

# St. Anthony of Padua



"I have called you by name;

You are mine"

- Isaiah 43:1

## *Confirmation Packet* **2020 - 2021**

Sacramental Preparation for the Rite of Confirmation



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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 30, 2020**

Please return permission form along with a copy of the Baptism Certificate *(if not on file)*

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



... Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they [the Confirmandi] give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love ..." - General Intercession from the *Rite of Confirmation*

Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of the baptismal graces: It roots us more deeply in the divine affiliation, which makes us cry, "Abba Father!"

- It unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- It renders our bond with the Church more perfect (whole)
- It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith by works and actions as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

"Recall then that you have received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with this sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts."

(1302-1303 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

### How do I know if I'm ready?

Can a person ever be ready, worthy or deserving of a sacrament?

- You need to be open to how God will strengthen you and continue to be present in your life
- You can make an effort to be prepared to celebrate Confirmation in a way that shows sincerity
- You can participate all the way, making your responses come alive and keeping your eyes and ears ready to see and hear what God is doing in your life

The Good News is ... Our Parish Community, your parents and sponsors, as well as the Confirmation Team are all here to help you prepare.

### What is required of me in this journey to Confirmation? You are asked to...

1. **Select** a Sponsor who will walk with you and help you in your journey to celebrate Confirmation. Each candidate is asked to choose an adult member of the greater Catholic community to act as a sponsor during the Confirmation journey. The Sponsor represents the Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the Candidate.

#### Sponsors selection guidelines:

- Sponsors must be a Confirmed Catholic at least 21 years of age
  - Sponsors should be active in their faith and Christian life. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of their parish and most importantly their faith formation
  - A Sponsor is someone actively involved in your life. Parents cannot be designated as their child's sponsors
2. **Attend** sessions, rituals, retreats, and rehearsals prior to the celebration of the sacrament as designated on the calendar. Parents and Sponsors will be asked to participate in certain session activities and rehearsal.
  3. **Experience** a process of group meetings that will help you to grow in faith
  4. **Celebrate** Weekly Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
  5. **Reflect & Write** a "Name Report" on the life of a Catholic saint that will be your model.
  6. **Complete** a minimum of **30 hours** of community service each year.

### Who do I contact if I have questions?

- Mike Peterson, Youth Minister & Confirmation Coordinator, ext. 13 ~ or ~ [mpeterson@saopp.org](mailto:mpeterson@saopp.org)

# GUIDELINES FOR THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM



It is the goal of the Confirmation Preparation Program to nurture, enhance and deepen the religious education process which was begun in the elementary years and bring it to the maturity level of a fully initiated adult Christian.

As emphasis is placed on understanding the past, living the present and planning for the future as members of the Catholic Church. The primary objective will be to understand and bring to life through an experiential learning process, the mission Christ calls each one of us to live out as a Disciple of His.

The program is divided into a two year study period. The first year will be called Phase1 and the second year is called Phase2. It is during this time that we will invite all candidates to explore and challenge their faith to make sure the decisions they are about to make are not entered into lightly.

## Requirements for Acceptance

- Families must be registered and supporting members of our parish community
- Students must have been enrolled in a Catholic School or Religious Education program for at least two years prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
- For students not meeting the above requirement - a summer catch-up session is offered. Please contact the Confirmation Office directly for more information.
- For young adults who are out of sync with the diocesan guidelines for Confirmation please contact the Confirmation Coordinator directly. We will do our best to accommodate & help any high school student wanting to begin the preparation process.

## Summary of Program Requirements

- 1) Attendance at Group sessions and Reflection activities
- 2) Completion of Service Work requirement
- 3) Confirmation Name Report or Saint Reflection
- 4) Retreat Attendance
- 5) Candidate Interview(s)
- 6) Attendance at the Confirmation Rehearsal & Sponsor Day – with Sponsor or Parent
- 7) Most Importantly ... Attendance & Participation in our **WEEKLY Parish Mass**



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Please **print & return** the permission form with  
a copy of your Baptismal Certificate  
(if not on file in parish office)

**\*\*\* 9<sup>th</sup> Grade** students will be contacted for brief  
introductory meeting after registration is returned **\*\*\***



**\*\*\*** Don't forget you also need to complete the  
**ON-LINE Q -&- A** Registration Questionnaire

# 2020 / 2021 YOUTH MINISTRY PERMISSION FORM

I hereby give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in all Youth Ministry activities, trips and programs, sponsored by St. Anthony's of Padua Parish for the program year beginning September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET) (TOWN) (ZIP)

Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. '20: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical / Emergency Information & Release

In the event my child becomes ill, is injured or required emergency medical attention of any kind, and I cannot be reached by telephone, I hereby authorize the adult chaperone to make the necessary decisions concerning emergency treatment. I also give permission for my child to be transported to the nearest medical facility or hospital for treatment.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*If a parent cannot be reached, please contact the emergency person listed below:*

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

My child wears **Contact lens** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

My child's last **Tetanus shot** was on \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any **allergies to Medications** your child has: ( If **NONE** check here \_\_\_\_\_ )

Please list any **medications your child takes** on a regular basis: ( If **NONE** check here \_\_\_\_\_ )

Is there any other **health/ physical information** we should know about your child: (*ex: Asthma, Food Allergies, ADD/HD, etc.* )

Family Physicians Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM



Due to the large number of teenagers involved in every aspect of the Youth Ministry Program, parents will be needed to volunteer at least once during each program year.

Please number the “**TOP TWO**” areas that you would be interested in helping with. Before the need arises, at the start of our program year, you will be contacted with your assignment and date we will need you to help with. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

*( 1 = First choice; 2 = Second choice )*

\_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH MASS CO-COORDINATOR

\_\_\_\_\_ CATECHIST - Small Group Leader

\_\_\_\_\_ OVERNIGHT – RETREAT CHAPERONE

\_\_\_\_\_ FUNDRAISER / SERVICE PROJECT CHAPERONE

\_\_\_\_\_ LARGE GROUP SPEAKER .... Topic \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT's NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD's NAME: \_\_\_\_\_