

Confirmation Handbook

MANUAL PARA LA CONFIRMACION

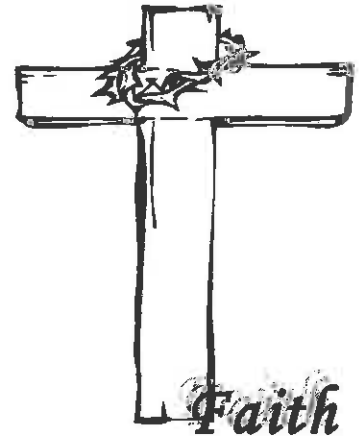
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Acts 8:14-17

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¿QUE ES EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACION? INFORMACION BASICA SOBRE EL SACRAMENTO

What are the sacraments? *“The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.” CCC 1131*

This means that the sacraments were given to us by Christ. By participating in the sacraments we cooperate with God’s grace by which we are transformed and are being perfected as Children of God. Just as all children are nurtured by their parents, God nurtures his children through the sacraments.

¿Que es un sacramento?

“Los Sacramentos son signos eficaces de la gracia, instituidos por Cristo y confiados a la Iglesia por los cuales nos es dispensada la vida divina.” CIC 1131. Esto significa que Cristo mismo nos dio los sacramentos. Al participar de los sacramentos, compartimos en la gracia de Dios, por la cual somos transformados en el proceso de ser perfeccionados como Hijos de Dios. Así como todos los padres cuidan de sus hijos, también Dios nutre a sus hijos a través de los sacramentos.

What are “efficacious signs of grace”?

Efficacious signs are the visible signs that really do the thing that they signify ... such as water at baptism really cleansing the person, body and soul, thus closer uniting the person to Christ. In Confirmation the outward sign is anointing with chrism (oil). In the Bible those that are anointed are chosen or marked by God for some special purpose (kings: chosen to lead God’s people). “By this anointing the confirmand receives the “mark,” the seal of the Holy Spirit.” CCC 1295

¿Cuales son los “signos eficaces de la gracia?”

Los signos eficaces son los signos visibles que realizan lo que significan. Hacen presente lo que representan. Por ejemplo, en el bautismo, el agua representa la limpieza, pero *realmente limpia* la persona de su pecado original, cuerpo y alma, así unificando a la persona mas con Cristo. En la Confirmación, el signo visible es la unción con el aceite de la crisma. En la Biblia, los que son ungidos son elegidos, o marcados por el Señor para una tarea o propósito específico (como un rey elegido para guiar a su pueblo.) “Por medio de esta unción, el confirmado recibe la marca, el sello del Espíritu Santo.” CIC 1295

QUE ES EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACION? INFORMACION BASICA SOBRE EL SACRAMENTO

Where are references to Confirmation in the Bible?

It is important to note that it is not explicitly named "Confirmation" in the Bible but the actual process of the sacrament is found in...

¿Donde hay referencias a la Confirmación en la Biblia?

No se menciona específicamente la palabra "Confirmación en la Biblia," pero el proceso del sacramento se encuentra en...

Acts 8:14-17 / Hechos 8: 14-17

Acts 19:5-6 / Hechos 19: 5-6

Promised by Christ in John 16:7 ; 7:39 / Prometido por Cristo en Juan 16:7, 7:39 / Laying on of Hands listed separate from baptism Hebrews 6:2

Imposición de las manos como algo distinto al Bautismo en Hebreos



Where is Confirmation talked about in the Catechism?

Paragraph #'s 1285-1321

Donde se habla de la Confirmación en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica? Párrafos # 1285-1321

What is the definition of Confirmation?

Confirmation binds the Christian more perfectly to the Church and enriches them with a special strength of the Holy Spirit, that they may live in the world as a witness of Christ.

It is one of the three sacraments of initiation. Confirmation is normally the last sacrament of the three in which the person freely chooses to follow Christ in the Catholic Church and is publically marked as a member of Christ's body. By choosing to affirm the decision of their parents in Baptism, and accepting the nourishment from Christ in the Eucharist, Confirmation marks the beginning of their adult journey of faith.

¿Cual es la definición de la Confirmación?

La Confirmación unifica el Cristiano a la Iglesia mas perfectamente, y lo enriquece con un esfuerzo especial del Espíritu Santo, para que ellos pueden vivir en el mundo como testigos de Cristo.

Es uno de los tres sacramentos de Iniciación. La Confirmación usualmente es el tercero de los tres, y la persona elige librementente seguirle a Jesucristo y a su Iglesia. Es públicamente marcado como miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo. Al elegir afirmar la decisión de sus padres de bautizarlo, y aceptar el nutrimento de Cristo en la Eucaristía, el discípulo inicia de su camino de fe como adulto cuando recibe la Confirmación.

