

St. Cletus Church

Journey to Confirmation

2015-2017



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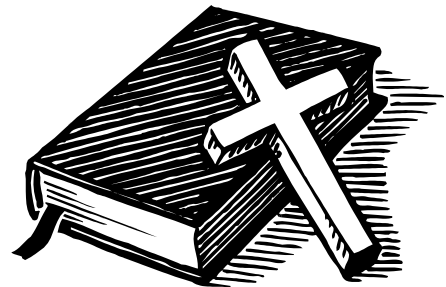
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Loving God,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed us from sin and gave us new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon us
to be our Helper and Guide, as you did to
the Apostles at Pentecost.

Give us the **Spirit of Wisdom**,
to aspire after the things that are eternal;
the **Spirit of Understanding**,
to enlighten our minds with the light of your divine truth;
the **Spirit of Right Judgment**,
to choose the surest way of pleasing God;
the **Spirit of Courage**,
to bear my crosses;
the **Spirit of Knowledge**,
to grow in truth;
the **Spirit of Wonder and Awe**,
to form a loving reverence towards You;
And the **Reverence**,
to find joy in service to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Dear Confirmation Candidates,

The journey you have begun towards Confirmation is an important time in your spiritual growth and development. In Baptism your parents and God parents affirmed their faith and commitment to forming you in the Catholic faith. Now you are given an opportunity to speak for yourself to accept Jesus and the Church as your faith choice!

Your parents, family, teachers, catechists, the members of the parish, and the Pastoral Staff will be praying for you as you continue your faith journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. This time of preparation will offer you many opportunities for spiritual growth. This booklet contains all the information you need to know for your journey to Confirmation: service information, a Confirmation checklist, a Saint Report Outline, information on choosing a saint name and sponsor, and an outline for your letter to the pastor. There is a list of dates, some yet to be finalized, due to the Bishop's setting of the Confirmation celebration. An updated calendar will be sent. Please keep this booklet in a safe, accessible place as you will be using it during the next 2 years. Should you lose or misplace it, refer to the St. Cletus Religious Education website. Enjoy this time growing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless your journey!

*“When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent Peter and John to them.
When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them;
they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”
Acts 8: 14-17*

Introduction

Welcome! We are looking forward to sharing with you this journey of faith as you prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. As you will see, Confirmation preparation involves learning, sharing, serving, fellowship, spiritual growth and fun! You will be given the opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation is the Sacrament in which one is enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit and bound more perfectly to the Church. It strengthens us and obliges us to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It is the Sacrament in which one enters into full membership in the Catholic Church.

Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives us the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply as children of God, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

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

A Christian does not live as a child of God through his or her own efforts alone, but through the grace of God. We see this in a practical way when we look back on our own lives and the lives of others, even the lives of saints. Therefore, it is our duty to seek the grace that God offers us in order to live our lives as Christians in the way that God intends.

Expectations in Detail

The following explains each of the Confirmation expectations in detail and in some cases, the reasons the requirements are important to the formation of the candidate. Please remember that while in many cases we list a minimum requirement for Confirmation, the candidates should be encouraged to make many of these activities a regular part of their religious practices.

Participate in Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday each week

The confirmation candidate and his or her parents (along with the rest of the family) must have a sincere intention of participating in Mass every week. Participating in the Eucharistic life of the community is both a privilege and an obligation of Confirmed Catholics. This is also an important way that parents demonstrate to their children the importance they place on the faith they are handing on to their children. Worshipping as a community we build up the Body of Christ. If your family has not been attending Mass regularly in the past, we are confident that by doing so you will notice many benefits by the time Confirmation approaches.

Participate in Confirmation classes

Attendance at the Confirmation classes is extremely important in preparing the candidates for reception of the sacrament. When a class is missed, the candidate loses time for fellowship and prayer as well as the material covered that day. We expect that you will make these gatherings a priority and therefore make a sincere effort to adjust your other obligations accordingly. Students are expected to be prepared for the classes, which includes completing any assigned readings or homework. Excessive absenteeism can affect the candidate's ability to enter fully into this important period of preparation.

Choose a qualified sponsor and meet regularly with your sponsor

The confirmation sponsor should be a person who has been a strong role model as a faith-filled Catholic. This person will be a companion in your faith journey and will vouch for your readiness to receive the sacrament.

