Dear Parents/Guardians of Confirmation Candidates,

Blessings to you as your son or daughter prepares for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation continues the Sacraments of Initiation, which began with Baptism and was continued through the Eucharist. Confirmation is the final step of initiation where your young adult becomes a participating member of the Church. It is the last step of initiation, but NOT graduation. Religious education of self and growing deeper in faith life are life-long learning processes for both you and your child.

The Confirmation program will allow your son or daughter to grow closer to Christ through educational sessions, retreats, and experiences that we hope will transform their hearts and change their lives. The best preparation that you, as a parent, can give your son or daughter is to practice and live your Catholic faith through word and deed.

Each of us has been called to witness Christ’s love for our children and each other. May these blessings be a continuous faith journey, guided by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ and become Disciples of Jesus.

Again, blessings to you as you begin the journey with your son or daughter to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Father Victor Valencia
Maureen Leonard-FF Director
Chris Rosival Confirmation Catechist
Christine Trcka MHRS Confirmation Catechist
What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation). The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit already received in Baptism. The Spirit empowers us to go forth, acts in us, urging us to move beyond our individual selves into our greater community as Disciples: to a greater participate in the mission of the Church. Through Confirmation, we become witnesses of Christ and are invited to spread The Good News to all.

Our Church says: “Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – His actions, His gifts, and His biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end Catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church, as well as the parish community.”

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1 Catechist 1300
The Goal of Most Holy Redeemer Confirmation Program:
To form disciples by leading teens to:

- Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Experience the power of the Holy Spirit
- Awaken a sense of belonging to the Church
- Encourage a sense of belonging by developing a fellowship among the youth of the parish

Most Holy Redeemer & St. Canice Catholic Church Confirmation Saint Name

One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a saint name to inspire us on our Christian journey. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. Choose the name of a Saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be.

Candidates will select their Saint/Confirmation name & share their choice with the class on October 25. This is one week before All Saints Day. The Confirmation name chosen is the name by which the candidates will be presented to the Arch/Bishop at Confirmation.

Candidates must complete this form & the poster to be shared with the class

Information on Saints can be found in our church library, websites available are www.AmericanCatholic.org and www.Catholic.org/saints.

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

CONFIRMATION/SAINT NAME CHOSEN:

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THIS SAINT INSPIRES YOU TO BECOME A BETTER CATHOLIC AND/OR WHY YOU CHOSE THIS SAINT:
Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Interview

What age/grade were you when you were confirmed?

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What do you remember about the ceremony?

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Who was your Sponsor? Why did you choose him/her?

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What is your confirmation name? Why did you choose that name?

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Did you do a service project in preparation for confirmation? Describe it. (If not, are there any other special memories of preparation?)

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How have you witnessed the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (*wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe*) in your life?

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What is your favorite prayer? How often and when do you pray?

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What do you love about being a Catholic Christian?

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What is the most difficult about being a Catholic?

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What spiritual advice do you have for me?

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Sponsor’s Signature ____________________________________________

Sponsor’s Name _______________________________________________

Please include anything else you want to share with Confirmant:

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"We Are Called to Serve” Confirmation Service Project Information

Service projects enable each Confirmation Candidate to identify personal gifts and use them for the benefit of the others within the life of their faith and surrounding community. Candidates are asked to complete eight items of service from the following areas: Family, Parish, Community, Faith Enrichment (eight of any, preferably two from each area).

Family
- Visiting a sick relative; sending flowers; writing letters
- Preparing and serving a special meal for your family
- Helping grand/parents or siblings with jobs they may have a hard time doing
- Lead a prayer at home (evening prayer, rosary)

Parish-Assist within your parish
- Altar serve, lector, usher, greeter, and gift bearer. Call Paula Heyda 364-7981
- Share music at Mass by singing or playing an instrument Call: Christine Trcka 612-987-2683 or Rita Medvec 507-364-5882
- Work at Parish Festivals St Canice: Sept 10; MHRC: Sept 24
- Help at Parish Events: CCW Doughnut sales; KC Chili Feed; KC Fish Fry; All Souls Day Memorial Mass; Healing Mass; FF Cookie Sundays, Hospitality Sundays at St. Canice Kim LeBrun 507-595-3478 Check Sunday Bulletin for dates/times

Community
- Help a neighbor with chores without being paid
- Work at the Montgomery Food Shelf – Renee Southworth 364-7321
- Salvation Army Kettle Campaign - call the number advertised in Montgomery Messenger
- Visit or entertain the elderly at Park Manor, Traditions, Le Center & New Prague nursing homes, Villages of Lonsdale

