

# CONFIRMATION MATERIALS RETURN PACKET

Unless otherwise noted, return Completed Packages at the January 8th class.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT FORM (BLUE) - Turn in October 23.
2. \_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION INFORMATION FORM (Pink): All information on this form is necessary; therefore, do not leave any information blank.
3. \_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION NAME FORM (Green)  
The Confirmation name should be that of a Saint or some holy person.
4. \_\_\_\_ SERVICE HOURS (Orange)
5. \_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW SHEET (Purple)
6. \_\_\_\_ SPONSOR'S CERTIFICATE

Check one:

\_\_\_\_ My Sponsor is from St. Julie Billiart.

No Sponsor's Certificate is needed.

\_\_\_\_ My Sponsor is NOT from St. Julie Billiart.

The Sponsor's Certificate from their Church is included.

A Sponsor **MUST** be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If the sponsor is not from St. Julie Billiart, the sponsor **MUST** secure a Sponsor's Certificate from his or her church. It should be given to the candidate and **MUST** be returned as a part of this Confirmation Materials Packet.

7. \_\_\_\_ BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

Check one:

\_\_\_\_ I was baptized at St. Julie Billiart Church. No Baptism Certificate is needed.

\_\_\_\_ I was NOT baptized at St. Julie Billiart Church. My Baptism Certificate is included.

If the candidate was NOT baptized at St. Julie Billiart, a non-returnable photocopy of the Baptismal Certificate must be secured from the parish of Baptism and be returned as part of this Confirmation Materials Packet.

# 1. CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

*This Sheet is due at the October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Session.*

I (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_, have a strong desire to continue to grow in the Catholic faith. I realize that as I am entering adulthood, and have a greater responsibility to take an active role in living the faith. I pledge to regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments, celebrating my beliefs with my community. I further pledge to continue to make a concerted effort in living my faith through my private and public actions.

I realize that being a Catholic and living my faith at times will be difficult. That is why I wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am asking to be strengthened and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I believe that these precious gifts will help me grow as a Christian and in my relationship with my loving God.

I am freely making this choice and will attend the Confirmation formation sessions with the intention of learning more about the sacrament and the faith.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. ST. JULIE BILLIART CONFIRMATION INFORMATION FORM

(This form **MUST BE COMPLETE** and is due at our January 8, 2012 class, or sooner, along with your other Confirmation materials in this envelope).

NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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CHURCH OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_

(If not baptized at St. Julie's, please submit a non-returnable photocopy of your Baptismal certificate with your Confirmation materials.)

ADDRESS OF CHURCH WHERE BAPTIZED \*\*\*\*\*(MANDATORY INFORMATION)\*\*\*\*

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Child lives with \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

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SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor not from St. Julie's must secure, from their church, a Sponsor's certificate. It should be given to the candidate and then submitted with the other Confirmation materials)

SPONSOR'S CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF SPONSOR'S CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

# HOW TO CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION SAINT

This is an interesting article that found at [www.ehow.com](http://www.ehow.com)

In the Roman Catholic Church, the sacrament of Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation. Once you have received the sacrament of Confirmation (traditionally, this is administered at around sixteen years of age), you are considered an adult by the Church. One aspect of receiving Confirmation is that you are asked to choose a saint for your Confirmation name. This new name signifies your change in status - you are now fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Further, the saint whose name you choose becomes a patron saint in your new endeavor to grow in the life of faith as an adult. To choose a saint's name for your Confirmation is not necessarily easy. This how-to will give you some ideas while searching for your Confirmation name.

## Step 1

Saints are as unique and diverse as the rest of humanity. Although there are far more saints in heaven than there are canonized (official) saints, each canonized saint has a specific and individual path to sainthood which is intended to be an example to the rest of the Church. Read a general overview of the lives of the saints, or find a website which gives brief biographies of each saint. Does any saint's life story particularly appeal to or inspire you? This could be your Confirmation saint.

## Step 2

There are many saints who died or were martyred while they were children or teenagers. If you are being confirmed as a teenager, a youthful saint might be a good choice for your confirmation saint. For example, St. Agnes or St. Cecilia were both martyred as young women.

## Step 3

Do you have any serious hobbies or interests? If so, there is a patron saint for almost any hobby, interest, or sport. The patron saint of your favorite enthusiasm could be a good choice for your confirmation saint. For example, if you love learning St. Thomas Aquinas could be a good saint. Or, if you prefer sports St. Sebastian could be your patron.

