in the sign of marriage
and other vocations, to hallow the world,
the laity is part of everything meant by discipleship in Christ.”*

- “Church in Our Day”, U.S. Bishops, 1968

Eighth Grade

1. ***Community Worship*** –Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. ***Religious Education Classes*** – Candidates attend regular Religious Education classes.
3. ***Confirmation Meeting*** – Parents and candidates attend the second Confirmation Meeting. A time line of events for the year is given.
4. ***Confirmation Gowns***: Parents present completed order form and payment by the deadline requested.
5. ***Confirmation Retreat*** – Confirmands are expected to participate in a retreat or day of recollection just before Confirmation. Permission slips and details will be sent home.
6. ***Penance*** – A liturgy for both confirmands and parents will be celebrated. Confirmands are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation.
7. ***Confirmation Practices*** –
Class Practices: R.E. students will be assigned specific times, based on their liturgy. Good Counsel School students practice during class time.
Confirmand / Sponsor Practice: Sunday before Confirmation. Sponsors are asked to attend or to arrange for a proxy.
8. ***Tickets*** – Candidates are given tickets to Confirmation prior to the liturgy.
9. ***Disability Seating*** - Families requiring disability seating contact the R.E. Office as far in advance as possible. Disability seating is assigned to accommodate guests with special needs, allow for distribution of the Eucharist, and to ensure fire codes regarding unblocked aisles are met.
10. ***Dress Code*** –Appropriate church attire is required under confirmation gowns, which includes dress shoes, dress shirt and tie for boys.
11. ***Confirmation Liturgy*** – Candidates who are interested in reading or playing music during the liturgy are to respond on forms provided by the date specified.
12. ***Pictures*** - Once Mass has begun, we ask that no pictures or videos be taken. Parents are asked to convey this message to extended family and guests beforehand.
13. ***Confirmation Reception*** – After the liturgy, the newly confirmed, with their parents and guests, are invited to attend a simple reception in the multipurpose room. The presider is available for photographs at this time.

After Confirmation

The opportunity to participate in discipleship activities and to join the parish ***Youth Group*** is open to all. Ongoing parish service and involvement is always available. Please check the parish bulletin for details.

Confirmation Study Guide

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Seven Sacraments

1. **Baptism** – is the sacrament of rebirth. In receiving baptism, we are united with Jesus in His death and resurrection, cleansed from original sin and personal sins, welcomed into the community of the Church, and more closely related to God.
2. **Confirmation** – is the sacrament by which baptized persons receive the seal of the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father and Son. It is linked with the other two sacraments of initiation, Baptism and the Eucharist. In celebrating confirmation, we ask for the graces needed to live a mature Christian life and to deepen our faith.
3. **Penance or Reconciliation** – is the sacrament by which Christians celebrate God's merciful forgiveness for sins committed after Baptism. After a sincere confession of sin, true sorrow, and resolution not to sin again, we receive absolution as a means of reconciliation with God and the community. In penance, Christians are also reconciled with the Church. Although perfect sorrow or contrition restores a sinner to grace, sacramental confession is the ordinary way for serious sinners to be reconciled with Christ and the Church.
4. **Holy Orders** – is the sacrament by which members of the Christian community are given special powers and are put in position of special service for the building up of the Body of Christ. Among other things, they preside at the celebration of the Eucharist. They serve as ministers for the sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick.
5. **The Anointing of the Sick** – is the sacrament for the seriously ill, the infirm, and the aged, by which the Church asks God to lighten their sufferings, forgive their sins, and bring them to eternal salvation.
6. **The Eucharist** – is the center of sacramental life and is primary among the sacraments. We celebrate the Eucharist in obedience to Jesus' instruction at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." When the priest consecrates bread and wine, they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ Himself, true God and true Man, is really and substantially present in a mysterious way, under the appearances of bread and wine. In the Mass, the death and resurrection of Jesus are celebrated and renewed. The Eucharist is also a meal which recalls the Last Supper, celebrates our unity in Christ, and anticipates the messianic banquet of the kingdom. In the meal, Jesus nourishes us with the Bread of Life, His own self, and unites us more closely with God and with one another. A Christian must be in the state of grace to receive the Eucharist worthily.
7. **Matrimony** – is the sacrament which joins a baptized man and woman together as husband and wife in a union that is permanent and indissoluble. The married couple receive special graces to help them direct their family in loving relationships and toward full participation in the Christian community.