REQUIREMENTS

REQUISITOS

Personal Confirmation Checklist

Due Date: Check List

- Fecha Limite: Confirmation Form / Forma para la Confirmacion
- Due: October 16th & 19th: Baptism Certificate / Fe de Bautismo
- Fecha Limite: Octubre 16th & 19th: Parent Pledge / Promesa de Padres
- October 16th & 19th Retreat Form and Payment Due for 8th grade Retreat Nov. 11th-13th
- Fecha Limite: Octubre 16 & 19 fecha para entregar formulario y pago para Retiro 8vo grado en Noviembre 11a13.
- Due: December 4th & 7th: Sponsor Registration Form / Forma de Inscripcion del Padrino (La Madrina)
- Fecha Limite: Diciembre 4th & 7th: Sponsor Report / Reporte sobre el Padrino (la Madrina)
- Due: January 8th & 11th: Saint Report/Reporte sobre el Santo
- Fecha Limite: Enero 8th & 11th
- January 29th & February 1st Retreat Form and Payment Due for 8th grade Retreat Feb. 10th-12th
- Due: January 29th & Feb. 1st: Letter to the Bishop / Carta al Obispo
- Fecha Limite: Enero 29th & Febrero 1st
- February 12th Retreat Form and Payment Due for High School Confirmation Retreat March 2nd-4th
- Fecha Limite: Febrero 12 para entregar formulario y pago para Retiro High School en Marzo 2nd-4th.
- Due: March 25th & 28th: 15 Service Hours/15 horas de servicio
- Fecha Limite: Marzo 25th & 28th:
- Retreat Fee / Cuota para el Retiro: **\$135 por joven**
 - Retreat / Retiro
 - Class Attendance (CANNOT MISS MORE THAN 4 CLASSES) Asistencia (NO SE PUEDE FALTAR MAS DE 4 VECES)
 - Interview MANDATORY (in classes March 25th & March 28th) Entrevista MANDATORIA durante la clase)
- Test & Rehearsal MANDATORY (all sessions in Great Hall Sunday, April 22nd 7:15PM-8:30PM). Examen y Repaso MANDATORIO (todas las clases incluye español en el Gran Salón, 22 de Abril, 7:15PM-8:30PM).
- The ONLY date for Confirmation will be April 28th, 2012. UNICA fecha para Confirmación es 28 de Abril 2012.
- There will be three Mass times and all masses will be Bi-Lingual. Habrán 3 Mises, todas serán bilingües.
- 10:00AM—Sunday 4:45-5:45, Wednesday 6:30-7:30 & Cluster (Clases de Domingo 4:45-5:45, Miércoles 6:30-7:30 & Cluster)
- 1:30PM-Sunday 7:15-8:15 8th grade & Home Study (Clases de Domingo 7:15-8:15 8vo grado y Estudio en Casa)
- 7:30PM-Sunday 7:15-8:15 High School Confirmation, Spanish Faith Formation Class (Domingo 7:15-8:15 High School (secundaria), clases en español).

*** If ever a confirmation candidate misses more than 4 classes they must make up the class either at another class with Tammy or Kathy's permission, or via home study. Please fill this form out so we can place them in your file. SI FALTA MAS DE 4 CLAES, TIENE QUE RECUPERAR LA CLASE DIRECTAMENTE CON LA COORDINADORA, TAMMY O KATHY. ELLAS LES EXPLICARAN SUS OPCIONES DE ASISTIR A OTRA CLASE O ESTUDIAR EN LA CASA. FAVOR DE LLENAR ESTA FORMA CON SU FALTA.

Procedimiento para Recuperar una Falta:

Name / Nombre:

Catechist(s) (&/or room#) / Catequista (salón):

Date absent (fecha de la falta):

Reason for absence (Razón por la falta):

Make-up date (Fecha para Recuperar la falta):

Approved by (Aprobado por Kathy o Tammy): X _____

Catechist signature from make-up class: Or Parent Signature with attached work /

Firma del Catequista o Padre/Madre:

X _____

Procedimiento para Recuperar una Falta:

Name / Nombre:

Catechist(s) (&/or room#) / Catequista (salón):

Date absent (fecha de la falta):

Reason for absence (Razón por la falta):

Make-up date (Fecha para Recuperar la falta):

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Catechist signature from make-up class: Or Parent Signature with attached work /

Firma del Catequista o Padre/Madre:

X _____

Confirmation Retreat 2011-2012

Retiro para la Confirmacion 2011-2012

8th grade Retreat November 11-13th, 2011 Forms & Pmt. Due
Oct. 19th

8th grade Retreat February 10-12th, 2012 Forms & Pmt. Due Jan.
25th

High School Retreat March 2nd-4th, 2012 Forms & Pmt. Due
Feb. 12th

Retreat Fee / Cuota para el Retiro
\$135



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www.campcopass.com

Got Questions?
Contact Kathy or Tammy
x232 x358
(972) 712-2645

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I agree to treat other participants, leaders, staff and residents with respect and understand that all adult leaders have the authority to discipline me.
2. I will always follow the schedule and guidelines given to me.
3. I understand that alcohol, weapons, fireworks, tobacco products of any kind, illegal drugs and profane or abusive language are NOT ALLOWED on any of this activity. I further understand that all prescription drugs must be dispensed by an adult leader.
4. I understand that I represent St. Francis Youth Ministry and agree to behave in a Christian and positive manner at all times. I further agree to dress appropriately during this activity.
5. Public display of affection (PDA's) and sexual indiscretion (including inappropriate touching) is prohibited at all times and in all cases.
6. No participant under the age of 21 is allowed to leave without an adult's permission and supervision.
7. In the event of an emergency or other need to contact any participants, the staff must know where I can be located, therefore I agree to stay with my assigned group at all times.
8. By attending this function, all participants agree to stay until the function's conclusion, unless they have a medical emergency.
9. I realize that my parents and I will be financially responsible for any damage I do to property, facilities, or vehicles.
10. I understand that if I choose to violate any part of this "Code of Conduct", I run the risk of having my parents notified by phone, or in person; that I may be sent home on the first available flight or bus, at my parent's expense. During a local activity, my parents will be asked to pick me up, immediately. (This determination will be left to the discretion of the trip/retreat coordinator.)

Confirmation Retreat: **CHECK ONE** (space is limited to 100' retreat)

___ November 11th-13th (8th grade) OR ___ February 12th-14th (8th grade) OR ___ March 2nd-4th (High School)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO PARTICIPATE IN St. Francis Confirmation Retreat at Camp Copass November 11th-13th or February 12th-14th or March 2nd-4th. I understand reasonable precautions will be taken to keep my child safe. I will not hold St. Francis Church, members of the staff, or volunteers responsible for accidental harm or injury that may occur during this activity. In case of an emergency during this time, I hereby consent to and authorize the giving of treatment and/or medication ordered by a physician or adult for the care of my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent _____

Home Phone _____

Printed Name of Parent _____

Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email _____

Ins. Co. Name and Phone # _____ Policy # _____

Ins Co. Address _____

Allergies and/or Medications _____

(Please make note and initial if you authorize Tylenol or Ibuprofen without contacting you) _____

**We have read and agree to the
"Code of Conduct."**

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If you would like to volunteer to chaperone, please fill in your information.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Best Phone Number To Reach You _____

Fill out the bottom portion of this form and include payment (checks payable to: SFYM) and return to St. Francis Church, 8000 El Dorado Parkway, Frisco, TX, 75033.

For more information, call 972-712-2645 and dial 232 for Kathy or 358 for Tammy.

IMPORTANT RETREAT INFO. **INFORMACION IMPORTANTE SOBRE EL RETIRO**

This is a mandatory requirement as mandated by our diocese.

We will be meeting @ St. Francis at 5:30 pm in the Education Wing. Please come with dinner already in your belly! This is when you will check in for attendance, snacks, meds, and load the bus.

We will return @ 12:00pm on Sunday

Attendance on the retreat counts towards class attendance.

Retreat Packing List

What to bring:

Sleeping bag
Pillow
Towel
Rosary
Confirmation Journal
Bible
Tennis shoes (we will be doing some athletic activities that will not work without proper shoes)
Shower shoes (flip flops or crocs)
1 pants
2 pairs shorts (ladies must be fingertip length if not you'll have to wear what Tammy gives you and it won't be "fashionable")
4 t-shirts
1 jacket
4 pair socks & undergarments
Pajamas
Toiletries (i.e. toothbrush, deodorant)
Couple plastic bags (for dirty clothes, wet shoes, trash, etc)
1 snack to share
1 drink to share
(optional: disposable camera. If you decide to bring a digital camera we are not responsible if it breaks.)
Positive attitude

What *NOT* to bring: (if you choose to bring any of these items and a chaperone sees it, the chaperone will take it up and it will be returned at the end of the retreat when we return to St. Francis. If a child is wearing inappropriate clothing they will be asked to change, if the youth does not have appropriate clothing some will be provided for them.)

Electronic devices of any sort (i.e. games & DVD players) (unless electric toothbrush)
Music or Music players (i.e. iPods, CD players, mp3players etc) (Retreat music will be provided by Joe Languell)
Flashlights (chaperones will have them)
Alarm Clocks (chaperones will wake everyone up)
Cell phones (if you need to use a phone you have to get permission and you will be able to use a chaperone's phone) (If we see you with your cell phone it will be given to Tammy for safe keeping until the end of the retreat!!!)
Spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, or halter tops (try to wear school appropriate clothes)
Micro skirts or short shorts
All t-shirts, caps, etc which advertise alcohol or tobacco products or are of a suggestive nature may not be worn.
Fingerboards
Illegal drugs, alcohol, knives, ANY form of tobacco, guns, fireworks, skateboards, or anything deemed detrimental to the intended atmosphere. Such items will be taken up and will result in a call to the parents.