The sponsor should therefore be able to meet regularly with the candidate, spend time building a bond with the teen, help him/her prepare for the sacrament through prayer, study, service and discussion and be in physical attendance at the rehearsal and the Confirmation celebration.

Choosing a New Name

Another tradition within Confirmation preparation is choosing a Confirmation name. This is based on the biblical tradition of indicating a new or renewed commitment to God. Many candidates use the name given to them in Baptism (if it is the name of a Saint) to continue the link between Baptism and Confirmation. Whichever name is chosen, candidates will write a report on a Saint who bears the same name.

Make the time to visit the library/internet to gather info on Saints and their lives, i.e., www.catholic.org/saints, www.catholicforum.com/saints, www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp, or www.theworkofgod.org/saints. Find a Saint that you admire. Choose the Saint's name that reflects something important to you. As you read ask yourself some questions:

- ❖ What personal qualities does this Saint have?
- ❖ What do I admire about this Saint?
- ❖ How did this Saint live out his/her faith in God?
- ❖ How would I want to be more like this Saint?

The saint you choose will be the Confirmation name that you will be called as of Confirmation day.

Choosing a Sponsor

*What does the Lord require of you?
This and only this Yahweh asks of you:
to act justly,
to love tenderly and
to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

Part of preparing for Confirmation is choosing someone to encourage and support you along the way. When you were baptized, your parents chose godparents that professed their faith and shared the responsibility of raising you according to the teachings of the Church. In Confirmation you will renew your baptismal promises and your sponsor will present you to the Bishop. **Your sponsor cannot be your parent.** The Church encourages you to choose your baptismal sponsor (can be your godparents) because of the important link between Baptism and Confirmation, but may be another Catholic person who has influenced your life.

Here are some questions to think about as you decide who your Confirmation sponsor should be:

- ❖ Does this person know me well enough so that I would be able to openly discuss my faith?
- ❖ Does this person live close enough to truly be a guide and support to me?
- ❖ Will this person take an active role in my faith development?
- ❖ Is this person a baptized Catholic that has received Eucharist and has been Confirmed?
- ❖ Is this person a practicing Catholic that attends Mass every Sunday, lives a good Christian life and is at least 16 years old?

Your sponsor will complete a form to be brought to the Sponsor meeting in the Fall of 2016.

You will receive a Confirmation Information Sheet to be completed and returned to your catechist or teacher in the Fall of 2016. Forms are included at the back of this booklet.

Writing a Saint Report

Please use this sheet to organize your information BEFORE writing your saint report.

Please type your report and include your name on the top right hand corner

Hand in to your teacher/catechist by December/2016

Name of the saint you have chosen for Confirmation: _____

Facts about the saint's life:

What personal qualities or characteristics does this saint have?

What do I admire about this saint?

How did this saint live out her/his belief in God/faith?

How would I like to be more like this saint?

Anything else you'd like to add about this saint that helps you in your faith journey?

Letter to the Pastor

Guidelines:

Rev. Robert Clark
St. Cletus Church
600 West 55th Street
La Grange, Illinois 60525
"Letter to the Pastor"

Dear Father Bob,

Opening Statement

One paragraph in which you discuss your answer to the following questions:

- ❖ What have you done to prepare for Confirmation?
- ❖ What was the most meaningful experience for you?

Body of the Letter

One or two paragraphs that discuss your answers to the following questions:

- ❖ Why do you want to receive Confirmation?
- ❖ After Confirmation, how will you be a more active participant in the Church?
- ❖ What does commitment to your faith mean to you?

Find a scripture passage that is particularly meaningful to you and discuss your answer to the following questions in one or two paragraphs. (Do not write the passage in your letter)

- ❖ How does the message in this passage relate to you in your daily life?
- ❖ What connections can you make between the passage and your Confirmation preparation?

Psalms 28: 6-9	The Lord is my strength
Psalms 139: 1-6	Lord, you know me
Jeremiah 29: 11-14	Search for the Lord
Isaiah 61: 1	Spirit of the Lord
Matthew 4: 18-22	Following Jesus
Matthew 5: 43-48	Love all people
John 13: 12-15	Service
John 13: 34-35	Love one another
John 15: 15-17	I have called you friends
Galatians 5: 22-26	Fruits of the Spirit
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11	Spiritual Gifts

Closing

This letter should be written from your heart and from the knowledge you have gained in preparing for Confirmation. Please know that Fr. Clark enjoys reading each and every letter. Put letter in a sealed envelope addressed to Fr. Robert Clark. Hand in to your teacher/catechist in January 2017. Print your name on left hand corner of envelope.