Sacraments of Initiation

- Baptism
- Eucharist
- Confirmation



Sacraments of Healing

- Penance
- Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Vocation

- Matrimony
- Holy Orders

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange Gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.



The Two Great Commandments of Love

- Love God with all your heart, and soul, and mind.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Beatitudes

- Blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs.
- Blest are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.
- Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.
- Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.
- Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
- Blest are the single-hearted; for they shall see God.
- Blest are the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.
- Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To visit the imprisoned
- To shelter the homeless
- The visit the sick
- To bury the dead

The Seven Chief Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To admonish the sinner
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To forgive all injuries
- To pray for the living and the dead

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord

The Six Duties of a Catholic Christian

- To keep holy the day of the Lord's resurrection. To worship God by participating in Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. To avoid those activities that would hinder renewal of body and soul.
- To lead a sacramental life. To receive Holy Communion frequently and the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- To study Catholic teaching in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be confirmed, and then to continue to study and advance the cause of Christ.
- To observe the marriage laws of the Church. To give religious training, by example and word, to one's children. To use parish schools and catechetical programs.
- To strengthen and support the Church – one's own parish community and parish priests, the worldwide Church and the pope.
- To do penance, including abstaining from meat and fasting from food on the appointed days.

Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

- Very Rev. Damian McElroy, VF

Bishop of the Trenton Diocese

- Bishop John M. Smith

True Love Waits Program Outline

First Session: Family, Marriage and Sexuality

“The outpouring of love in the new covenant of grace is symbolized in the marriage covenant that seals that love of husband and wife and reflects your divine plan of love. Love is origin of people; love is their constant calling; Love is their fulfillment in heaven.” ---Preface, from the Rite of Marriage

Life Goals: We will talk about the importance of having dreams and setting future goals. We will design a lifeline Part A and Part B and demonstrating with a broom, will discuss short-range and long-range goals. The heart of Catholic morality is a life of discipleship. It is not a theory or an idea; rather, it is a personal relationship with Christ that we try to deepen every day. We do not live it alone but as members of the community of disciples we call the Church.

Chastity: Remaining sexually pure before marriage and sexually faithful within it. Chastity can rescue teens from the broken relationships, constant anxiety, frustrated hopes, low self-esteem, pregnancies, diseases, and even deaths that result from premarital sex. Our sexual urges or desires are an integral part of our sexuality but we need to keep them under control---that is chastity.

Video: *“No Apologies”*

Secondary Virginity: To a teen who has already had sexual intercourse, it leaves this teen with a choice. The choice is either to continue to be sexually active—a decision that involves all of the risks that have been addressed---or to become a secondary virgin---committing to chastity from now on! That is the beauty of chastity---one can always start over again. Secondary virginity means starting again!

Handouts in folders: If you think saying “No” is tough; You didn’t get pregnant; Been there, done that----

“The family is the first and fundamental school of social living. As a community of love, it finds in self-giving the law that guides and makes it grow.” -- Familiaris Consortio, No. 37, Pope John Paul II

Second Session: Heart Watch

The First Session looked at the ideal, God’s way, the best way, this session will look at what happens when people get lured away from the best and start to believe in myths. We will introduce the idea that people looking to feel good, have fun, feel special, and give and receive love can all wind up broken (either by being hardened or hurt). How does this happen? It happens when sex requires the giving of ourselves, regardless of whether it is for fun or for love.

“The Church shares a co-responsibility with the parents to ensure that each child is educated properly in the truths of the Catholic tradition, including those related to one’s sexuality: personal worth, human dignity, and equality, respect for life, honesty, fairness, chaste living, responsible parenthood, and sexual norms.” --Human Sexuality, USCC, Pg. 79

Myth Exposure: Girl and Guy Heart Handout: Hard-hearted or Brokenhearted:

In both cases, after recreational sex and after serial monogamy, the person that remained was changed. Whether the heart is hardened or the heart is hurt, part of us is broken. We either treat others as disposable or we feel that way ourselves.

You Are A Star: Chastity is more than just saying “no.” Living chastely comes from understanding that you are a multi-faceted person. Living chastely means that you understand that your total person is involved in any sexual activity, not just your body. When you choose to be “chaste” you respect and honor ALL the facets of another person and yourself, understanding that giving yourself physically to another requires a commitment in all areas of your life. What are those areas: spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, and social.

