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What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments with which we celebrate important moments in our lives as Catholic Christians. It is one of the three sacraments that we know as the sacraments of initiation. Through these three sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, we celebrate a person's entrance into the community.

As we experience these sacraments in our current Catholic practice, Baptism is generally celebrated in infancy and marks the birth of a child in the community. Eucharist is often celebrated during early childhood, around seven years of age, and marks a young person's growth in understanding of what it means to be a part of the community. It is a celebration of the child's emerging role as a more active member of the community.

Of the three, Confirmation is generally celebrated last, most frequently in the mid to late teens. **As an initiatory sacrament, Confirmation marks a beginning. It is not merely a graduation, or an end to formal education in the faith, but involves a decision on the part of the young person to join with us fully in the work of salvation.** The individual is recognized as one freely accepting engagement in a process of ongoing conversion within a supportive community of faith that is also experiencing that process.

The confirmation process here at Corpus Christi does not aim to repeat doctrinal or catechetical material that was presented in our parish elementary and middle school religious education programs. It assumes that each student will have participated in our Sunday School and Middle School Faith Formation classes, a Catholic school, or an equivalent program.

Inspired by the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), the process is grounded in the life of the entire faith community. Involvement of prayer partners and sponsors assure that each candidate will have ongoing mentors within the faith community.

The process is liturgical, spiritual, and social in nature. It addresses the student's spiritual needs in an attempt to aid the student in growing closer to God. The program also attempts to aid and prepare the student for a decision regarding readiness for the reception of the sacrament. At several points during the process students will be asked if they wish to continue preparation for Confirmation. During their time of discernment, the students will be supported by the community through its prayer and liturgy.

This handbook is intended to be used as guide for you and your parents as you prepare for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. It outlines the process and the expectations involved in each element. It also provides whatever forms you will need. Please read it over carefully and keep it handy for further reference.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

To successfully complete this preparation process, each student is expected to:

- Participate in Mass regularly and in all the scheduled confirmation sessions, liturgies and retreats.
- Choose and complete one long-term and two short-term social justice projects.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are indeed the primary educators of their children. The role of the church is to assist them in this role. As stated earlier, one of the most important ways parents can help prepare their son or daughter for confirmation is to continually "encourage, support, and affirm" your child. Perhaps the best way parents can do this is through their presence. The Confirmation process here at Corpus Christi has been designed to help parents do this.

- Parents are expected to attend the orientation session and all major liturgical rites during the process.
- Parents are expected to assist the youth with service projects, including the Can Opener Food Drive and serving food with Loaves and Fishes at the Dorothy Day Center. Each parent will bring their own child to Loaves and Fishes and assist their child in dropping off fliers and collecting food for the Can Opener Food Drive. Parents will provide transportation for their child to and from the fall and spring retreats or arrange this with another parent.
- Parents are expected to be supportive of the volunteer catechists in any way possible, including praying for the teachers and communicating with them as needed.
- Parents are expected to support the sponsors, prayer partners, and candidates throughout the process through prayer and affirmation.
- Parents are expected to review the general information about Catholic Teachings with their child. Materials will be provided to help you with this. It is assumed that all youth have a basic understanding of their faith from participating either in the Sunday School Program and Middle School Faith Formation Program or a Catholic School.
- Parents are expected to bring your child on time to show respect for the program and to pick up your son/daughter on time to show respect for your child.

Events which Parents Must Attend

- Sept 6 Orientation
- Oct 14 Can Opener Food Drive
- Oct 15 Entrance Rite
- Nov 8 Prayer Night
- April 14-15 Parish Celebration (Confirmation Testimonies)*
- April 16 Confirmation Liturgy at 7 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul*

Events which Parents are Strongly Encouraged to Attend with their Teen

- Dec 13 Reconciliation
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- March 21 Reconciliation
- March 29-31 Easter Triduum

Each parent is invited to participate with their child in at least one of the regularly scheduled class sessions. Your role is to assist the catechists as needed and be prepared to briefly share what your faith means to you (2 to 5 minutes). Ideally, you will choose one of the testimony questions and share your response. We also invite you to bring a snack that evening. Please sign up for a date at the orientation session.