Please note that public or private displays of affection will not be tolerated, nor will cursing, threatening, or fighting.

Camp Copass' Rules

Camp Copass is a Christian camp and all rules are to help us in our conduct which will reflect Christ in all that we do. All campers and sponsors must know and follow these rules.

Please respect all camp properties just as you would the church you attend. We ask you to assist in keeping the grounds clean of trash. Cans are provided camp wide to dispose of debris.

The following items are not permitted at Camp Copass: illegal drugs, alcohol, knives, ANY form of tobacco, guns, fireworks, skateboards, radios, music players (unless used by program personnel), video games, or anything deemed detrimental to the intended atmosphere. Such items will be taken up and held by camp staff and will be returned at departure.

Modest shorts are permitted, but must be fingertip length.

Students must attend all scheduled sessions and activities during the week unless they are ill or are accompanied by a sponsor.

Students may not leave the camp unless the camp director is notified.

Students may not drive or ride in an automobile or golf cart during the week of camp.

If any recreational equipment is returned damaged or not returned at all your group will be held responsible and a bill will be submitted to your church that will reflect an amount sufficient to replace the equipment.

The lake is not approved for swimming or other water activities. Keep a safe distance from the water at all times.

Campers are not allowed to enter the dorms of campers of the opposite sex.

All t-shirts, caps, etc. which advertise alcohol or tobacco products or are of a suggestive nature may not be worn.

No spaghetti straps, tube tops or halter tops will be allowed.

Public or private displays of affection will not be tolerated, nor will cursing, threatening, or fighting.

No use of the ropes course will be allowed unless authorized and trained Camp Copass staff are present.

(We will NOT be using the ropes course on this retreat!!!)

There MUST be at least one adult sponsor for every ten campers of each gender.

Meals must be taken in the dining hall unless otherwise prearranged with the camp.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM (abbreviation: CF)

FORMA DE INSCRIPCION PARA LA CONFIRMACION

Please Print Legibly! - Favor de Escribir con Letra de Molde!

Please do not leave any space blank; fill in N/A if not applicable; Marca N/A si no aplica.

MUST ATTACH A COPY OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATE (not Birth Certificate)

*****SE TIENE QUE INCLUIR LA COPIA DEL FE DE BAUTISMO*****

STUDENT NAME (as on Birth Certificate): _____

NOMBRE DEL ESTUDIANTE (nombre legal como aparezca en el acta de nacimiento):

CURRENT RESIDENCE: _____

DIRECCION (street) (CALLE) (Apt. #)

(city, state, zip code) (CIUDAD, ESTADO, CODIGO POSTAL)

PHONE NUMBERS: (home) _____ (cell) _____

TELEFONOS CASA CELULARES

DATE of BIRTH: _____ CITY & STATE of BIRTH: _____

FECHA DE NACIMIENTO CIUDAD, ESTADO DE NACIMIENTO

*FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

NOMBRE COMPLETO DEL PADRE (First/PRIMERO Middle Initial / SEGUNDO Last / APELLIDO)

*MOTHER'S FIRST & MAIDEN NAME: _____

NOMBRE COMPLETO DE LA MADRE (First/PRIMERO Middle Initial / SEGUNDO Last / APELLIDO)

*Parents listed must be parents by blood unless legally adopted. Print names as they appear on child's birth certificate. If parent is not named on birth certificate, write "not named" in the space provided. *TIENEN QUE SER LOS

★ **CHILD'S DATE OF BAPTISM / FECHA DEL BAUTISMO:** _____

★ This is NOT to be confused with Date of Birth. This can be found on your Baptism Certificate.

No se confundan con la Fecha de Nacimiento. Se encuentra en la Fe de Bautismo.

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

IGLESIA DONDE SE BAUTIZO

ADDRESS OF CHURCH: _____

DIRECCION DE LA IGLRESIA (street)

(city, state, zip code)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY OFFICE WHEN OTHER WORK HANDED IN—SOLO PARA EL USO DE LA OFICINA
CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME: _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR: _____
Print name of sponsor. Sponsor cannot be candidate's parent. Only one sponsor per candidate. A sponsor is needed even if he/she cannot attend the Confirmation Ceremony.

SPONSOR BY PROXY: _____
Print name of proxy sponsor (can be candidate's parent). Only print a proxy name if the sponsor is unable to attend the Confirmation Ceremony.

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PARENT PLEDGE (abbreviation: PP)
PROMESA DE PADRES

Please Print Legibly! - Favor de Escribir Claramente con Letra de Molde!