Toxic Exposure: look at the dangers of pornography

Video: Pornography: Addictive, Progressive, and Deadly

Hope for the Heart: Go it God’s way, avoid the myths and toxins and live a chaste life. Get God’s restoration whenever we need it (forgiveness, healing, renewed purity) List teen answers to I Love You—Handout: Making Love Without Doing It.

“The family is the primary but not the only and exclusive education community...This involves a new form of cooperation between parents and Christian communities and between the various educational groups and pastors.”
Familiaris Consortio, No. 40, Pope John Paul II

Third Session: Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and Other Consequences

Video: Just Thought You Oughta Know

Presentation: as demonstrated

Discuss: Teen Sexual Activity and its consequences, alcohol use, levels of respect

Review handouts: Sex was never meant to kill you—Reflections of a 17 Year Old

Fourth Session: Pro-Life Presentation

Video: as shown

Pro-Life Script: have teens read parts for the pro-life script
Steps for Helping a Friend in a Crisis Pregnancy

Review handouts: What We can Do to Make a Difference and Pregnant, Worried flyer.

Fifth Session: Setting Boundaries and Standing Firm

Touch Scale Worksheet and Group Discussion

Setting My Standards

Practice Being Assertive: read worksheet and act out the skit

Discuss the Pledge cards and what they mean: quiet time and journaling with instrumental music

Closing Prayer: Commitment Ceremony with Parents. Parents are encouraged to attend.

“May Christ the Lord, the universal king, the king of families, be present in every Christian home as he was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity, and strength. On the solemn day dedicated to his kingship, I beg of him that every family may generously make its own contribution to the coming of his kingdom in the world---a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace, toward which history is journeying.” Prayer by Pope John Paul II Familiaris Consortio Given November 11, 1981 on The Feast of Christ the King



Please attach sponsor's Certificate of Eligibility to this page.

The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor According to the Diocese of Trenton

Role: A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her on his/her spiritual journey and can share his/her own faith. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's immediate preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has been already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate, such as a godparent or member of the local parish.

Eligibility: A sponsor:

- Must be sixteen years old.
- Must belong to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must not be prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor.
- May be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
- May be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.

Note: *Parents are no longer eligible as sponsors. (1983 – Code of Cannon Law)*

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Parish:
Name of Church _____

City / State _____

- If your sponsor is a member of Good Counsel Parish, simply complete the information on this page – our office will verify information to parish records.
- If your sponsor is not a member of Good Counsel Parish, he or she will need to obtain a ***Certificate of Eligibility*** from his or her parish, stating that he or she is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation. Please have the Certificate is sent to you, and not our office. ***Please attend to this early*** so that it is received by **January**.



Attach the letter you receive from your sponsor telling you what his/her faith means to him/her to this page.

The Confirmation student is to write a letter to the sponsor telling of his/her commitment toward Confirmation and asking for prayers, guidance, and help. The Confirmand asks the sponsor to answer by making a brief statement on what the church means to him/her.

Sponsors are asked to write a letter to the Confirmand. The letter is to be a personal faith witness answering the question: *“What does my faith mean to me?”*



“Whoever has heart full of love, always has something to share.”
-- Pope John XXIII

My Confirmation Name – Sharing the Story of Your Saint

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram to Abraham, “*Father of many nations*”. Again, in the New Testament, we find Simon’s name changed to Peter, meaning “*rock*”, because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith. You may also choose your Baptismal name as Confirmation is the completion of the Baptism experience.

“I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints . . .”



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta discovered God’s mission for her life in serving the poorest of the poor. Her simple yet profound message rings out clearly in today’s world: We are all called to this earth in order that God’s love and compassion might be given human form through our actions. She believed that:

*The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.*

Saint Research / Confirmation Name

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. _____



Attach a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate to this page.

- If your child was baptized at Good Counsel Parish, no certificate is needed - our office will verify information to Baptismal Register.
- If your child was baptized at another church, ***please attach*** a copy of the baptismal certificate to this page.

Please note:

- We cannot confirm any candidate if we do not have a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate.
- Space and office help does not make it feasible for us to keep on file Baptismal Certificates from First Holy Communion. Even if the candidate made his/her First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Good Counsel, we need to have you present a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate with a raised seal again.
- If Baptismal Certificates are in a foreign language, please attach a translation.
- If there is any change to child's legal name or parent change through adoption, please attach copy of official court document. Information must be changed in the Baptismal Register and a copy of the legal document is required in order for parishes to make these changes.

