

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION CLASS 2012 REQUIREMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## Parent's Participation

The participation of the parents in the Confirmation program is vital. It is important for you to set the example for your child as he or she takes on the responsibility of a Confirmed Catholic. The example of the parents' prayer life and attitude toward Jesus Christ and His Church is the best teaching sons and daughters will ever have. Although it is the Confirmandi's responsibility to complete all requirements, it is the parents' responsibility to assist by making sure all assignments are done on time and that his or her child is at each scheduled activity. Additionally, we are requesting parent assistance in the following areas as described on the pages that follow:



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2252) states that.....

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer and all the virtues. They have the duty to provide, as far as possible, for the physical and spiritual needs of their children.”



## Sponsor

Historically, sponsors were those Christians who presented their friends as candidates for Christian Initiation. When infant Baptism came into practice, it was usually the parents who presented their children to the community, godparents being chosen in case the parents could not fulfill their responsibilities. According to the new Code of Canon Law, Baptismal godparents are preferred as Confirmation Sponsors because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation. This assumes the godparents are practicing the Catholic Faith. However, other practicing Catholics may be chosen as Confirmation sponsors. The Confirmandi will be required to fill out a form about their sponsor detailing why they chose him or her and what will be expected of them as a sponsor during the upcoming year of preparation. Confirmation sponsors must be mature in their faith and at least 16 years old; this means that he/she must feel comfortable answering questions the Confirmandi might have and sharing his/her faith. The sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. A Parent may not be their child's sponsor. All sponsors must have a form signed by their parish priest stating they are a Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; if the sponsor is married, he or she **must be in a valid marriage** according to the Catholic Church.

+ Use the Confirmation Sponsor form for this requirement.

### **Sunday and Holy Day Mass Attendance**

The Mass and the Eucharist are the very center of our Catholic faith. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and to avoid unnecessary work on those days is a responsibility for all Catholics. We expect all of our Confirmandi to understand and accept the rule, which is based on the Third Commandment.

### **Day of Reflection – Retreat**

The goals of the Day of Reflection/Confirmation retreat is to help candidates experience the fact that discipleship is lived out in a community setting. The elements of the retreat help ground the candidates in their faith community and allow them to see their parish as a community of disciples striving to be faithful to the mission of Jesus. Through the retreat team's facilitation, the candidates get a sense that their nurturing and formation as disciples are the tasks and responsibilities of the parish community. They are accompanied on their faith journey by the community through prayer and support.

All Confirmandi are **required to attend** our parish's Day of Reflection and the Confirmation Retreat **DATES TBA.**

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Psalms 46:8*



**LOVE LETTERS FROM HOME!** The Confirmation Retreat will be an “awesome” experience for your teen. To make it that much more special, we are asking that you write your child a “Love Letter.” Please write to your son/daughter about the preparation of Confirmation and its importance in his/her life. Include a few words about hopes and wishes for his/her future. Close the note with a short personal blessing for your teen. Some parents ask their child's sponsor to write one as well. This is another wonderful witness of faith. These will be read privately by your child.

## Christian Service Projects

Community service is a sacrifice of time. Each Confirmandi is required to do twenty hours of service. Ten (10) of these hours must be done at Holy Family Church; at least five (5) must be done for the greater community and Five (5) for the family, household chores, babysitting, or caring for elderly relatives etc. Liturgical ministries, such as altar serving, lector, and ushering are a responsibility of the gathered assembly and are not considered service projects.

### *HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY*

Holy Family Vacation Bible School / Catholic Camp  
Lenten Fish Fry  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Bookstore/Library

### *COMMUNITY OUTREACH*

Pathways to Care- Nursing Home  
The Mustard Seed  
Give Kids the World  
Coalition for the Homeless- Third Sunday of every month. Contact Jane at the Parish Office.  
Catholic Charities Food Pantry  
Habitat for Humanity  
Covenant House  
Harbor House

These are a few suggestions. It is your responsibility to contact the organization and make your own arrangements.

***“Servants don’t deserve special thanks for doing what they are supposed to do. And that’s how it should be with you. When you’ve done all you should, then say, ‘we are merely servants, and we have simply done our duty.’”***

***—Luke 17:1-10***

+ Use the SERVICE PROJECT LOG FOR THIS REQUIREMENT



### **Baptism Certificate**

We will need an updated copy (with notations) of your baptism certificate. We will also need the full mailing address of the baptismal church. It is **our** responsibility to notify the baptismal church of your sacrament. After you were baptized, your name was inscribed in the baptism register of the Catholic parish where the event took place. Your entry also includes the names of the minister, your parents (if you were a child when baptized), your godparents, the place and date of your baptism and the place and date of your birth. You or your family probably received a record of that entry in a document commonly called a baptismal certificate. The certificate is your copy of the official record held at your parish of baptism. That parish updates the record of your baptism throughout your life. A notation is added whenever an event happens that affects your status in the church (sacraments, ordinations, etc.) The original baptismal certificate in your possession then becomes outdated at intervals in your life. Catholics can obtain this document by contacting the parish where they were baptized. The church maintains baptismal records as accurately as possible.

+ Please remember to have the “Baptism Information Sheet” filled out **completely** and have an **updated copy** of your child’s Baptism Certificate *with notations* sent from your child’s Church of Baptism.



## Saint's Name

A name identifies us and tells others who we are. Confirmandi are asked to check into reasons for their baptismal name if they are not already aware of the reason. They may choose a new name as a sign of growth in faith. One may keep the baptismal name to emphasize the fact that Confirmation is a sealing of the Baptismal Commitment. A saint research form will be required of each student. The Confirmandi must explain their choice and report information about the saint that they have chosen. Each saint is known for particular qualities or virtues. The Confirmandi will explain how, by imitating this saint, he or she can become a better Christian. You can access information by using such sites as:

[www.catholiconline.org](http://www.catholiconline.org),  
[www.catholic-forum.com/SAINTS/indexsnt.htm](http://www.catholic-forum.com/SAINTS/indexsnt.htm),  
[www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp),  
[www.theworkofgod.org/saints/](http://www.theworkofgod.org/saints/)

+ Use the CONFIRMATION NAME WORKSHEET for this.

**All of the above activities are required for all Confirmandi.**

If you have any questions or concerns please call: email  
[LBovich@hfchurch.com](mailto:LBovich@hfchurch.com) (preferred) or call 407-876-2211 X 292

# NOTES

Remember to REGISTER

[www.Flocknote.com](http://www.Flocknote.com)

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