Please do not leave any space blank; fill in N/A if not applicable

I (yo), _____, the parent of (el padre de) _____

hereby renew the commitment I made on the day of my child's baptism:

Renuevo mi compromiso que hice el día del bautismo de mi hijo/a:

- I accept the responsibility of training my child in the practice of the faith.*
Acepto la responsabilidad de entrenar a mi hijo/a en la practica de la fe.
- I accept the duty of bringing my child up to keep God's commandments.*
Acepto el deber de criar a mis hijos a vivir de acuerdo a los mandamientos de Dios.
- I reject Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises*
Renuncio a Satanás y todas sus obras y promesas vacías.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.*
Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor, quien fue nacido de la Virgen María, fue crucificado, murió y fue sepultado, resucitado y ahora esta sentado a la derecha del Padre.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección del cuerpo, y la vida eterna.

I hereby also promise to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the expectations of the parents of the confirmation candidate of the St. Francis Confirmation program as enumerated in this handbook. By signing this document I am truthfully saying that I have both read and understand what is expected of myself and my child. I choose to:

Yo prometo cumplir, hasta donde mis habilidades me permiten, con las expectativas de los padres del candidato para la confirmación en el programa de San Francisco de Asis así explicados en este manual. Al firmar este documento, digo en verdad que he leído y entiendo lo que se espera de mi y de mi hijo/a. Elijo:

- Faithfully strive to live out my sacramental covenant with God. (I will seek to be an example of Christ in their daily life.) **Tratar de vivir con fidelidad mi alianza sacramental con Dios (Tratare de ser un ejemplo de Cristo en su vida Cristo.)**
- Cultivate and deepen a relationship with God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and His Church; through worship, prayer, study, service, and love.
Cultivar y profundizar una relación con Dios Padre, Dios Hijo, y el Espíritu Santo, con su Iglesia, rindiéndole culto, rezando, estudiando, y sirviéndole con amor.
- Diligently help my child to complete ALL the requirements of the St. Francis Confirmation Program in a timely and acceptable manner.
Ayudar a mi hijo/a a cumplir con todos los requisitos a tiempo.
- Spend time with my child helping them develop an active life of faith.
Dedicar tiempo a mi hijo/a para ayudarle a desarrollar una vida de fe activa.

X _____ (parent signature, date)

X _____ (parent signature, date)

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

PADRINO/MADRINA PAR A LA CONFIRMACION

Each confirmation candidate is required to have a sponsor.
CADA CANDIDATO DEBE TENER UN PADRINO O UNA MADRINA.



Un **padrino/una madrina** es un adulto que acompañara al candidato, ayudándole a crecer en su fe y vivirla mas activamente, durante la preparación para la Confirmación y durante toda su vida.

A **sponsor** is an adult who will help the candidate grow in and live their faith, both in preparation for Confirmation and throughout their life.

Padres, favor de ayudarles a sus hijos/as en el proceso de elegirle a alguien.
!Piénsenlo, y pon el asunto en ORACION!

We encourage parents to assist their son/daughter in the choosing process.

Encourage them to think about it and PRAY about it.

Practical Guidelines in Selecting a Sponsor—Un Guía Practico para la Selección de Un Padrino

The sponsor must be a faithful Catholic in good standing. This includes, but is not limited to, attending mass every Sunday, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, cultivating a devout prayer life, and living a model life of service.

La persona debe ser un católico fiel que esta en comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Eso implica que la persona asiste a la misa dominical, recibe el sacramento de la Reconciliación regularmente, cultiva una vida de oración, y vive un estilo de vida que modela el servicio. Además, la persona debe ser iniciado en la fe católica, es decir, tener sus sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación, y, si vive con su pareja, estar casado por la Iglesia.

The sponsor should strive to witness Christ by word and deed, to spread and defend the Catholic faith, and be involved in parish life.

El Padrino o la Madrina debe intentar ser testigo de Cristo por obra y palabra, compartiendo la fe Católica, y debe estar involucrado a la vida de la Iglesia.

The sponsor should be someone who will help the candidate grow into full Christian maturity. They should have the opportunity to cultivate a relationship with natural and supernatural dimensions.

Preference should be given to a baptismal godparent.

Only one person (not two) may be selected as a Confirmation sponsor.

A child's parent may not be the Confirmation sponsor. As a parent, he/she already has the role of sponsoring. The sponsor should support and help the parent in this role.

The sponsor report should be a typed essay explaining who the sponsor is and why you have chosen him/her. You should also discuss how your sponsor will help you along the journey towards Confirmation and beyond as well. It would be great to include a picture of your sponsor in the report. Don't forget to include the sponsor's name, address, phone number, email, and your relationship with him/her (uncle, cousin, friend of family, etc.) as part of the heading. Please see the included model report.

Talk to the sponsor about how he/she daily lives out his/her participation in the Church.

El padrino o la madrina debe ser alguien que le ayudara al candidato a crecer en la madurez cristiana. Deben ser capaces de cultivar una relación con una dimensión espiritual.

