

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFIRMATION BOOKLET

2018



CONFIRMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

According to the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Confirmation is a Sacrament which perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiations, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christians' soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life.

A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness for Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs.

(CCC1316-1319)

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help Christians live more fully committed to Christ. These gifts are:

WISDOM
UNDERSTANDING
COUSEL
FORTITUDE
KNOWLEDGE
PIETY
REVERENCE FOR GOD

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

From the Gifts of the Holy Spirit come the Fruits, which are:

CHARITY
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
LONG-SUFFERING
MILDNESS
FORTITUDE
MODESTY
CONTINENCY
CHASTITY

ROLE OF THE FAMILY ESPECIALLY PARENTS

The church views the role of Parents in the Religious Education and formation of their child as both a privilege and an obligation. When parents present their child to the church to be baptized, they are distinctly reminded that they have the responsibility “to bring [their children] up in the practice of the catholic faith.” (Rite of Baptism of Children 56)

The obligation and privilege extends to sacrament preparation. Parents need to be incorporated into the overall vision of the parish’s planning for their child’s preparation. Pope John Paul II, in 1994, reasserted the privileged responsibility of parents when he wrote:

Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they all possess a fundamental competence in this area: they are educators because they are parents.

Letter to Families #16

It is vital that we remember a child first comes to Faith through their families. And, it is within the family that a child will continue to practice their faith and witness the daily example of Catholic believers.

We invite you to walk this journey with your child and reflect, chapter by chapter with them as they process toward Confirmation.

We encourage families to pray together, including the Sacred Scripture from each chapter. We ask that you share your faith and your faith journey with your child.

We ask that you worship as a family by attending Mass together.

We ask that Parents support their child and assist as necessary in completing the child’s service project.

Parents according to Canon law are no longer permitted to be Sponsors for their child for Confirmation.

CODE OF CANON LAW

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Qualifications for Sponsors:

Canon 893

- #1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon 874.
- #2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Qualifications for Sponsors:

Canon 874 – to be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- #1 Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- #2 Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- #3 Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- #4 Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- #5 Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

*A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSORS

Canon 892 As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacraments.

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

REGULAR CLASS ATTENDANCE (No absences)

COMPLETED SERVICE PROJECT OF 10 HOURS OR MORE EITHER IN THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY that are not used for other reasons

FREELY CHOOSES TO BE CONFIRMED

LETTER OF INTENT TO PASTOR JOHN TRAN and emailed to him

SHOW KNOWLEDGE OF FAITH AND WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSES AND THE RETREAT

ATTEND CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SELECT A SPONSOR AND MEET WITH SPONSOR ON A REGULAR BASIS

SIGN CANDIDATE COVENANT AND BRING TO RITE OF WELCOME

ATTEND MASS WEEKLY

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

MUST BE IN A STATE OF GRACE

MUST BE FULLY PRACTICING THEIR FAITH

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Now that you have been studying the sacrament of Confirmation you are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply – to worship, witness, and serve as a confirmed Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is time to express this decision by asking to be confirmed. Write a personal letter to the Pastor stating your desire to be confirmed. The letter should clearly express the fact that:

1. Receiving the sacrament is your decision.
2. That you have prepared for the sacrament through study and instructions.
3. That you have already accepted the responsibility of living a mature Christian life by being of service to the community.

Follow these guidelines:

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting: Dear Fr. John,

BODY OF LETTER

Introduce yourself and tell something of your family and yourself.

Include the information stated above.

Tell how you plan to continue to make your Confirmation in faith, real and alive in the future.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter thanking Fr. John for being the Pastor.

EMAIL THE LETTER TO:

Friohn1992@gmail.com

And send an email to: Jewell Bayhi @ jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org that the letter was sent.

See calendar for the date the letter is due.