Record dates below for your records:

Serve at Loaves and Fishes _____

Share Faith Testimony and Bring Snack for Class _____

Drive to and from retreats

Oct 7-8

Mar 6-8

Drive for Can Opener Food Drive

Wed, Oct 11 (or another time that week that works for you)

Sat, Oct 14, 9:30am

Confirmation Schedule 2017-18

September	6	Orientation for students and parents (7pm) Gathering Area
	20	Small Group Session Invitation 1 Personal Uniqueness, Promise and Pain
	27	Small Group Session Invitation 2 and 3 Identity, Faith
October	4	Small Group Session I 4 and 5 Trusting in God, The Church
	7-8	Retreat at Camp Salie (10:30 am Saturday to 3 pm on Sunday)
	11	Drop fliers for Can Opener Food Drive
	14	Can Opener Food Drive (9:30am)
	15	Rite of Entrance (9:30am) Church
	18	No class due to MEA – Bonfire (6pm) Fire Pit
	25	Small Group Session Formation 1 Revelation: Coming to Know our God, Scripture and Tradition
November	1	All Saints Day Mass (7pm) Church
	8	Confirmation Prayer Night
	15	Small Group Session Formation F 2 & 3 Prepare the Way of the Lord / The Reign of God / 4 Parables and Miracles: Jesus Teaches and Heals
	22	No class (Thanksgiving break)
	29	Small Group Session Formation 5 Sin: An Obstacle to the Reign of God
December	6	Small Group Session Formation 6 Jesus Rejected: the Meaning of the Cross
	13	Pizza Dinner (5:30pm) and Reconciliation (6:30pm)
	20	Caroling (6pm) St. Anthony Park Home
	27	No class (Christmas break)
January	3	Small Group Session Formation 7 and 8 the Resurrection: God is Victorious
	10	Small Group Session: Reflection 1 Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit
	17	Small Group Session : Virtus and Netsmartz
	24	Small Group Session R 3 Christian Morality: What does Love look like?
	31	Small Group Session R4 Christian Service: Witnessing to God's Justice
February	7	Small Group Session R5 R9, Sacraments of Initiation
	14	Ash Wednesday (7pm)
	21	Session Small Group Session R6 Baptism: Born in the Holy Spirit/ R7 The Eucharist
	28	Open Question Night with the Pastor
March	7	Easter Basket Service Activity
	14	NCEA Assessment
	21	Pizza Dinner (5:30pm) and Reconciliation (6:30pm)
	28	Easter Egg Dyeing (6pm)
	29-31	Holy Week Triduum Services
April	4	F8, R8 Pentecost, Confirmation: Sealed with the Holy Spirit
	6-8	Retreat at Camp St. Croix (7:30pm Friday to 11:30am Sunday)
	11	Practice Testimonies for Parish Celebration/Reconciliation
	14-15	Parish Celebration (5pm Saturday and 9:30am and 6pm Sunday)
	16	Confirmation at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (7pm)
	18	Small Group Session M 1 Life after confirmation
	25	Closing Mass
May	9	End-of-Year Picnic with Senior High and Band

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS

At Corpus Christi, we believe that one of the responsibilities that one undertakes with the completion of Confirmation is that of participation in the ministry of the parish. Consequently, one of the aims of the Confirmation preparation process is to involve the candidate in a wide variety of service activities to help discover where his/her talents can best be used to build God's kingdom.

The Confirmation Social Justice Project requirement is as follows:

1. Participation as a class in the Can Opener Food Drive on October 14. During the week before the food drive, students (with help from parents) will drop off fliers in their designated areas. On Saturday morning, they will retrace their steps and pick up the food for the food shelf.
2. Serving Food at Loaves and Fishes (also known as Dorothy Day). Students will sign up with their parent to serve food at least once at the Dorothy Day Center. Our parish serves the evening meal the second Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 5:45pm. You should plan to arrive no later than 4:00pm. Please see the map at the end of the handbook for directions.
3. Long term project of your choice. Each student is expected to choose one ongoing project which involves a minimum of ten hours of service. Suggestions could include participating in Give and Grin, working as a Sunday School Aide, working in the Nursery, visiting at a nursing home, singing in the choir, etc. Projects should be chosen based on one's individual talents and interests. This is in addition to the food drive and serving at Loaves and Fishes, though serving additional times at Loaves and Fishes is a good option for this.
4. Select a minimum of two short-term projects. These could include serving the parish by working at the Pancake Breakfast or Advent Brunch, dyeing Easter Eggs, volunteering for a procession, helping stuff bulletins, providing child care for a special event, etc. Opportunities will be offered throughout the year for this. You may also choose "one time" volunteer opportunities in your community such as shoveling sidewalks, raking leaves, helping with community events, etc.

Reporting your social justice projects.

Upon completion of your social justice projects, complete the forms found in the back of the folder. Return them to your catechist or to Liz Russell as you complete them. All forms must be turned in no later than March 14, 2018.

SPECIAL LITURGIES

The Confirmation process involves several special liturgies which provide spiritual growth through prayer and worship.

Rite of Entrance

This liturgy marks the official entrance into the confirmation process and will take place at the 9:30am. liturgy on Sunday, October 15. Students should plan to arrive no later than 9:15am, dressed nicely. Students will process in at the beginning of Mass. Sponsors should also attend, if possible. If sponsor cannot attend, a parent is asked to process in and sit with the student.

Other Special Liturgies/Events

You will note on the calendar that numerous other special liturgies are planned. Some of these are parish liturgies while others are special events planned for the youth. Students should come directly to church with their parents for these liturgies. Each of these liturgies provides an opportunity to experience our rich Catholic traditions. They are not to be considered a "night off".

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

The parish celebration will be held the weekend of April 14-15. Youth can choose to participate in the 5pm Saturday Mass or the 9:30am or 6pm.

Mass on Sunday. During the liturgy, the youth will share their testimonies with the parish. Sponsors should attend, if possible. Parish receptions are held after each liturgy to allow parishioners to meet the candidates and congratulate them.

The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated on **Monday, April 16 at 7 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul**. Plan to arrive no later than 6:30pm. Allow plenty of time for traffic and parking. Youth will sit with their sponsors in a reserved section in front. There is plenty of unreserved seating for parents and additional guests.

PRAYER PARTNERS

The support of the parish community of Corpus Christi is extremely important to the confirmation process. Parishioners will be able to show their support by signing up to be a prayer partner for an individual candidate. Parishioners will be asked to pray for the candidate each week during the confirmation process.

On Wednesday, November 8, at 7pm there will be a special prayer service and reception for candidates, prayer partners, and sponsors. This special evening will allow candidates to spend time with these important mentors.

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

Each candidate is asked to choose a confirmation sponsor using the following criteria:

1. Sponsors should not be a way to honor relatives or flatter friends. These individuals will have a real function of spiritual direction to perform.

2. Sponsors should be chosen because

- a) They are faith-filled practicing adult Roman Catholics (ideally, but not necessarily, your baptismal sponsor).
- b) The candidates feel that they have something to offer them in terms of spiritual guidance.
- c) They are people who the candidates feel they can trust and confide in at least to some degree about their personal/spiritual life.
- d) They are people whom the candidates admire and wish to emulate in terms of their spiritual maturity and wisdom.
- e) They are people capable and willing to make a time commitment to this process.

3. Sponsors are asked to make the following commitments:

- a) Attend Prayer Night with the candidate on Wed,

Nov 8.

- b) Attend the Rite of Entrance (Sun, Oct 15) and Parish Celebration (April 14-15)
- c) Agree to meet with the candidate for six thirty-minute meetings. (Outlines will be provided for these sessions)
- d) Agree to be prayer support to the candidate and, of course to sponsor him or her at the celebration of Confirmation itself on Monday, April 16.

4. Each candidate should carefully consider whom he or she wishes to select and discuss it with a parent. Please share the above information with the sponsor when you ask them to make sure they feel comfortable with the expectations. Then, return the form in the back of the folder by Wed, Sept 27.