- * Se debe dar preferencia al padrino de bautismo si es posible.
- * Solo una persona (no dos) pueden servir como padrinos para la Confirmación.
- * El padre/la madre del joven NO PUEDE ser el padrino/la madrina.
- * El Reporte sobre el Padrino/la Madrina debe ser un ensayo que explica quien es su padrino/madrina y porque le elegiste a esta persona. Se debe hablar que como esta persona te va a ayudar en tu camino hacia la Confirmación, y después. Seria bueno incluir una foto de la persona en su reporte. Hay que incluir su nombre, dirección, teléfono, email, y su relación contigo (si es pariente).

Algunas preguntas para hacerle a alguien que estan considerando como padrino/madrina:

- ♦ Tiene al menos 16 anos? Esta bautizado y confirmado católico?
- ♦ Si es casado (o vive con su pareja), esta casado por la Iglesia Católica?
- ♦ Asiste la misa cada domingo?
- ♦ Sigue las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica en su vida?
- ♦ Te ayudara a crecer en tu fe y ayudarte a amar mas a Dios y a tu prójimo?
- ♦ Conoce a la persona. Donde se criaron? Que estudiaron? Cuales han sido sus experiencias principales en la vida? Deja que compartan su experiencia de vida contigo.
- ♦ Habla con la persona sobre su relación con Dios, y como se ha ido desarrollando sobre los anos? Cuales son algunos momentos de conversión para ellos? Como han sido testigos de la presencia de Dios en el mundo?
- ♦ Cuales son sus lugares y modos preferidos para rezar?
- ♦ Habla con la persona sobre las maneras en que el/ella es testigo de y proclama la fe en palabra y hechos.

Some questions to address when seeking a Sponsor:

Is the sponsor baptized and confirmed and over 16 yrs. old?

If the sponsor is married was he/she married in the Catholic Church?

Does the sponsor attend Mass on Sunday?

Does the sponsor follow the teachings of the Catholic Church?

Will this person help you grow in your faith and love God and neighbor more?

Get to know your sponsor. Where did they grow up, what did they study, what kind of jobs have they worked. Get to know them as a person and have them share their life experiences with you.

Talk to the sponsor about how he/she has developed his/her relationship with God. What have been peak experiences? Moments of conversion? How have they witnessed God's presence?

Talk to the sponsor about his/her favorite ways and places to pray.

Talk to the sponsor about how he/she witnesses Christ and proclaims the faith in word and deed.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
8000 Eldorado Parkway
Frisco, Texas 75033
Sponsor Registration Form

SPONSOR'S NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NAME OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

SPONSOR'S PHONE # _____

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: Yes No

I am a fully initiated Catholic (I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
 Yes No

I am: Single Married Divorced Widowed

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If you answered "no" to any of the above statements, you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.

I attend Mass: Weekly Every other week Once a month Occasionally Never

If you do not attend Mass on a weekly basis, you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.

Name of home parish: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ (Arch) Diocese: _____

I am a registered parishioner: Yes No

Pastors must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and has not been prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor. One of the Baptismal sponsors is not only allowed but is in fact desired as the Confirmation sponsor so as to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. (Canon 893) This person is an active witness of the Catholic faith in both word and deed and is able to perform the duties of a Confirmation Sponsor. Los Párrocos deben verificar las cualidades espirituales de los padrinos. Los padrinos deben poseer madurez espiritual, practicar su fe, haber sido Confirmados y no tener restricción legal para ser padrinos. Es deseable que el mismo padrino de Bautizo sea el padrino de Confirmación para enfatizar la importante relación de Bautizo y Confirmación (Canon 893). El padrino debe ser un católico que practica su fe en pensamiento y obra a quien le es posible asumir la responsabilidad de Padrino de Confirmación.

Affix Church Seal

Pastor's Signature/Date

SPONSOR REPORT EXAMPLE

Due: December 4th & 7th

Mr. Jason Brown

7777 Battier Dr. Frisco TX 75034

(555) 555-555

emailaddress@yahoo.com

Relationship: Godfather and friend of family

Favorite Saint: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Favorite Prayer: Eucharistic adoration and Rosary

Favorite Food: Blue Bell Ice Cream

Favorite College: Texas A&M (Jason does not like UT Austin)

Favorite NBA Team: Houston Rockets

Favorite NCAA Team: Duke Blue Devils, because of Coach Mike Kryzewski

Married at: All Saints Catholic Church

A place he wants to visit: Rome, Italy



Mr. Jason Brown has been a friend of my family since before I was born. He was born in 1975 in Brenham, TX. He grew up there, living with his parents and one brother. After graduating from high school he went to college at Texas A&M. Now he works as an accountant. He was married to Rebecca in 2003 and they are very much in love and have a wonderful family together. My parents asked Jason to be my baptismal godfather, since he has been such a great godfather, I know that he will be a great sponsor.

