



May 16, 2019

Dear Parents,

Today we begin, you, your child and our parish, the preparation for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This preparation involves a number of important meetings, activities, forms, and reports that need to be completed in order for your child to receive this very important Sacrament.

This packet contains much of the information concerning all these requirements:

- 1. REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM.** This form is the official form stating that your child will be attending the Confirmation Classes beginning **September 15 and 16, 2018**. Please complete this form and return it with the fee for the program by **May 31, 2019**. If this form is not received, then we are presuming that your child will not be receiving Confirmation in the Spring 2020.
- 2. SAINT PRESENTATION.** Each candidate has a choice of two report format options. Each will be discussed in detail during class. The Saint reports will be an oral presentation during class time on **January 12 and 13, 2020**.
- 3. THE SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY.** This form is to be completed by your child's sponsor. It is to be returned to our parish office by **October 6 & 7, 2019**. This form is **absolutely** necessary for your child to be confirmed. Please be sure that the sponsor receives this form and returns it to us as soon as possible.
- 4. SERVICE ACTIVITY FORM.** One of the requirements of this program is that the candidates do various types of service. The forms enclosed will explain what type of service projects and the hours required for the service offered. Please be sure that these service projects are completed by **January 29, 2019 and the report is handed in by January 26 & 27, 2020**.
- 5. LETTER OF INTENT TO THE PASTOR.** Each candidate is to write a letter to the pastor expressing his or her intention to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and in the letter needs to express a statement as to why the candidates wants to be confirmed. This letter needs to be typed and completed by **November 17 & 18, 2019** and brought to class.
- 6. THE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS SHEET.** These questions need to be memorized by your child for the day of Confirmation since the bishop will more than likely be asking a few questions from those on these pages.

Any of the above forms and requirements can be returned sooner if they have been completed.

If at any time during the next few months, you or your child has a concern about the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Kathy Ross, Director of Religious Education at kross@stmartinoftours.org.

Let us pray with and for all the parish children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Father Kindon

Confirmation Questions

1. Who is a Christian? A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ
2. When did you become a Christian? I became a Christian at Baptism
3. What is a Sacrament? A Sacrament is an action of Christ Himself, an outward sign of God's grace and our faith in Him, an outward sign institutes by Christ to give grace.
4. What is the purpose of the Sacraments?
 The purpose of the Sacraments is to sanctify us, to build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God
5. Do Sacraments always give Grace? The Sacraments always give grace if they are received with the right disposition.
6. What is Confirmation? Confirmation is the Sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to enable us to witness to Jesus Christ both in word and deed as committed Christians.
7. Who is the Holy Spirit who comes to us in Confirmation?
 The Holy Spirit who comes to us in Confirmation is the third person of the Blessed Trinity.
8. Is the Holy Spirit God? Yes, the Holy Spirit is God.
9. Is the Holy Spirit equal to the Father and the Son? Yes, the Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son.
10. How does the Holy Spirit come in Confirmation? How does the Bishop Confirm?
 The Bishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed, and prays that they may receive the Holy Spirit and anoints their foreheads with Chrism in the form of a cross. Our Confirmation by the Bishop reminds us of the First Pentecost.
11. Describe in your own words the events of the Pentecost as described in the Acts.

12. What is Chrism? Chrism is the oil blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday. It is a sign of the strength of the Holy Spirit gives us to carry out a mission for Jesus.
13. What does the Bishop say when he confirms?
 Bishop: "(Name) be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
 Newly Confirmed answers: "Amen."
 Bishop: "Peace be with you."
 Newly Confirmed: "And with your Spirit."
14. Why does the Bishop anoint the forehead with Chrism in the form of a cross?
 The Bishop anoints the forehead with Chrism in the sign of a cross to remind us that we must openly profess and practice our faith, never be ashamed of it, and rather die than deny it.

15. What are the effects of the Sacraments of Confirmation?

The effects of Confirmation are:

- a) an increase in sanctifying grace
- b) a spiritual character (an active power) that helps the one who receives it to publicly profess and defend the faith.

16. How often may Confirmation be received?

Confirmation can be received only once, like Baptism, Confirmation imprints a spiritual character.

17. What is the Character of Confirmation?

The Character of Confirmation is a spiritual and permanent mark that signifies that the person confirmed is a witness to Christ and a defender of the Faith

18. Why can Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders be received only once?

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders can be received only once because they imprint on the soul a spiritual mark called a character, which lasts forever.

