



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION

Information Included in the Confirmation Packet

- Basic Information and Dates
- Candidate Application for Confirmation
- Candidate Saint Report
- Confirmation Notes
- Sponsor Information
- Service Project Verification Form and Reflection
- Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis

Confirmation Mass Ceremony with Bishop Battersby will be at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, for Names A-Mc

Rehearsal for A-Mc. Candidate/Sponsor-Sunday, March 13, 2022, 1:00-2:00 PM (in Church)

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, for Names Me-Z

Rehearsal for Me-Z. Candidate/Sponsor-Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2:30-3:30 PM (in Church)

(Please have the Candidate and Sponsor at OLV no later than 6:00 PM on night of Confirmation)

Confirmation Forms are due by February 7, 2022

Application for Confirmation

Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at OLV)

Sponsor Sheet

Saint Report

Service Project Verification Form

Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis



Confirmation Notes

Sponsors: Each candidate must have a sponsor. The sponsor may be either male or female. Here are some guidelines to follow to find a sponsor:

- A sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic.
- A sponsor needs to be a Confirmed Catholic at least 16 years of age
- Godparents are great (As this indicates the close connection between Baptism and Confirmation).
- A sponsor should not be a parent.
- A sponsor should be someone to look up to as a Faith Role Model.
- A sponsor should be available to share in Confirmation preparation spiritually and physically.

Confirmation Names: As Confirmation is connected to, and dependent upon, Baptism for its meaning, it is appropriate that the Baptismal Name be used. However, another name is acceptable. Traditionally, saint names have been chosen, or someone who is an exemplary Catholic Role Model.

Dress: Appropriate dress is required at the time of Confirmation. Candidates should be dressed modestly and in “Sunday Best.”

Reconciliation: It is recommended that the candidate participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Reconciliation will be offered before Confirmation.

Application for the Sacrament of Confirmation: This form must be completed and turned in by **February 7, 2022**. Please be sure complete information is included on the form-especially Day, Month and Year of Baptism. **Please include a copy of your Baptismal Certificate unless you were Baptized at OLV.**

Christian Service: The candidates are to write a brief reflection about a Service Projects. Suggestions for Service Projects are included. Please have a person in charge sign the Confirmation Service Verification Form. This must be completed and turned in with the packet by **February 7, 2022**.

Letter of Request to be Confirmed: The Candidate should write a letter addressed to our Pastor, Fr. Denis Theroux, requesting to be confirmed. The format is up to you, but somewhere in the content you should address what being Confirmed will mean to your faith life and what being a Catholic Christian means to you. Please remember to sign your letter and include it in your packet by **February 7, 2022**.

Thank you for your time and support in working together with us in your faith formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a new beginning into adult faith. We encourage continual growth in faith by attending Mass, prayer and participation in community and church activities.



APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Candidate's Last Name _____

First _____ Middle _____

Confirmation Name Chosen _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Address with Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Father's Full Name _____
(first, middle & last)

Mother's Full Name _____
(first, middle & last)

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Name of Church where Baptized _____

Date of Baptism: Month/ Day/ Year _____

Address of Church where Baptized other than OLV _____

_____ phone # of church _____

City, State Zip Code

(Please attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate if not Baptized at OLV)

Full Name of Confirmation Sponsor and the Parish they belong to.

Please return this form by February 7, 2022



Confirmation Sponsor Sheet

Candidate's Name: _____

I have chosen as my sponsor:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

I chose my sponsor because:

Due by February 7, 2022



Often Asked Questions about Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

“As a rule, each of those to be confirmed should be assisted by a sponsor, who will bring them to receive the Sacrament, will present them to the minister of Confirmation for the sacred anointing, and afterwards will help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully in accordance with the Holy Spirit whom they have received.”
(OC #5)

The sponsor does not need to be of the same sex as the one being confirmed. There is only one sponsor for each candidate. It is required that the sponsor be:

- Of sufficient maturity and at least sixteen years of age. (Canon 874, #2)
- A practicing Catholic
- A sponsor should not be a parent of the candidate

Godparents as Sponsors

It is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if available, also be the sponsor at Confirmation. However, candidates have the option of choosing a special sponsor for Confirmation. (OC #5)

Parents as Sponsors

Sometimes it happens that there is difficulty finding a suitable sponsor. In such a case it is possible for one of the parents to present the child for Confirmation.