Faith Enrichment-Answer the questions on page 9 about the following experiences:
- Archdiocesan Youth Day: Sat, Oct 28 Cost $25 includes admission & bus
- Lifeline Mass and Great Catholic Speaker First Saturdays from Oct- May www.netusa.org. We will attend two Masses this year by bus: Jan 6 and May 5. Cost will be $10 per person to ride the bus. Please bring your Sponsor to one of the planned trips, or plan to attend a different Mass with your Sponsor. More information and permission forms will be emailed. (Other dates are Oct 7, Dec 2, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7 – No bus)
- Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays of the month 8:15 am to 5 pm. All other weeks, on Thursdays 8:15 am to 10 pm
- Youth Group meets in MHR Youth Group Room in Parish House. Usually held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. See Chris Rosival for dates, times and directions to Room. Attend at least 3 sessions to count for attendance
- Write summary from Sunday readings & Father’s Homily; 3 summaries
- Attend or will attend a Steubenville Conference, held in July
**Confirmation Checklist**

**Mass Attendance:** In fulfilling the Third Commandment as a young adult, we ask that students **make every attempt to attend Mass each week**. Your weekly encounter with The Living God helps you to grow in your knowledge of Him.

**Confirmation Class:** Plan to attend **all** Confirmation Classes. From preparation to large and small group lessons, every class is designed to help strengthen the students’ relationship with Jesus. In addition, we will be working on prayers and Catholic doctrine. **IF A STUDENT MISSES MORE THAN TWO CLASSES, WE WILL NOT CONFIRM.** Extreme cases will be looked at individually.

*Refer to this page and mark off completion of these requirements:*

**Four Events:**

- Confirmation meeting with parent(s)
- Confirmation Retreat, Mass & Adoration with parents & sponsors Wed, March 14 MHRC Lower Level
- Reconciliation before confirmation
- Send off event: 5 pm Mass, Potluck afterwards (Sat, May 12, 2017)
- Confirmation at St Dominic’s in Northfield (Thurs, May 17, 7 pm)

**Completion of Forms or Reports:**

- Name of Church where Baptism & First Communion were received **due Nov 8**
- Confirmation Saint Name form & poster **due Oct 25**
- Sponsor Chosen and interview completed **before Jan 17**
- Faith Enrichment—at least 2 items with questions answered
- Service time: at least 2 items from each:
  - Family
  - Church
  - Community

**Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor Due Jan 17**

Please consider the following in choosing your Confirmation Sponsor:

- A godparent that is a **practicing** Catholic
- Person is a confirmed Catholic over age 16
- A friend or relative who models the Catholic faith life that you admire
- Someone who will continue to support you in your faith journey

Sponsors should **not** be parents
Confirmation Final Form

Due Dates: Check Point January 17. All turned in by April 18

Candidate: ____________________________________________

Name of Sponsor: ___________________________ Interview ____yes

Saint Name: ____________________________________________

Faith Development: 2 events. Answering the questions on the next page.

Circle those in which you have taken part: Archdiocesan Youth Day, Lifeline Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Attended 3 Youth Groups, Wrote 3 Mass Summaries; Lead a prayer at home such as the Rosary; Other: ____________________________

Service Time, 6 items from any of the areas, preferably 2 from each:

Family:

1) I did: ____________________________________________ Date: ________
   Parent/Family Signature: ________________________________________

2) I did: ____________________________________________ Date: ________
   Parent/Family Signature: ________________________________________

Church:

1) Church Event: ______________________________ Date: ________
   Signature, or person listed who can verify:
   ____________________________________________________________

2) Church Event: ______________________________ Date: ________
   Signature, or person listed who can verify:
   ____________________________________________________________

Community:

1) Community Event: ___________________________ Date: ________
   Signature, or person listed who can verify:
   ____________________________________________________________

2) Community Event: ___________________________ Date: ________
   Signature, or person listed who can verify:
   ____________________________________________________________
Faith Enrichment Questions

Answer the following four questions based on attending two Faith Enrichment Opportunities. Please mention which event you attended when answering the questions.

How did this experience change the way I see The Mass?

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How did this experience change the way God/Jesus/The Holy Spirit speaks to me? Or a better question may be, How do I better hear what the Trinity is saying to me?

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How did this experience change the way I see Family/friends/life around me?

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Has this experience helped me to be more open to what God has planned for my life?

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Sacrament Information

Any child who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must provide the following information before receiving the sacrament. Due November 8.

Last Name (please include adoption, or other name changes)
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First Name ________________________________

Middle Name ________________________________

Birth Date ________________________________

City and State of birth________________________

Baptism Date (Month, day, year) __________________

Baptismal Parish, City, State_______________________

First Holy Communion Parish, City, State_______________________

Father’s full name___________________________________

Mother’s full name, Including Maiden_______________________

Email address or phone__________________________

Confirmation Name______________________________

Sponsor’s Name_______________________________

Please complete form and return to Most Holy Redeemer Church at:
206 Vine Ave W
Montgomery, MN 56069
Phone: 507-364-7981
Fax: 507-364-8660