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

CHOOSING OF A CHRISTIAN NAME FOR CONFIRMATION

In the Rite of Confirmation, you will be choosing a Confirmation name. You are encouraged to take your Baptismal name because Confirmation is the completion of the initiation you began in your Baptism. If you prefer, you may choose a different Saints name. If the Baptismal name is not the name of a recognized Catholic saint you should choose another name. The Saint is chosen to serve as a model for you throughout your life. Find out more about your chosen Saint by doing this project. Please complete the project as follows:

- 1. Cover Page**
 - A.) Saints Name**
 - B.) Your Name, Date of paper**
 - C.) Teachers name**

- 2. Give a brief summary of the Saint's life.**
 - A.) Include information such as Feast Day, Saint's place of Birth, where the Saint lived**
 - B.) Find out and include information about the Saint's family, occupation, life and death**
 - C.) What virtues did the saint practice in life?**
 - D.) What aspect of this person's life attracted you?**
- 3. How is this Saint a model for Catholics today?**
- 4. Ask your parents or whoever named you why they chose your Baptismal name for you. If you chose a different name tell why you chose the name yourself.**

GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE HOURS

HOURS: 10 Hours minimum of good service

- 1. The student must contact the organization on their own and make the necessary arrangements.**
- 2. The service must be given freely; you cannot be paid for it or be reimbursed in any way.**
- 3. This service may have been done any time in the last 12 months or it may be done NOW.**
- 4. It cannot be done in your own home or family business.**

REFLECTION PAPER

Your Reflection Paper should answer the following:

- A. What service did you do?**
- B. How did you bring Christ to another in this service?**
- C. How did this service affect you? (How did you feel about it?)**
- D. What good is accomplished by this service?**

SPONSOR

HISTORY OF SPONSORSHIP

In the early Church most members were adult converts. Each candidate had a sponsor who was a guide, spiritual companion and witness to the faith of the candidate before the community.

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION – The sponsor is:

- a) A model of how a person of faith lives in today's world;
- b) A friend who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community;
- c) A guide, confidant and listener;
- d) A learner who is interested in his/her own growth as he/she walks the faith journey with the candidate;
- e) One who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite him/her into fuller participation in parish life and service.

EXPECTATIONS OF A SPONSOR – Sponsorship in Confirmation

The sponsor is called to:

- a) Participate in the Orientation, Blessing Rite, and Liturgical Rite of Confirmation, whenever possible.
- b) Meet with the candidate, outside of class time. To encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, in prayer, in service, in worship and in participation in the Parish Community.
- c) Commit yourself to daily prayer for your candidate.
- d) Be willing to contact a member of the Confirmation team if you have any questions or concerns.
- e) Continue as a support to the newly confirmed person as he or she discovers more and more about the treasury of his or her own faith along the way.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SPONSORS

The sponsor should be a mature person of faith and a confirmed Catholic in good standing, attend Mass weekly, hold the Faith and moral practices of the Church. The sponsor should reflect Catholic Christian values in word, worship and service. The sponsor may be male or female, may be the Baptismal sponsor, but may not be a parent of the candidate.

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1501 West Causeway Approach Mandeville, LA 985-674-9794 fax 985-626-6971

SPONSOR CERTIFICATION FORM

This is to certify that I _____
Sponsors Full Legal Name

of _____
Full Name of Church Parish, City and State

accepts this invitation to Sponsor

Full Name of Candidate

During his/her preparation for the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in
Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish, Mandeville, LA

I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic over the age of 16, that I actively
practice my faith and I am in good standing in the Catholic Church.

I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic Faith by
this candidate.

If married, the Sponsor must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
I am not living together or cohabitating without marriage.

By signing below, the proposed Sponsor solemnly swears that he or she has read the above
criteria, and that the statement above is a true and correct indication of his/her attentions.

