

Application for Confirmation

Please type or print clearly the information below.

This information will be entered into the permanent parish records and it is used to verify all permanent entries in parish records are accurate.

Name of student/candidate to be confirmed:

Name Age

Home Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Father's first and last name: _____

Mother's first and last name: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Signature of Parent _____

Signature of student/candidate _____

**Date Due by: November 13, 14, 15, 2017
(Salmon Colored Form)**

Teacher's Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____

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Confirmation Commitment

I, _____, understand that my preparation for the
Name of Candidate for Confirmation
Sacrament of Confirmation is a responsibility that I choose to accept, I thereby agree to:

- cooperate and partake in the parish religious education program preparing me for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- participate in the learning sessions, activities, and spiritual opportunities provided by my parish community
- try to become a more active and involved member of this parish
- offer my talents and services where needed
- accept more responsibility in my family, community, and parish
- participate in the weekend and Holyday Masses regularly
- seriously reflect on my decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I place myself in the loving hands of God, asking blessings and assistance, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that I may keep the promises that I have made by this agreement.

Candidate's Name: _____
Print Candidate's Name

Candidate's Signature: X _____

Witness: parent's signature: _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSORSHIP

1. A sponsor, who is not a registered parishioner at St. Thomas More Parish, must obtain a Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility from his/her home parish. This is different from a Confirmation Certificate!
2. Attach the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility to this form and give to your teacher by the date at the bottom.
3. You may want to mail this form to your sponsor for him/her to review and complete or they may download it from the parish website at www.moremercy.org.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR SPONSOR IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HE/SHE DOES NOT NEED TO PROVIDE A SPONSOR CERTIFICATE.

The Religious Education office will obtain the certificate for you from the parish records!

Candidate's First & Last Name:

Please print confirmation candidate's name

FOR SPONSOR ONLY:

Sponsor's First & Last Name: _____
(Please print name)

Sponsor's Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Parish City & State: _____ Zip _____

Eligibility of a Confirmation sponsor according to Church Law Canon No. 872

For a person to be eligible to be a sponsor, he or she:

Must be sixteen years of age and fully initiated (confirmed) in the Roman Catholic Church

Must not be prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor

(If married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church)

May be the same sponsor the candidate had at Baptism

May be a new sponsor

May be either male or female for any candidate

May NOT be the child's parent

Date Due By: January 8, 9, 10, 2018
(Yellow colored form)

Teachers Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____

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Sponsor Commitment

Please Print Name:

I, _____, understand that my role as a
Print name of sponsor

Confirmation Sponsor is to develop a faith relationship with my candidate. This involves sharing my faith experiences with him/her as well as him/her sharing the same with me. I meet the criteria for sponsorship set forth by Canon law and the Diocese of Trenton. I attest that I will:

- Stand with my candidate before the Bishop or his designated representative, and Church community.
- Help the candidate live as a follower of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church and be willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Catholic Christian influence on the candidate.
- Help the candidate prepare for Confirmation with studies, activities and liturgies as often as possible.
- Attend the actual Confirmation ceremony or have a designated person stand in for me.

Sponsor: (please print) _____

Sponsor signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Best (5) Qualities about my Sponsor

It is important that you keep in touch with your sponsor, especially in these months leading up to your Confirmation. Start by writing your sponsor a note thanking him or her for being your sponsor and a little of why you chose him or her. As your Confirmation journey progresses, keep in touch and share what you are doing to prepare. Try to talk to your sponsor at least once a week if possible.

Candidates Name: _____

I have chosen _____ for my Confirmation Sponsor.

He/She attends _____ Parish

in the city of _____, State _____

What is your relationship with your sponsor? (family/friend) _____

List five reasons you chose this person as your sponsor.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

What is this person's best quality? _____

Date Due By: January 8, 9, 10, 2018
(Purple colored form)

Teachers Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____

Confirmation Name

When choosing a Confirmation name, consider it carefully. It is an important choice so give it some thought and prayer. It is not a name chosen because you “like it” but rather because it stands for the virtues and qualities of an honored saint of the Catholic Church. Do not pick a name because it is a family name or favorite name, but rather the name of the saint you wish to model your Christian life. Remember the name you choose will stay with you for the rest of your life. Your parents picked your name when you were baptized. Now you may pick your own name to express who you hope to be as an “Adult Catholic”. Think it over carefully and pray before you choose your name.

* You may keep your baptismal name – which means you can choose to use your own first name again as a Confirmation name.

or

* A new Confirmation name (*it must be a saint's name*). The name of a saint who inspires you to be a better Christian.

If the candidate chooses to take a new name for Confirmation it should be a name selected in honor of Jesus or Mary or from the list of recognized saints of the Catholic Church. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint whose Christian life or virtues can be imitated.

Candidate's Full Name

The Name I choose for Confirmation is:

(Clearly Print Your Chosen Confirmation Name)

Date Due by: March 12, 13, 14, 2018
(Green colored form)

Teachers Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____

Saint Report Instructions

**** Please attach this form to your Saint Report ****

Candidate's Full Name (please print clearly)

The name I have chosen for Confirmation is:

Print Clearly

Before you chose a Confirmation name, it was important that you knew something about the saint. Follow the guide below to complete your Saint report explaining your inspiration for choosing this saint.

- ◆ **Tell about the life of the saint you chose.**
- ◆ **Give a brief explanation of why you chose that Saint and the qualities he/she had and you most admire.**
- ◆ **How will this saint influence you as the Catholic adult you intend to become?**
- ◆ **Submit a typed report.**
- ◆ **The report should be one full page single spaced. (approximately 250 words)**

Date Due by: March 12, 13, 14, 2018
(Blue colored form)

Teachers Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____

Autobiographical Letter to Father Mark

You will need to write a letter to Father Mark W. Crane requesting that you be accepted as a member of the Confirmation class.

You need to introduce yourself. It is to be a personal inventory of your life. This will give you an idea for what you need from the Spirit and what you hope to gain through Confirmation. You can see what you have accomplished throughout the years.

Give your name, birthday, and place of birth.

Who are your parents, siblings, godparents and how do they play a role in your life?

Before you can write this letter, you must be sure be sure that you want to be confirmed, be sure that you are ready to accept the work and responsibilities involved. You must be committed to doing all that you can to be prepared for your Confirmation.

These points must be included:

1. Your desire to be confirmed and what qualities/characteristics and gifts of the Holy Spirit do you already possess qualifying you as a candidate?
 - Describe the age of reason, state of grace, what confirmation is, being a disciple and giving witness to your faith.
 - How do you feel about God and the Church?
2. What do you gain from Confirmation?

Define what or how:

 - The effects of rebirth as adopted children of God.
 - Bringing us closer to unity to our Lord Jesus.
 - Increases gifts of the Spirit.
 - Strengthens bonds of unity with the Church.
 - Strengthens us to spread and defend our faith by word and deed.
3. What does being “sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit mean to you?
4. Describe your involvement with the Church and your community. How do they influence your being a Catholic?
5. How will confirmation impact your life now and in the future?
 - Include influences of people, situations, choices made.
 - The influence of God and His church on the person you want to become.

Please type your own letter to Father Mark W. Crane. Let all of your information come from your heart. Put a lot of thought and feeling into it.

Date Due By: April 16, 17, 18, 2018

Teachers Name: _____ Location _____ Day _____ Time _____