RETREATS

Retreats are an integral part of the Confirmation preparation experience, and are often mentioned as the most valuable experience by those who have completed the process. Retreats provide a block of time away from worries and pressure of the everyday world to allow for quality personal reflection.

Two retreats are required parts of the process. We will begin with a fall retreat on Saturday, October 7 to Sunday, October 8 at Camp Salie in Stacy, MN. Parents are asked to bring students to Camp Salie by 10:30am on Oct 7 and to pick them up at 2:30pm on Sunday, October 8.

The spring retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 6-8 at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin. You will be sent additional information regarding this retreat later in the year.

There is a charge for the retreats, but partial and full scholarships are available.

INTERVIEWS

Personal interviews are conducted with the candidates at the beginning and end of the Confirmation preparation process. The beginning interviews are used to help the catechists and youth minister get to know the youth and to

help the youth assess their talents for social justice projects. Fall interviews will be conducted during the retreat.

Spring interviews are conducted during the spring retreat and are used to help evaluate the process and to help the candidates assess their readiness for Confirmation.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

Each student needs to turn in a copy of her or his baptismal certificate, unless she or he was baptized at Corpus Christi, in which case we have a record of the baptism in our files. Please turn in a copy of your baptismal certificate no later than September 27. You may simply call the church where you were baptized and ask them to mail a copy to our parish at 2131 Fairview Ave. North, Roseville, MN 55113 or fax it to 651-639-8288. If you were baptized at Corpus Christi please let Liz Russell know what year you were baptized.

CONFIRMATION NAME

Students are encouraged to choose a saint's name as their confirmation name. The following pages provided by the Archdiocese list numerous possibilities. We encourage you to learn more about your saint before making a final decision. Please notify Liz Russell of your choice by March 14.

Saint, Feast Day, Description of Saint

Achilleus 12-May with Nereus
Agatha 5-Feb martyr
Agnes 21-Jan virgin and martyr
Albert (the Great) 15-Nov doctor of the Church
Aloysius Gonzaga 21-Jun scholar, patron of youth
Alphonsus Marie Liguori 1-Aug bishop, doctor
Ambrose 7-Dec father of the Church, doctor
Anastasia 25-Dec martyr
Andrew Dung Lac 24-Nov priest, martyr
Andrew Kim Taegon 20-Sep priest, martyr
Andrew 30-Nov apostle, martyr
Angela Merici 27-Jan foundress of Ursulines, mystic
Anne 26-Jul mother of Mary, patron of widows
Anselem 21-Apr bishop, doctor
Ansgar 3-Feb missionary, archbishop
Anthony 17-Jan hermit, monk
Anthony Mary Claret 24-Oct founder of Claretians
Anthony of Padua 13-Jun doctor
Apollinaris (of Hierapolis) 8-Jan bishop, writer, apologist
Athanasius 2-May bishop, doctor
Augustine (of Hippo) 28-Aug doctor, Father of the Church
Barnabas 11-Jun apostle, martyr
Bartholomew (Nathanael) 24-Aug apostle, martyr
Basil the Great 2-Jan bishop, doctor
Benedict 11-Jul monastic founder
Bernadette 16-Apr had visions of the Lady of Lourdes- not in Roman Calendar
Bernard (of Clairvaux) 20-Aug abbot and doctor
Bernadine of Siena 20-May preacher, missionary
Blaise 3-Feb bishop, martyr, physician
Bonaventure 15-Jul theologian, bishop, doctor
Boniface 5-Jun bishop, missionary
Brendan 16-May monastic founder, patron of sailors
Bridget of Sweden 23-Jul wife, foundress
Bruno 6-Oct priest, hermit
Cajetan 7-Aug priest, founder
Callistus I 14-Oct pope, martyr
Catherine of Siena 29-Apr doctor, mystic, papal adviser, patroness of the dying
Cecilia 22-Nov virgin and martyr, patroness of music
Charles Borromeo 4-Nov bishop
Charles Lwanga 3-Jun martyr of Uganda-with companions
Christopher 25-Jul martyr, patron of travelers-not in Calendar
Clare 11-Aug virgin, foundress, mystic
Clement I 23-Nov pope, martyr
Clotilde 3-Jun Queen of the Franks, converted her husband not on Calendar
Cornelius 16-Sep pope - with Cyprian
Cyprian 16-Sep pope- with Cornelius
Cosmas 26-Sep martyr, with Damian
Cyril of Alexandria 27-Jun bishop, doctor
Cyril of Jerusalem 18-Mar doctor, bishop
Damasus I 11-Dec pope
Denis 9-Oct martyr - with companions
Dionysius
Dominic 8-Aug priest, founder of Order of Preachers
Edith Stein 9-Aug philosopher, writer, convert from Judaism- Canonized 1998
Eligius (Bloi) 1-Dec bishop, founder, patron of metal smiths - not on Calendar
Elizabeth 5-Nov cousin of Mary, mother of John the Baptist
Elizabeth Ann Seton 4-Jan religious
Elizabeth of Portugal 4-Jul religious
Elizabeth of Hungary 17-Nov religious
Ephraem 9-Jun doctor, deacon
Eusebius of Vercelli 2-Aug bishop, martyr
Fabian 20-Jan pope, martyr
Felicity 7-Mar martyr-with Perpetua