The Confirmation Service Project

*“Christ has no body on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the feet with which He goes about doing good,
And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.”*
- St. Theresa of Avila



In the time of Confirmation preparation, each student will be expected to give some form of Christian witness and service. To be a mature Christian means not only to “know” one’s faith, but to also accept the responsibility of acting in the name of Jesus Christ to our community.

The following is a suggested list of projects which would enable you to serve others, free of charge. You are asked to devote a minimum of 20 hours to this work. The time may be spent on one project or on several different activities.

Service projects performed by prior Confirmation classes are given here as suggestions:

1. Aide at Our Lady of Good Counsel’s Early Childhood Summer Camp
2. Altar Server
3. Assisted with Advent Sunday Pageant and Christmas Tableaux
4. Assisted with TOPS Soccer Program
5. Carousel Therapeutic Horse Farm
6. Collated papers and helped with parish mailings
7. Donated clothes to Emergency Services, Goodwill, Father HoLung
8. Donated hair to Locks of Love / Wigs for Kids
9. Donated Thanksgiving and Easter baskets to Emergency Services
10. Donated socks and mittens to Emergency Services
11. Hand Bell Choir
12. Helped with activities at parish picnic
13. Helped elderly neighbors with yard work
14. Library Summer Reading Program
15. Liturgical Ministry
16. Pet therapy at local nursing home
17. Religious Education – teacher’s aide
18. Ronald McDonald House: cooked and served food
19. Served at Graduation and Confirmation receptions
20. Sang in Parish Youth Choir
21. Sang Christmas Carols at nursing home
22. Volunteered at Family Fun Day
23. Volunteered at Summer Mission
24. Volunteered at Noah’s Ark
25. Volunteered at Special Olympics

*Christian service should reach out beyond the “family circle” to the larger Christian Community.
Hopefully, the candidate is already contributing as a responsible member of his/her family.*

Christian Service Project Reflection

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” - John 12:26

1. A. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

B. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

C. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

D. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

E. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

F. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____

What I did: _____

2. Now that you have completed your service project(s), how would you describe the experience? _____

3. Did you feel that God was present as you were doing service for others? _____

4. How will you continue to be of service after Confirmation? _____

Parent Verification Book of Commitment completed

*Please verify that all required paperwork is complete prior to presenting **Book of Commitment**.*

Parents are asked to review that all documentation is included, attached to proper pages, and that Confirmands present books on the designated date.

Due in April of Seventh Grade Year:

_____	<i>Sponsor Eligibility Certificate</i>	<i>page 12</i>
_____	<i>“About My Sponsor”</i>	<i>page 13</i>
_____	<i>Letter from Sponsor to the Confirmand</i>	<i>page 14</i>
_____	<i>Saint Research</i>	<i>page 16</i>
_____	<i>Baptismal Certificate</i>	<i>page 17</i>
_____	<i>Information Sheet</i>	<i>page 23</i>
_____	<i>Sacramental Fee</i>	<i>page 23</i>

Please complete Service Recap and Reflection pages if hours are complete by the spring.

If needed, service hours may be completed over the summer.

Recap and reflections are due no later than the first week of class in September.

Pages may be downloaded from parish website.

_____	<i>Service project recap and reflection</i>	<i>pages 19 – 21</i>
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Due to the many details involved in the documentation and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a **late fee of \$25** is charged for **Books of Commitment** handed in after the due date, and those that are incomplete when presented.



Please staple check for Confirmation Fee of \$50.00 to this page.

(Please print all information on this sheet and have parent sign at bottom.)

Name, as you want it printed on your Confirmation Certificate:

First Middle Confirmation Last

Name of Person to be Confirmed: (Baptismal Name)

First Middle Last

The name you have chosen for Confirmation: Age at time of Confirmation:

Township of Residence:

_____ Moorestown, NJ _____ Mt. Laurel, NJ Other: _____

Record of Baptism of Person to be Confirmed:

Church of Baptism: _____

City / State: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Parents' Names: (Conforms to information on Baptismal Certificate)

Father: (Legal Name) _____

Mother: (Include Maiden Name) _____

Name of your sponsor for Confirmation: _____

Home Parish of your sponsor: _____

City / State: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ X _____

All above information is complete and correct.

Office Use:
 Baptismal Certificate Verified: _____ Sponsor Eligibility Verified: _____ Sacramental Fee Paid: _____
 Date of Confirmation: _____ Presider: _____