Mary Smith
Fr. Robert Clark

Service Experiences

St. Cletus Parish has a rich tradition of service. Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. As you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation you are asked to show the St. Cletus Community your willingness to give of your time and talents through service to others. This Booklet will help you begin this lifelong mission of serving others. **We ask each confirmation candidate to complete 24 service experiences over two years and write a reflection on your experience. This preparation period begins in 7th grade.** Each time you prepare to participate in an act of service keep in mind the *Corporal Works of Mercy* which are the guidelines to live our lives. **12 service experiences will be completed as an eighth grade student. Forms are provided within the packet and more are available on-line.**

We encourage St. Cletus Confirmation Candidates to approach their volunteer choices on three levels of service in mind:

1. Service on the Parish Level
2. Service on the Community Level
3. Service for the less fortunate of the World

When you read through the examples for the Corporal Works of Mercy you will find examples of each. We focus on local and global needs as we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Remember each service experience should include:

- ❖ Consider the needs of the person or group you are trying to help
- ❖ Pray for guidance and be realistic about what you choose to do
- ❖ Perform your service with a positive, loving and helpful attitude

You will be given "Service Opportunities" each month to sign up for when you are available. We are praying that you will gain many blessings from the time spent sharing your gifts with others.

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
There are different forms of service but the same Lord;
There are different workings, but the same God who produces all
of them in everyone."* 1 Cor. 12: 4-6

Service is a way of life. May you be blessed as you begin this journey to give of yourself.

TRADITION OF SERVICE

Catholics are called to serve one another, humbly and unselfishly. Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. Jesus taught us to serve others in his words and with his actions.

Isaiah 58:6-12

John 13:1-17

James 2:14-17

The Catholic Church gives us guidelines by which to live our lives in the "Corporal Works of Mercy." When we follow these guidelines our lives have a sense of purpose and direction.

Please take time to pray before you undertake a service experience, and consider the following steps:

Steps

PRAY. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify one person or a group of people who have a specific need (think of material, physical, emotional, or spiritual needs). You can think local or global, personal or societal. Consider the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about any ideas that surface with your parents and sponsor. Settle on one need to meet, one issue to address, or one person or group of people to help for each service experience.

LEARN. Educate yourself as much as you can about the need you are trying to meet and the people you are trying to serve.

ACT. Make a commitment to serve. Make sure that service begins, ends, and is surrounded with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you truly be the hands and the feet of Christ as you act. How can your family, parents and/or sponsor help you with this service?

REFLECT. Reflect on your experience with this ministry by completing the questions in this journal. Talk with your family and sponsor about your experience. Pray about your experience. How did you encounter Christ in this experience? All journal entries will need to be completed, and the Red Service booklet will be due in January of 2017.

REMEMBER. The more you put into this service work, the more fruit you will bear. We encourage you to make this an important and intentional part of your Confirmation journey.

Parish and Community Service
Service Opportunities for Seventh and Eighth Grade Students

Food Pantry Distribution: the 2nd Thursday of each month, from 6:30 PM until 8:00-8:30 PM, in the Church vestibule. Helping clients carry their groceries to their cars. Please contact Kendall Grant at 708-215-5418 or Social Concerns kgrant@stcletusparish.com.

Food Pantry: During the months of June, July and August, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, helping set up for food distribution, 1:00 - 1:45 PM, Church vestibule.

Annual Parish Rummage Sale: In the summer, typically during the month of June or July. Contact Kendall Grant for further information on volunteer opportunities at 708-215-5418.

Vacation Bible School: Each summer, during one week in the month of June, we are looking for teens to serve as Crew Leaders or assistants to Station Leaders. The volunteer commitment is from 8:45 a.m. - 12 noon, Monday-Friday. If you are interested, contact the Religious Education office at (708) 352-2383 or email pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

Advent Giving Tree:

- Assembling tags, in the Education Building, 3:15 - 5:15 PM, and 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Oct. 2015).
- Placing tags on trees in church narthex, November 2014 & 2015
- Collecting and organizing gifts before and after all the weekend Masses. (Dec.2014 & 2015) Contact Kendall Grant at 708-215-5418 for specific dates and times.