19. Why should all Catholics be confirmed? All Catholics should be confirmed in order that they may be strengthened against the dangers to salvation and to be prepared better to defend their Catholic Faith.

20. What special preparation should we make to receive Confirmation?

In preparation to receive Confirmation we should pray, serve other and know the chief mysteries of our Faith and the duties of a Christian. We need to be instructed in the nature and effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

21. What is required to be a sponsor at Confirmation? To be a sponsor at Confirmation a person must be:

- a) a practicing Catholic
- b) confirmed and able to fulfill the duties of a sponsor.

22. Why are sponsors at Confirmation?

Sponsors at Confirmation present the persons to be confirmed to the Bishop for anointing. They are to help and support the confirmed persons in their daily witness to Christ in their lives.

23. Which Sacraments are called Sacraments of Initiation?

Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation are called Sacraments of Initiation.

24. Why are Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation called Sacraments of Initiation?

Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation are called Sacraments of Initiation because Christian initiation is celebrated in Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. It is through these visible actions (Sacraments) that a person becomes a member of the Church.

25. Explain how these Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are visible signs of initiation.

Christians are reborn in Baptism, strengthened by Confirmation and sustained by the food of the Eucharist.

26. In what form did the Holy Spirit come upon the Apostles at the First Pentecost?

The Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at the First Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire.

27. Name and explain the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord

Write a Letter of Intent

Due November 17 & 18, 2019

Each candidate must write a letter of intent, addressed to Fr. Fred Kindon. The purpose of this letter is for the candidate to demonstrate in writing his/her desire to be Confirmed, and willingness to make this commitment.

Please use the following as a guide for the letter:

First- begin with your greeting: Dear Father Kindon

Second- Introduce yourself and share some information about yourself, such as your family, your interests and hobbies, and a little about your background.

Third- state that you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and explain (in one or two paragraphs) why you want to be confirmed. It may help you to think about a) the ways in which this sacrament will strengthen your relationship with Jesus, b) the role of faith in your life, c) what it means to you to be a part of our parish community and/or d) how the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to be witnesses for Jesus (read and reflect on the Acts of the Apostles.)

Fourth- Describe the work you have done to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Fifth- conclude your letter with a quotation from Scripture which will serve as your inspiration during your preparation for Confirmation. This can be a sentence or a few sentences. Include an explanation as to why you chose this passage.

Saint Project

Each Confirmation candidate is required to select a saint's name for their Confirmation name and complete a presentation on that saint. Confirmation names can be a given middle name or students can choose another name that has special meaning to them. The only requirement of a Confirmation name is that it must be the name of a saint. These presentations are due on January 12 & 13, 2020. There are many ways the students can complete this project. The main purpose is to allow the candidates to get to know the saint they have chosen so they have an idea of how this great saint can be used as a role model on their faith journey!

OPTION 1: WRITTEN SAINT REPORT

Print out a picture of your saint and use it as a cover page. Make sure the saint's name is clearly displayed above or under the picture. Make sure your full name is listed on the cover page, as well. Reports should be about 4 or 5 paragraphs telling the class facts on the life of the saint, virtues that the saint had that made them special and how you could use those same virtues in your own life, what your saint is the patron saint of, any special prayers associated with your saint, when their feast day is celebrated, any famous quotes associated with the saint and finally, why you chose this saint.

OPTION 2: POSTER BOARD

Using all/some of the information listed in the written report, use a poster board to make a creative display on the life of your saint!

OPTION 3: MOBILE

Use a hanger or a dowel to make a mobile display on the life of your saint.

OPTION 4: SAINT IN A BOX

Decorate a shoe box with pictures of your saint along with any symbols associated with them. Fill your shoe box with index cards/papers with fun facts and life events about your saint.

OPTION 5: SKIT

Dress up as your saint and give a first-person narrative of the life of your saint! If you can think of another way to present your saint to us, just let us know! **All presentations should be no longer 5 minutes! Remember these projects are due on January 12 & 13, 2020.**

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Due, October 6 & 7, 2019

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATE

I, _____, a registered member of _____

Church, have been asked to stand as a sponsor for _____ as he/she

receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following:

1. I am not the parent of the person to be confirmed.
2. I am at least 16 years of age.
3. I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church.
4. I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and receive the Sacraments regularly.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I, the undersigned, affirm that I fulfill the above requirements and that in good conscience I consider myself eligible to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I further declare that I will strive to be a good example of Christian living for the candidate whom I am sponsoring.