Sponsors Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Full Name _____

Address of Sponsor _____

Church Parish _____

Mary, Queen of Peace Church
1501 W. Causeway Approach Mandeville, La. 70471
985-674-9794 jbayhi@maryqueenofpeace.org

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

PARTICIPANT'S FULL NAME _____
STUDENT EMAIL _____
BIRTH DATE: _____ SEX: _____ SCHOOL: _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME:
Mother: _____ Father: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
HOME PHONE: _____ STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE DAD _____
CELL MOM _____

I, _____ grant permission for my child, _____
(Parent/ Guardian Name) (Child's Name)

to participate in the Confirmation Retreat that requires my child to ride a bus to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and volunteers from Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Mandeville, La. A brief description of the activity follows:
TYPE OF EVENT: Confirmation Retreat

DESTINATION OF EVENT: Camp Abbey

INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE: Jewell Bayhi

TIME OF ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE: DEPART MQP AT 8:30AM on SATURDAY, September 15 and 16.
RETURN TO MQP SUNDAY, September 10 at 5:00PM (STUDENTS CAN NOT DRIVE)

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EVENT: School Bus

As parent and/or legal guardian, I will remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant").

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend Mary, Queen of Peace, Mandeville, Louisiana, its officers, director and agents, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans, chaperone, or representatives associated with the event, arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish/location, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans, chaperone, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. (Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised of any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

NAME & RELATIONSHIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____

FAMILY DOCTOR: _____ **PHONE:** _____

FAMILY HEALTH PLAN CARRIER: _____ **POLICY #** _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____

OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event it comes to the attention of the parish/location, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, diarrhea, minor sore throat, I want to be called.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____

MEDICATIONS: My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage are as follows:

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life threatening and emergency treatment is required.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (Such as aspirin, tylenol, cough syrup) to be given to my child if deemed appropriate.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

SPECIFIC MEDICAL INFORMATION: The parish/location will take reasonable care to see that the following information is held in confidence.

ALLERGIC REACTIONS (Medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.)

IMMUNIZATIONS: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization _____

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS?

Is child subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, fainting, etc.? _____

Has child recently been exposed to a contagious disease or condition, such as mumps, chicken pox, measles? If so, date and disease or condition. _____

You should also be aware of the following for my child (include any specific diet or foods your child may need)

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

WHO: All Confirmation students (mandatory retreat)

DATE: leave Mary, Queen of Peace at 8:30am on Saturday, September 15

Do not be late buses leave at 8:30, no exceptions

Buses return to Mary, Queen of Peace at 5:00pm on Sunday. Please have someone here to pick you up.

NO one may drive their own car. Parent must bring student and pick up student at MQP ... sorry cars cannot be left at MQP

LOCATION: Retreat will be held at Camp Abbey in Covington. In case of emergency parents may call MQP at 626-6977 or Jewell Bayhi at 985-778-6277

INFORMATION: The sleeping arrangements are dormitory style and you must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow or sheets and a blanket for a twin bed.

You must provide your own towels, wash cloths, soap, shampoo, and other toiletries that you may need. Also sleeping clothes that are appropriate if you have to leave your room after dressing for bed...and changes of clothing.

On Saturday you may wear shorts if they are of an appropriate length and t shirts. No skin can be showing in midriff etc. Please wear appropriate shoes for hiking or other activities. No flip flops, tube tops, tank tops or biking shorts

Also, on Sunday clothing must be appropriate to wear to Mass, absolutely No skimpy Shorts, tank tops, halters or inappropriate T shirts.

MEALS: will be provided by Camp Abbey. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AHEAD OF TIME.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED IN SLEEPING QUARTERS.

There is a 50.00 fine for food in dormitory per child so please be sure you do not eat in dorm rooms or parents will pay the fine.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING:

Alcohol	MP3 players or radios, etc.	Homework	Vape materials
Tobacco (of any kind)		Outside reading materials	
Cell phones	Computers	I pods and I pads	

You will be sent home if you do not cooperate.... Cell phones can be checked in on arrival and picked up at end of retreat.

PLEASE DO BRING YOURSELF WITH AN OPEN HEART AND AN OPEN MIND!

No Visitors will be allowed on campus and security will be present.

CALL MRS. JEWELL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS 674-9794