Community Nurse Health Association,

Michelle Grand, Volunteer Coordinator, (708)579-2403

Volunteers must be 13 years and older and an adult 18 years of age or older must be present to supervise. Visit www.communitynurse.org

Helping Hand, hhrehab.org

Children and teens have a unique opportunity to become a Peer Volunteer for Helping Hand Center's School for Children with autism. For more information about this and other volunteer programs, contact Carolyn Kline at (708) 352-3580 x 280, or carolyn.kline@hhcenter.org

Ray Graham Association (Hanson Center)

Call (630)325-3857 for volunteer opportunities to help people with disabilities. Direct Care worker, Minimum age 12.

The Leader Shop: Youth Leadership (Formally CEP Program)

For volunteer opportunities, contact Cathy Pierson, Program Director: (708) 579-5898 or cathyp@theleadershop.org .

Greater Chicago Food Depository:

Participants must be at least 14 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. The Food Depository hosts Kids Days once a month on a Saturday afternoon. Kids ages 5 to 13 may volunteer with an adult during Kids Days only. Please refer to their website calendar at http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=diff_volunteer_cal&AddInterest=1021 to choose an available date to book a session.

St. Cletus Church

Candidates needed to remove old missalettes and insert new booklets in pews. Contact Religious Education office or RE website for dates. 708 352-2383

Little Brothers of the Poor, friends of the Elderly

Contact for opportunities to enrich the lives of the elderly: bake cookies, make cards or decorations. www.littlebrotherschicago.org

Check the Parish bulletin for additional opportunities to give service to St. Cletus Parish and other organizations within the parish. We will also post on the Religious Education website.

Make a Meal for Ronald McDonald House

You have the opportunity to make a meal for the Ronald McDonald House kitchen for families living there. Following making the meal, you will be given a tour if you request it. Sign up for a date. Contact to schedule: Ronald McDonald house: Kathy or any staff (708) 327-2273

Collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Pop tabs can be taken to a Ronald McDonald House facility or a number of locations. Check 222.rmhcni.org for close locations including United Scrap Metal, 1545 S. Cicero and the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola Hospital, 2160 South First Street, Maywood, IL 60163

Center for Independence

The mission of their program is to help children with disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy or Spina Bifida, gain physical independence. We do this by developing their motor functions in a manner that creates positive self-esteem and self-direction. All of our children are taught that they are valued; that each child is important and can give back to society regardless of his/her disability. We are committed to improving the lives of disadvantaged, underserved children with physical disabilities with the ultimate intention of securing a better life that includes employment and independent living skills.

100 W. Plainfield, Countryside

The center is always looking for volunteers to help in the center after school and general help such as grounds "clean up". It would be a great way to spend a few hours helping others.

Contact: Patti Herbst (708) 588-0833

www.center-for-independence.org

Volunteer at LaGrange Nurses Association "Carousel Thrift Shop"

23 Calendar Court, LaGrange

Help is needed to work in the thrift shop every day and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sign up for a 2-3 hour shift, students must be accompanied by an adult.

Need 2-3 teens each day (go with a friend) and a parent after school or on a day off. Volunteers will help organize shop, bag and hang clothes. Larger groups are

welcome for special projects. Interested: Call Michelle Grand to schedule (708) 579-2403 or email mgrand@communitynurse.org

Saturday Meals Program

The Saturday Meals Program (SMP) started in February of 2000 with a simple mission: feed people good food. Now, every Saturday, we serve a hot breakfast at 8 a.m., hot lunch at noon, and a take home sack meal. We also support our guests with clothing, supplies and legal counsel. All year long, we have volunteers from around the Western Suburbs. If you, your family, or an organization you work with would like to volunteer with us, serving food/cooking/washing dishes/and talking with our guests, please contact our volunteer coordinator Beth Colby. She can be reached at www.fcclq.org/saturday-meals-program.php or beth7827@sbcglobal.net

God's Closet

We supply free gently used and new donated clothing, shoes and supplies to people in need from 8-11 a.m. before the Saturday Lunch Program at the First Congregational Church at 100 S. Sixth Ave, La Grange. Check the website for needed items or to volunteer. www.fcclq.org/gods-closet.php