Fidelis (of Sigmaringen) 24-Apr priest and martyr
Frances of Rome 9-Mar religious, co-patroness of Benedictine Oblates
 Francis de Sales January 24 | bishop, doctor
 Francis of Assisi 4-Oct religious
 Francis of Paola 2-Apr hermit, patron of seafarers
 Gabriel the Archangel 29-Sep patron of modern telecommunications
Genevieve (Genovfa) 3-Jan religious - not in Roman Calendar
 George 23-Apr martyr
Gertrude (the Great) 16-Nov virgin
Gianna Beretta Molla wife, physician, died giving birth - Canonized - 2004
 Gregory the Great 3-Sep pope, doctor
 Gregory VII 3-Sep pope
Hedwig 16-Oct religious. widow
 Henry 13-Jul co-patron of the Benedictine Oblates
 Hennano Pedro de San Jose physician, founder - canonized 2002
 De Betancurt
 Hilary (of Poitiers) 13-Jan bishop, doctor
 Hippolytus 13-Aug priest and martyr - with Pontian
 Ignatius (of Loyola) 31-Jul priest, founder of the Jesuits
 Ignatius (of Antioch) 17-Oct bishop, martyr
 Irenaeus 28-Jun bishop, martyr
 Isaac Jogues 19-Oct priest and martyr
 Isidore (the Fanner) 10-May fanner, husband
 Isidore (of Seville) 4-Apr bishop and doctor
 James the Greater 25-Jul apostle
 James the Lesser 3-May apostle - with Philip
Jane Frances de Chantal 18-Aug religious, foundress
 Januarius 19-Sep bishop, martyr
 Jerome 30-Sep priest and doctor
 Jerome Emiliani 8-Feb patron saint of orphanages and abandoned children
 Joachim 26-Jul father of Mary
Joan of Arc (Jeanne La Pucelle) 30-May not in Roman Calendar
 John 27-Dec apostle, evangelist
 John Baptist de la Salle 7-Apr priest, educator, founder
 John Bosco 31-Jan priest, founder of the Salesians
 John Cantius (Kanty) 31-May priest, patron of Poland and Lithuania
 John Chrysostom 13-Sep bishop and doctor
 John de Brebeuf 19-Oct martyr - with companions
 John Eudes 19-Aug priest, founder of devotion to the Sacred Heart
 John Fisher 22-Jun bishop and martyr
 John Leonardi 9-Oct priest, founder
 John the Baptist 24-Jun precursor of the Messiah, martyr (August 29)
 John Vianney 4-Aug priest
 Joseph 19-Mar husband of Mary, patron of workers (May 1)
Josephine Bakhita 8-Feb religious, kidnapped and sold into slavery - canonized 2000
 Juan Diego 9-Dec had visions of the Lady of Guadalupe - canonized 2002
 Justin Martyr 1-Jun martyr, philosopher, apologist
 Jude (or Thaddeus) 28-Oct apostle, patron of lost causes
Katharine Drexel 3-Mar religious, foundress of schools canonized 2000
 Lawrence 10-Aug deacon, martyr
 Lawrence of Brindisi 21-Jul priest, doctor
 Lawrence Ruiz 29-Sep martyr - with companions- canonized 1987
 Leo the Great 10-Nov pope, doctor
 Louis Mary de Montfort 28-Apr priest, devotion to Mary and the rosary
 Louis Baba 25-Aug martyr
Lucy {of Syracuse} 13-Dec virgin, martyr
 Luke 18-Oct apostle, evangelist, patron of doctors
 Malachy O'More 3-Nov abbot, bishop
 Marcellin Joseph Benoit Champagnat 6-Jun priest, founder of the Society of Mary canonized 1999
 Marcellinus 2-Jun martyr - with Peter
Margaret Mary Alacoque 16-Oct virgin, martyr, leader of devotions to the Sacred Heart
Marguerite Bourgeoys 19-Jan religious, foundress - canonized 1982
Margaret of Scotland 16-Nov virgin, model of charity
Maria Josefa of the Heart of Jesus 20-Mar religious, co-foundress - canonized 2000
 Sancho de Guerra
Maria Goretti 6-Jul virgin, martyr

