



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION CHECKLIST

ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 IN THE FOLDER MARKED WITH THE CANDIDATE'S NAME

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: (YELLOW PAPER) **DUE BY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

All candidates are to complete **15 HOURS** of Community Service. The community service paper is to be handed in **no later than September 23, 2024** in the **RED FOLDER**. Be sure that the supervisor for the project signs the form as well as the candidate and parent. Failure to complete Community Service hours will delay your Confirmation.

2. SPONSOR DECLARATION: (PURPLE PAPER) **DUE BY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Each candidate must choose one person to serve as their Sponsor. **The Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic and OVER THE AGE OF 14.** The Sponsor must know the candidate and be able to help him/her on their spiritual journey and be willing to share his/her own faith with the Candidate.

- Ideally, it should be someone who has already been involved with the spiritual formation of the candidate, such as a godparent, grandparent, catechist or some member of the Candidate's family. **IT CAN NOT BE ONE OF THE CANDIDATE'S PARENTS.**
- **ONCE YOU CHOOSE YOUR SPONSOR PLEASE GIVE YOUR SPONSOR BOTH PAPERS.** It is the Sponsor's responsibility to take the Sponsor Declaration (PURPLE PAPER) to the parish they are registered at and have the form signed by their pastor and stamped with that Church's seal. *This also includes all sponsors who are parishioners of St. Thomas.* The PREP Office is not responsible for obtaining signatures or tracking forms.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23RD TO COMPLETE THE SPONSOR FORM.**

3. CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE CONTRACT: (GREEN PAPER) **DUE BY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Each candidate must fill out a Confirmation Candidate Contract completely and make sure that it is signed by the candidate and their parent.

- **CONFIRMATION NAME:**
When choosing a Confirmation name, ***your baptismal name is the preferred name, if it is the name of a recognized saint*** because it expresses the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.

OR you can choose the name of a saint to serve as your mentor and spiritual guide, but it **MUST BE the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church.**

- **FAMILY COMMITMENT PLEDGE:**
The Family Commitment Pledge is on the back of the Confirmation Candidate Contract and must be read and signed by the candidate's parent(s).

4. SAINT REPORT: (SALMON PAPER) **DUE BY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Each candidate will be required to complete a Saint Report. **The Saint Report should be on the name that the candidate is choosing for Confirmation. The report must be typed and attached to the cover sheet.** Please follow the directions on the salmon colored paper for the Saint Report.

5. REHEARSAL:

All candidates and their Sponsor (or a parent) **MUST ATTEND** the mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal. The rehearsal is approximately 1 ½ hours long. **More information will follow.**

6. DRESS CODE FOR CONFIRMATION:

At the Sacrament of Baptism, we wear special gowns, at the Sacrament of First Communion we wear white dresses or suits; and at our Marriage we wear formal gowns or tuxedos. It is fitting to dress in celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation as well. While the Church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each of its members, it holds that modesty is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit and that "Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 25234) It is in this spirit of fostering respect for each other and for sanctity of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we set forth a Dress Code consistent with our Catholic culture's view of modesty. ***Please share this information with your sponsor. More information to follow.***

DRESS CODE FOR CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS:

LADIES: PLEASE WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST.

- Dress or skirt of **conservative length** (not too short), blouse and dress shoes that you are able to walk in comfortably.
- Dress pants and blouse, sweaters or jackets are permissible.
- When styling your hair, remember your forehead **MUST BE** uncovered for anointing from the Bishop.

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT APPROPRIATE:

- **NO** strapless or spaghetti straps. **Your back and shoulders MUST BE COVERED!**
- **NO** plunging necklines, no cleavage, **NO** miniskirts or short dresses.
- **NO** tight, backless, bare midriff outfits.
- **NO** sneakers, no flip-flops, no jeans.

GENTLEMEN: PLEASE WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST.

- Dress pants, dress shirt with collar, tucked in with a tie and dress shoes.

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT APPROPRIATE:

- **NO** sneakers or jeans.
- **NO** tee shirts or polo shirts.
- **NO** novelty ties (cartoon characters, logos, etc..).