Volunteers are needed every week to help sort donations and hand out clothes and supplies on Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. For more info, call: Barbara Roppo (708) 243-1174 or Mary Jo Benak (708) 557-2629

Operation Support Our Troops - IL

Check out the Operation Support Our Troops web site to see items you can collect to send to our troops overseas. www.osotil.org

Greater Chicago Food Depository

To volunteer here, look online at www.chicagofoodbank.org There are kid volunteer days one Saturday a month (ages 5-13). Groups of 20 or fewer are welcome with 1 adult per child. Call 773-247-3663 or email volunteerservices@gcfd.org for details and availability.

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world. Go to www.fmsc.org for volunteer opportunities. We have two local locations: Aurora (630) 851-0404 and Schaumburg.

Project CURE

Project Cure is an organization that assists in sending medical supplies to countries in need. Volunteers help at a local warehouse in Melrose Park, sorting medical supplies donated by local hospitals. Project CURE then sends them out to hospitals, rural clinics and community health centers all over the world enabling them to offer quality care and critical medical services to their most vulnerable patients, especially women and young children. Volunteers are needed twice a month on Saturdays. Teens 13-15 years old are invited to volunteer with an adult at the Melrose Park facility. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Ann Skvara at maryannskvara@projectcure.org or (312) 813-8873 for details and dates.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Confirmation candidates are required to complete a **total of 24** service experiences **over their two years of preparation** before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. You are asked to record and journal on each

12 service experiences for grade 7 based on the Corporal Works of Mercy recorded on the Service Log with a short journal entry.

The **remaining 12 experiences are to be completed in eighth grade** should be acts that help the Parish, the community, and the less fortunate of the world. ***Please record and journal on each.***

6 service experiences for grade 8 based on the Corporal Works of Mercy recorded on the Service Log with a short journal entry.

The **remaining 6 experiences for grade 8** should be acts that help the Parish, the community, and the less fortunate of the world. Please record and journal on each.

8th grade service experiences due by date to be determined (2016)

Consult your teacher for specific information.

Turn booklet in to teacher/catechist by dates to be determined.

Each candidate will be interviewed by his/her catechist/teacher/or staff clergy discussing Confirmation and his/her Faith. This will occur prior to the reception of the sacrament.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked

Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick

Visit the imprisoned

Bury the dead



Confirmation Service

Examples for the Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry

Cook and serve a meal at Ronald McDonald House. (708) 327-2273

Look for opportunities to work Hospitality at St. Cletus.

Help at a soup kitchen

Do chores to make money and then use it to shop for the food collection at St. Cletus.

Find a neighbor who has just had a baby and make a meal for the family.

Work at a local food pantry

Give drink to the thirsty

Work a pancake breakfast serving coffee and juice.

Set up a table at the Tower Trot with cups of cold water for the runners. (May)

Purchase drinks (water and juice) and donate to the St. Cletus food drive.

Donate cans of food and perishable items for the St. Cletus Religious Education Food

Clothe the naked

Clean out the closets in your house and call Am-vets, Purple Hearts, or any other charity to donate the clothing to.

Earn money to buy hats and mittens for a shelter during the winter months.

Collect clothing to any disaster relief effort around the country/world.

Work at the Thrift shop for Community Nurses Association in LaGrange.
(708) 579-2403

Shelter the homeless

Donate personal health supplies to BEDS
info@bedsonline.org or www.bedspluscare.org

Work with Habitat for Humanity organization. There are chapters in DuPage County and Proviso Township.

Visit the sick

Write a note to the people we pray for each week at Mass. Contact Religious Education office for mailing.

Visit the Sick (continued)

Ask to help out in the hospital.

Bring reading material to people in the hospital or rehab centers.

Organize Bingo at a home for the elderly.

Do yard work for an elderly neighbor.

If a neighbor or family member has been sick offer to walk their dog, do their laundry, dust, etc.

Bury the dead

If you have a death in the family think of ways you can help out:

Make snacks that you can bring to the family members that attend the wake.

Help serve food at the reception after the funeral Mass.

Offer to clean out the home of the deceased relative.

Ask to recite a reading at the funeral Mass.

Write a prayer of sorrow for the surviving family members.