Marie Marguerite d'Youville 11-Apr religious, foundress of Sisters of Charity - canonized 1990
 Mark 25-Apr apostle, evangelist
Martha 29-Jul sister to Sts. Lazarus and Mary at Bethany, patroness of cooks
 Martin de Porres 3-Nov religious, founder of orphanage, ministered to Slaves
 Martin of Tours 11-Nov bishop, founder
Mary Faustina Kowalski 5-Oct religious, visionary of the Divine Mercy - canonized 2000
Mary Magdalene 22-Jul apostle to the apostles
Mary, Mother of God 1-Jan Mother of Jesus - has many feast days
 Matthew, apostle 21-Sep apostle, evangelist
 Matthias, apostle 14-May apostle (replaced Judas Iscariot)
 Maximilian Maria Kolbe 14-Aug priest, martyr, died in Nazi concentration camp
 Methodius 14-Feb bishop-with Cyril
 Michael the Archangel 29-Sep protector of the Chosen People -with Gabriel and Raphael
Monica 27-Aug widow, mother of St. Augustine
 Nereus 12-May martyr - with Achilleus
 Nicholas 6-Dec bishop, patron of children
 Norbert 6-Jun bishop, founder
 Pancras 12-May martyr
 Patrick 17-Mar bishop, patron of Ireland
 Paul 29-Jun apostle, with Peter
 Paul Moo 6-Feb martyr - with companions
Paola (Paula) Frassinetti 11-Jun foundress - canonized 1984
Paula Montal Fornes De San Jose 25-Nov foundress of Daughters of Mary - canonized 1983
Calasanz
 Paulinus of Nola 22-Jun bishop
Perpetua 7-Mar martyr - with Felicity and companions
 Peter 29-Jun apostle, first pope - with Paul
 Peter Damian 21-Feb bishop, doctor
 Philip 3-May apostle - with James
 Philip Neri 26-May priest, missionary, founder
 Pio da Pietrelcina 23-Sep priest, devoted to prayer - canonized 2002
 Pius V 30-Apr pope
 Pius X 21-Aug pope
 Polycarp 23-Feb bishop, martyr
 Pontian 13-Aug pope and martyr
 Raymond of Penafort 7-Jan priest
Rita of Cascia 22-May religious, patroness of hopeless causes
 Robert Bellarmine 17-Sep bishop, doctor
 Romuald 19-Jun abbot
Rose of Lima 23-Aug virgin, foundress for care of the Native Americans of Peru
Rose-Philippini Duchesne 17-Nov religious, foundress - canonized 1988
 Raphael the Archangel 29-Sep with Michael and Gabriel
Scholastica 10-Feb virgin, abbess and founder
 Sebastian 20-Jan martyr
 Simon 28-Oct apostle - with Jude
 Sixtus II 7-Aug pope, martyr - with companions
 Stanislaus 11-Apr bishop, martyr, patron of Poland
 Stephen 26-Dec apostle, first martyr
 Stephen of Hungary 16-Aug married man, ruler
 Sylvester I 31-Dec pope
Teresa of Jesus 15-Oct virgin and doctor
Therese of Lisieux 1-Oct religious, doctor, "the Little Flower" canonized 1997
 Thomas 3-Jul apostle
 Thomas Aquinas 28-Jan priest and doctor
 Thomas Becket 29-Dec bishop and martyr
 Thomas More 22-Jun martyr, with John Fisher
 Timothy 26-Jan bishop - with Titus
 Titus 26-Jan bishop - with Timothy
 Vincent 22-Jan deacon, martyr
 Vincent de Paul 27-Sep priest, founder of Lazarist Fathers and Sisters of Charity
 Vincent Ferrer 5-Apr priest
 Wenceslaus 28-Sep martyr
 Willibrord 7-Nov bishop, missionary to Frisia (modern Netherlands) not in Calendar
 Zachary 5-Nov father of John the Baptist (Zachariah)