I think Jason is a model member of the Catholic Church for many reasons. He goes to mass every Sunday. He meets with a prayer group that is dedicated to Mary once a week. He also is involved in helping out at White Rose Clinic (they help women who are pregnant). In the past he also volunteered with LifeTeen. I see Jason as a person who loves God and the Church a lot.

I have asked Jason to be my sponsor because I think he is really cool and we get along. We have fun together when our families visit. More importantly I see him as a man of God who makes good decisions and always wants to help people. Since I was young, he has taught me about my faith and I want this to keep going. I can talk to him when I have questions about God.

Finally, I learned in class that the Catholic Church encourages us (if it is appropriate) to pick one of our baptism godparents as our confirmation sponsors. Jason has agreed to help do some service hours with me and also to pray with me. I think this will make it more fun. He is excited about being my sponsor. I thank God for putting Jason in my life.

CONFIRMATION PATRON SAINT NOMBRE DE SU SANTO PATRONO

Each confirmation candidate chooses a saint as a patron and is confirmed under that patron saint's name.—
Cada candidato elige a un santo como patrono se confirme bajo el nombre de tal santo.

A **patron saint** is someone already in heaven with whom we feel a connection, want to imitate, and from whom we request intercession throughout life.

Un **santo patrono** es alguien que ya esta en el cielo, con quien nosotros sentimos una conexión especial, a quien queremos imitar y a quien nosotros pedimos.

La tradición de tomar un nuevo nombre un nuevo nombre refleja un nuevo papel en la vida. Es evidente en las sagradas escrituras. Abram se nombro Abraham, que significa “Padre de Muchas Naciones.” Simon se cambio a Pedro, que significa “Piedra” porque Jesús fundo su iglesia sobre su primer papa.

The tradition of taking on a new name reflects a new role in life. This is evident throughout the Scriptures, e.g. “Abram” was changed to “Abraham” which means “Father of Many Nations,” and Simon was changed to “Peter” which means “Rock” because Jesus founded His Church upon him as the first pope.

Cuando eliges un nuevo nombre para tu Confirmación, debe ser el nombre de un santo sobre el cual has aprendido algo y a quien admiras. Se elige porque quieres ser como el o ella.

When you choose a new name for your Confirmation, it should be the name of a saint you have read and learned about, admire, and want to imitate, you shouldn't choose a Saint because you like his/her name. You should choose a saint that you want to be like.



Practical Guidelines in Selecting a Saint **Guía Práctica para Elegir su Santo**

Deberías conocer la vida del santo. Se espera que ves similitudes entre tu y este santo, o que quieres ser como el o ella. El Santo debe ser como tu héroe. Deberías desarrollar una devoción personal a este santo, buscar una relación con el o ella a través de la oración. Deberías tratar de aprender sobre muchos santos.

You should be familiar with this saint's life. Hopefully you see similarities between you and this saint and/or want to aspire to be like this saint. The saint you select should be someone you look up to as a hero. You should develop a personal devotion to this saint and build a relationship with him/her through regular and constant prayer. You should try to learn about a lot of saints. That way you will make a better decision choosing your patron saint. Moreover, the more saints you are familiar with the easier it becomes for you to request their intercession (even from the ones that are not your special confirmation patron); the saints are always eager and happy to help us.

El reporte sobre el santo debería ser un ensayo escrito de un mínimo de tres párrafos: (1) una biografía breve que ESCRIBES EN TUS PROPIAS PALABRAS, (2) una explicación de tus razones por elegirle a esta santo, (3) ideas para desarrollar tu devoción y relación con este santo. Trata de incluir una foto y datos interesantes sobre su vida: donde vivía, como vivía, cuando fue canonizado. El reporte debería ser de una a 2 paginas con la foto. Mira al ejemplo.

The saint report should be a typed essay with at least three paragraphs: **(1) a brief biography of the saint written in your own words, (2) an explanation of the reasons why you have selected this saint, (3) and ideas of how you will develop your devotion and relationship with this saint.** Try to include a picture of the saint in your report as well as cool facts about the saint, what he/she is a patron of, when they lived, and when they were canonized. The report should be 1 and ½ pages long (not including the picture) Please see the included model report.