Visit the imprisoned

Talk to a prison chaplain and ask how you could be of help:

Send Mother's Day cards to the women in prison.

Drop by an elderly neighbor's house with homemade cookies and lemonade. Ask them to tell you what the neighborhood was like when they first moved in.

Think of someone who is "house-bound" due to illness, injury, broken leg and offer to help them clean a room, closet, attic or garage.

Visit a nursing home, convalescent home or rehab center and offer your services: reading the newspaper, writing letters to their family, playing cards, etc.

Help out an elderly person who is in the Stay-At-Home Project through the British Home.

Donate stamps to Kolbe House Prison Ministry so inmates may send cards and letters home.



Service / Discipleship Reflections

Service Experience Date _____

Based on the Corporal Works of Mercy _____

Telling the Story

❖ How did you feel about your involvement in this ministry?

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❖ What was the most meaningful thing that happened?

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❖ About ministry in our community....

❖ About what it means to be a disciple of Christ (If Christ saw what you did, what would He say?)...

❖ About myself?

I found it easy to....

I found it difficult to....

Personal gifts that I discovered or remembered in this action (or how you were changed by the experience)...

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Confirmation Commitment

Through your Confirmation journey, each Candidate will complete these requirements. You may use this page to mark those items that have been completed.

- Weekly Saturday/Sunday Mass Attendance with family
- Complete Confirmation Information Sheet (September 18, 2016)
- Selection of Confirmation name or affirmation of Baptismal name (September 18, 2016- 8th grade year)
- Attend Candidate/Sponsor meeting Fall 2016. Date TBD
- Completed Sponsor Certificate due Fall 2016 at Sponsor Meeting
- Written Saint Report (December 4, 2016 - 8th grade year)
- Complete at least 24 service experiences during 7th and 8th grade years, journaling about experience completed. Submit booklet in January, 2017 - 8th grade year
- Submit letter to the Pastor (January 8, 2017 - 8th grade year)
- Participate in the Day of Spirit Retreat Fall 2016- 9:00-2:30
- Attend the Confirmation practice - TBD 2017- 6:30-8:00
- Participate in the Confirmation Ceremony TBD 2017
- Celebrate Reconciliation prior to Confirmation – Fall 2016 & Prior to Confirmation Day
- Interview w/catechist, teacher, or staff clergy – (8th gd., 2016-2017 TBD)

Sponsor Certificate

*Please accept this letter as my intent to serve as a
Confirmation Sponsor for*

(Print complete Confirmation Candidate Name in
First Name – Saint Confirmation Name – Last Name order)

*I understand that the role of a Confirmation Sponsor
is to support this candidate in their Catholic faith.*

*I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic myself,
active in my faith,*

*through weekly participation at the Eucharist
as a member of*

_____ *Catholic Church.*

*I agree to nurture and encourage faith, as well as be a present in the life of
this candidate, living as an example of our Lord, Jesus.*

Sponsor, Please Print Full Name

Signature of Sponsor

Please return this form at the Sponsor/Candidate Meeting

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET
(For Parish Records)**

YOUR NAME, AS YOU PRINT IT BELOW, WILL BE THE NAME USED IN THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM AND RECORDED IN THE PARISH RECORDS. PLEASE BE SURE TO LIST YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME EVEN IF YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME. MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN A SAINT'S NAME. INDICATE COMPLETE NAME, E.G. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, JOHN THE BAPTIST.

**CANDIDATE:
PLEASE COMPLETE AND PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION:**

Name _____
 Last First Middle

Chosen Confirmation Saint Name: _____

Complete Date (month, day, year) of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

Address _____

City & State _____ **Zip Code** _____

Church & Date of Reconciliation _____

Church & Date of First Communion _____

***** IF YOU WERE BAPTIZED IN A CHURCH OTHER THAN ST. CLETUS,
WE'LL NEED TO SEE YOUR ORIGINAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.
(If your child attended St. Cletus School or St. Cletus Religious Ed classes, please indicate,
as I should have access to baptismal records. Otherwise send the certificate with this form
and a copy will be made and the original returned to you.)**

Parents' Names _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor's Complete Address _____

Sponsor's Email _____

Sponsor's Home Parish _____

Year of Sponsor's Confirmation _____

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER OR CATECHIST by September 18, 2016