Signature of the Sponsor: _____

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this person is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of the Priest/Deacon: _____

Date: _____

Church Seal

Dear Sponsor:

The role of sponsor in the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of good example as a Christian and a Catholic for the person you are going to sponsor. When you say that you are going to be a sponsor, your word to the candidate is most serious and powerful in that you are saying that you already live your Catholic Faith well and you will continue to do so. This example of good Catholic Living is most important for the candidate as he or she prepares to receive this very important Sacrament of Confirmation.

We have been taught that the Sacrament of Confirmation is the commitment of the one to be confirmed to now be responsible for his or her continued religious education and formation. Even so, all of us continually need the example of those around us to help us live out the commitment we make at Confirmation.

So, you know that it is an honor to be asked to be a sponsor for someone for the Sacrament of Confirmation but it is also a serious responsibility not to be taken lightly. The person you are sponsoring already looks up to you or would not have asked you to be a sponsor. That example that you give the candidate continues long after the day the person receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The attached form needs to be presented to your parish office to be signed by a priest or deacon verifying that you are a practicing Catholic. This form needs to be mailed to me at the above address by October 6 & 7, 2019 in order for the candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As part of the preparation for the reception of Confirmation, the candidate is asked to work with you on a service project, a project that should take no less than three hours without any kind of pay or money given to the candidate for the work done. It should be done for the poor, a neighbor, and a stranger but with your participation through the three hours. The candidate will receive a form that will need to be filled in by you and the candidate describing the service project performed.

Congratulations on being asked to be a sponsor!

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**INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
DUE October 6 & 7, 2019**

(Please print when filling in this form. The information below must be complete and accurate. This information will be recorded not only in our parish records but also in the records of the parish of Baptism.)

_____		_____	
(Candidate's Last Name)		(First Name)	

(Confirmation Name)			
_____		_____	_____
(City and State of Birth)		(Date of Birth)	(Present Age)
_____		_____	_____
(Parish Where Candidate Was Baptized)		(Diocese of Baptism)	(Date of Baptism)

(Address of Parish Where Candidate Was Baptized)			

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

NAME	

ADDRESS (City, State, Zip Code)	
_____	_____
TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS

FAMILY INFORMATION

(Current Street Address)

(Home Phone Number)

(Parent Email)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Father: Last Name

First Name

Mother: Last Name

First Name

Maiden Name

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM
DUE MAY 31, 2019**

(Please print)

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS:

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Sex: ___Male ___Female **Date of Birth** __/__/____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Place of Birth (City and State): _____

Special Health Concerns:

Family Phone: _____ **Family Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Family Name (if different from above): _____

Custody: Are there any custody/ legal issues? (please circle) YES NO, IF YES, please explain: _____
(Please provide documentation to the parish office for our files)

Special Academic Concerns: Does your child have: ___IEP ___504
___ADHS ___Aspergers/Autism ___Other Special Needs

Please explain:

Grade Level in Religious Education Programs as of July 2019: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ (relation to student) _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone Number: _____

Are you registered parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Church? Yes ____ No ____

Was the Confirmation Candidate baptized at St. Martin's? Yes ____ No ____

Please submit a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate unless your child was either baptized at St. Martin of Tours, or you submitted a copy at the time your family registered at the parish. Baptismal Certificates can be obtained by contacting the Church of Baptism.

Session of Confirmation Preparation You Are Registering For: (Please Circle One)

Sunday Mornings: 9:15-10:45 AM

Monday Evenings: 6:00-7:30 PM

THE FEE FOR THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM IS \$75.00.

If you have a Confirmation Robe already or can borrow one, the fee is only \$60.00.

This fee can be paid by check, cash, credit card (at the parish office), or online at <http://bit.ly/SMTconfirmation>

1. If ordering a robe, please provide your child's height _____' _____"
2. Please include a current picture of your child for the file only
3. If you are willing to donate your confirmation robe to a member of the 2018-19 Confirmation class, please check here.

Office Use Only: _____ **Date:** _____

Family Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Check # _____ **Cash:** _____ **On Line:** _____ **Credit Card:** _____