Proxys

If a sponsor cannot be present at the Confirmation, a proxy can be designated. Please let us know the person who is standing in for the sponsor. The sponsor will be recorded in the Confirmation Register.



Confirmation Name and Saint Report

What's in Your Name?

Confirmation is a sacrament in which you are called by name. Confirmation takes us back to that moment of your Baptism and so it is very appropriate to use your baptismal name. Ask your parents or whoever named you how they picked the name you received.

It used to be customary for people to choose a saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation. Here at OLV you may take your given name for your Confirmation name, or choose the name of a saint.

Names are significant in every human culture. Names express hopes, dreams, personality and connections. In the Catholic Church, we have a large family that we call the Communion of Saints. It includes those who have gone before us in death and those living still on earth. We are all saints in that we are all called to be holy. Saints are those whose lives have been heroic in living out their faith.

Names of Saints are given in Baptism and Confirmation so that we can honor them and look to them as our models of faith.

This is a great opportunity to help you find out more about your patron Saint's life or discover other Saints while choosing the one to use as your Confirmation name. This report will help guide you in discovering "what's in your name." The name that you submit in this report is the name that the Bishop will use as he anoints you at the time of Confirmation.

Please include the following information when completing your Saint Report:

- Your name.
- The name of the saint you are reporting about (Confirmation Name).
- The saint's feast date, place of birth, date of death, occupation, and information about their family.
- What makes this saint a heroic Christian?
- Why do you want to be like this Saint?
- What can we learn from this saint to help us in the world today?

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Confirmation Service Projects

The Service Project is a vital part of the Confirmation Process. It shows that we follow the ideals of Christ and reach out to those in need. The service and the Service Project Reflection should be completed by **February 7, 2022**. The service should extend outside of your home or family. It is to be out of the spirit of community and caring and not for money. Some examples are listed below but make it your own!

- St. Dominic's Back to School Backpack Collection.
- St. Dominic's Thanksgiving Outreach.
- St. Dominic's Christmas Outreach.
- St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services.
- Helping neighbors rake leaves or shovel snow.
- Helping with school activities.
- Various scouting activities which reach out to others.
- Develop your own unique Service project.

Please chart your activities noting date, type of service, hours spent and signature of supervising adult or the person the service is rendered to. Please submit a brief report and reflection on one of your projects.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Name: _____

Parents are to verify with the service organization that your child is to be supervised at all times by an adult and that your child knows who the responsible adult is during their service opportunity.

In volunteering for this service project, I agree to the following:

- I understand the expectations and duties involved in the service experience selected.
- I will maintain the agreed upon schedule, arrive on time and stay the number of hours established for satisfactory completion of the service experience.
- I or my parent will notify agency/event representative/ service supervisor if a commitment must be broken due to illness or other unavoidable situations.
- I will dress appropriately. If necessary, I will contact the representative before service begins to determine appropriate dress.
- On the day of the event, I will listen to the adult supervisor as to my responsibilities/duties and any other directions especially those that may pertain to my safety. I will make sure that all of my questions have been answered.
- On the day of the event I will learn as much as possible about the agency/service opportunity. I will suspend judgment and enter each experience with an open mind.
- I will have the agency representative or adult supervisor sign the agreement and verification form at the completion of service. Forms should be returned to the Faith Formation Office at OLV.

What did this service involve?

Number of hours to complete service: _____

Signature of agency representative or supervisor

Date

Permission Slips and any Medical forms are the responsibility of the agency or service organization.

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CONFIRMATION LETTER

Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis

Your letter to Fr. Denis should be heartfelt and given some thought. Your letter should explain why you feel you are prepared to be Confirmed and how you plan on using your gifts at Our Lady of Victory and in the Catholic Church! Consider the following while composing your letter.

_____ Introduce yourself.

_____ Request the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory for yourself.

_____ Why do you want to be confirmed?

_____ Describe how you have prepared for the sacrament, such as prayer, study, classes, service, receiving the other sacraments.

_____ Relate how you have accepted the responsibility of living a Christian life through Service to God and to others.

_____ What does it mean to you to be confirmed?

_____ What does it mean to you to be a member of this parish community?

_____ What difference is being a Catholic? Especially in your life now?

_____ What role does your faith in God play in your everyday life?

_____ Tell something about your family, your background, your interests, and how your faith might be lived out.

_____ How you plan to continue your commitment to the Catholic Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit!

_____ How will you participate in the OLV community after you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Conclude your letter and thank Fr. Denis. Be sure to sign your letter!

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