SAINT REPORT EXAMPLE

Due Date: January 8th & 11th

ST. ATHANASIUS
296 AD – 373 AD



Feast Day: May 2

Name means: Immortality (Greek)

Nickname: Defender of Orthodoxy

Patron saint of: Teachers of the Faith,

those persecuted for the sake of proclaiming true Catholic doctrine

St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt. While he was young, the Church in Egypt was badly persecuted by Roman authority. Many people he knew were martyred for the faith. The bishop at that time, Alexander, once saw him baptizing several children and was impressed with his faith and love of God. Athanasius became his secretary and was ordained a deacon. Together they both attended the Council of Nicea (325 AD) where Athanasius explained the truth of who Jesus is against the Arians. The Arians believed Jesus was not God and that God made Jesus like He made the angels and humans. Athanasius helped write the Nicene Creed (which we say every Sunday at Mass) and taught that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He became bishop of Alexandria. Unfortunately, the Arians gained the support of various emperors and persecuted him nearly all his life. They never stopped spreading evil rumors and lies about him. He was exiled from his homeland five times and often had to flee and hide for fear that he would be imprisoned or killed by evil soldiers. Yet his people loved him very much and did all they could to help and obey him. Eventually, the enemies of Athanasius were defeated and Athanasius lived the last years of his life in peace as Bishop of Alexandria.

I want to choose St. Athanasius as my confirmation sponsor because I see him as a hero and I wish I could be more like him. I believe our world and Church really need his courage and strength today. Athanasius had many enemies, yet he still stood up for the truth and he continued to live according to the Catholic faith. He lived at a time when many people did not believe the truth of Jesus. Yet he was so in love with Jesus and knew Him so well that he defended the truth of who Jesus is with everything he had. He suffered a lot and yet his faith

SAINT REPORT EXAMPLE Cont.

others so people will love Jesus more. I want to be a hero like St Athanasius. I want to stand up for the truth even when people pull me in the wrong direction. I want to have a strength like Athanasius. I want a strength to resist temptation and stand up to all the attacks of the devil. Lastly I want to be holy and virtuous like St Athanasius. We live in a world where virtue is almost looked down on, and being holy is something not too many people strive for. Our world is desperately in need of heroes and I want to be a hero like St Athanasius, and grow in holiness. I know it will be difficult, so hopefully St. Athanasius will help me.

I will develop my relationship with St. Athanasius by praying to him and asking for his help. I have found several holy cards of him and use them. I also have a picture of him in a frame in my room so I can always remember to talk to him. Maybe I can even read some of the things that he wrote. I also try to share the story of his life with people I know. One time my family was in Chicago and we found a church with his name. They had a novena prayer card there and now I can pray that too.

LETTER TO THE BISHOP

Letter is due in the St. Francis Office for the pastor to review no later than January 29th & Feb. 1st, 2012

DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR YOUR LETTER. USE A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER FOLLOWING THE FORMAT OUTLINED BELOW:

January 1, 2012

Dear Your Excellency,

I, (your name) _____, a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Frisco, Texas, ask you, Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, to confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

I would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation because _____

My preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been _____

I have chosen (sponsor's name) to present me to you on the day of my Confirmation and to witness my commitment. I made this choice because _____

You will seal my commitment to Jesus and his Church by anointing me with oil and by calling me by name. The name I wish to be called at my Confirmation is (your saint's name) _____. I have chosen that name because (name qualities that you would like to imitate that your saint lived out in his/her life) _____

I understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help me build up the Church, and I wish to share in building up the Church by _____

Sincerely,

(REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME!!!)

(possibly add your favorite saint quote or bible verse here)

Service Hours

“To whom much has been given, much will be expected.” (Luke 12:48)

Every candidate will need to complete a total of 15 service hours from April 1, 2011 to March 28th, 2012. Forms are due no later than Sunday, March 25th or Wednesday, March 28th, 2012.

Service: is work done by the candidate without monetary compensation and without promise of a reward, award, or some other type of rank, status, or recognition achieved in an organizations. It should be serving others for the ultimate glory of God. Service hours will not be counted when for immediate family (such as doing dishes, laundry, or baby sitting your siblings).

As we prepare for confirmation, our Christian service should be about more than just doing good. We must aim at developing virtues (or holy habits) of faith. As Christians, we should seek Christ in all of our neighbors especially those who are considered “the least”. Moreover, we must willingly and energetically work towards doing God’s will on earth every day of our lives and striving towards the transformation of this world into the Kingdom of God.

We recommend that the candidate seeks to run their own service projects, or picks a kind of service within which they are able to share their talents with the community. The following are a few of examples.

- Mowing the lawn for a neighbor
- Singing/playing music in the youth choir
- Altar serving
- Neighborhood carwash
- Volunteering with the special Olympics
- Volunteering to coach/ ref. at sporting events
- Babysitting
- Volunteering at a nursing home
- Mission Possible (June 2011)
- Volunteering for Vacation Bible Study (June 2011)
- Concession stands
- Frisco Family Food Services (volunteering at the pantry)
- Frisco Re-Sale (must work with an adult)
- Attending Faith Formation Commission Meetings as an ambassador for the youth (please talk to Tammy for details).

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
Community Service for Confirmation

Name: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____

Description of community service performed:

Date(s) of Service: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Name of organization or community member served:

Name of group or community organization that arranged the
service project: _____

Name of supervisor or person who can verify service:

Phone # of supervisor or person who can verify service:

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct.

X _____

Signature

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