TESTIMONY QUESTIONS

During the fall retreat each youth will be asked to begin to reflect on the following questions. Reflection and journaling will be encouraged throughout the confirmation process. During the spring retreat, each student will select one question and she/he will prepare a short response. These testimonies will be shared at the parish celebration of confirmation.

1. What does it mean to be a follower of Christ?
2. Why do I freely choose to remain within the Catholic Church?
3. What does my parish represent or stand for within the local community?
4. What has been an important spiritual experience in my life?
5. In what person or situation do I especially see the Holy Spirit working in the world?
6. Why do I personally need the strengthening of the sacrament of Confirmation in my life?
7. What do I see as a major challenge facing young Catholics today and how am I facing this challenge.

CHECK LIST

Social Justice Projects:

- Can Opener Food Drive
- Served at Loaves and Fishes
- Long Term Project (*Complete form by 3/14/18*)
- Short Term Project (*Complete form by 3/14/18*)
- Short Term Project (*Complete form by 3/14/18*)

- Sponsor Form (*Form due 9/27/17*)
- Baptismal Certificate (*Copy due 9/27/17*)
- Confirmation Name (*Due by 3/14/18*)

Loaves and Fishes
Catholic Charities Mary Hall
438 N Main St, St Paul, MN 55102

Students must come with a parent or other adult. Plan to arrive no later than 4:00pm. There is limited parking available in the Higher Ground Parking Lot and on the street. Serving is from 4:30 to 5:45pm. You will clean up after serving and finish around 6:00pm. If, for any reason, you cannot help on your designated day, please try to switch with someone else.

Wear closed toe shoes and modest, washable clothing. You may bring a cap to wear or they will provide hair nets. Please leave all valuables at home.

Directions: <https://www.cctwincities.org/directions-mary-hall/>

Complete and return by **September 27** to Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 North Fairview Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

Student Name

Sponsor's Name

Sponsor's Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Sponsor's E-mail Address

Sponsor's Phone Number

Sponsor's Parish

Complete and return by **March 14** to Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 North Fairview Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

Confirmation Name

My Full Baptismal Name _____

Saint's Name which I am choosing for Confirmation

Reason I am choosing this name:

Complete and return by **March 14** to Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 North Fairview Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRESS REPORT: Long Term

Name: _____

Date: _____

Give a brief description of what you did for your project:

Who was helped by your project?

In what ways did you help them?

What did you learn from doing your project?

How did doing this project help you to grow closer to God?

If you had to do your project over again, what would you do differently?

Complete and return by **March 14** to Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 North Fairview Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRESS REPORT: Short Term

Name: _____

Date: _____

Give a brief description of what you did for your project:

Who was helped by your project?

In what ways did you help them?

What did you learn from doing your project?

How did doing this project help you to grow closer to God?

If you had to do your project over again, what would you do differently?

Complete and return by **March 14** to Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 North Fairview Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRESS REPORT: Short Term

Name: _____

Date: _____

Give a brief description of what you did for your project:

Who was helped by your project?

In what ways did you help them?

What did you learn from doing your project?

How did doing this project help you to grow closer to God?

If you had to do your project over again, what would you do differently?