## Step 4

Do you want to perfect a specific virtue in your life? There are saints who exemplify every virtue. For example, St. Maria Goretti is the patron saint of chastity.

## Step 5

Do you feel particularly called to the married life, or to the religious life? If so, there are saints who provide excellent examples of both vocations. If you feel drawn to the married life, perhaps St. Joseph would be a good saint to choose. If you feel called to the religious life, perhaps the founder of a religious order you are fond of would be a good choice (for example, St. Dominic or St. Benedict).

## Step 6

No matter who you choose, remember to pray to your Confirmation Saint often as you navigate your new life as an adult in the Church!



Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVICE COMMITMENT WORKSHEET

You are asked to think about your life and schedule and consider two questions.

- 1) In what ways am I already doing Christian service?
- 2) What additional ways could I realistically consider doing service?

I realize that as a Catholic Christian, I am called to serve others as Jesus did. I recognize that I am already serving others in many ways. I know that I am also called to grow beyond my present commitments and am willing to consider additional ways to serve others.

Make a list of a few ways you presently help others. Look at some of the suggestions at the bottom of this page and make a list of service projects you plan to complete in the next 3 months.

On the next sheet you should keep track of the actual service projects that you are involved with. You have been given a calendar that you should use to keep track of your service hours. Enter all worksite information and hours of service on the following sheet, and have it signed by someone in charge at the worksite.

What I am currently doing

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Ideas for What I can do during Confirmation Preparation

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Other Suggestions

Help out at a local nursing home

Help an elderly neighbor

Join the Youth Choir - 327-1978

(singers - 4 hours per month Nov. - Feb.)

(musicians - 5 hours per month Nov. - Feb.)

Yard work at St. Julie Billiard - 327-1978

Community Care

Crock Pot Thursday

N. R. Senior Center

353-9716

327-1978

353-0856

Remember, a total of 25 hours of service should be completed by March 4, 2012.



# 5. CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW FORM

## Schedule and Interview between 1/8/2012 and 3/4/2012

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(First name)

(Middle)

(Last)

(Confirmation Name)

During the Confirmation preparation, sessions have been designed to help you reflect on Catholic beliefs, appreciate your sacramental life, deepen your personal relationship with God in prayer, and participate in community-building activities. You have been encouraged to participate in various areas of community life: worship, religious education (NTV), community and social concerns.

The following questions will help you reflect on the experience of your Confirmation preparation. PLEASE WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER, AND BRING THE PAPER WITH YOU TO YOUR FINAL INTERVIEW. Between 1/8/12 and 3/4/12 call one of the following to make an interview appointment:

Fr. Gonser:	327-1978	Ms. Laura Hauzer	835-9932
Mrs. Morrison:	670-3900	Deacon John Rivera:	327-4426
Mrs. Nancy Kubiak:	327-1978	Deacon Ken DeLuca:	937-7774
Mr. Ed Knoblauch:	748-1364		

1. **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

What do you find in the Catholic community of faith that you need and want the most?

2. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Describe how you became involved in some area of Christian community life during your Confirmation preparation. Tell what you contributed and how you benefited.

3. **SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER LIFE**

Describe how your prayer life has changed or deepened during your Confirmation preparation and/or tell about a prayer experience that meant a lot to you.

Do you have a genuine desire to celebrate Eucharist with the Catholic community?  
Do you participate in Mass every weekend?

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

**SPONSORS:** The Church recognizes Confirmation sponsors as people who are spiritual mentors, companions, and witnesses entrusted by the parish to journey with the candidate. Choosing a sponsor can be difficult. Go over the following list of qualifications with any potential sponsors before asking in order to make sure they are eligible. It is permissible that the sponsor be a Baptismal Godparent. Sponsors are asked to be involved in the Sacramental Preparation and formation as much as possible.

### Confirmation Sponsor Qualifications

(Source: Diocese of Cleveland, Guidelines for Confirmation)

- 16 years of age or older
- Fully initiated member of the Catholic Church  
(Baptized, Confirmed and receiving Eucharist)
- In good standing with the church
- Exemplifies Catholic life
- Registered and active in a Catholic parish
- Practicing Catholic who participates in weekly Eucharistic celebration
- Someone other than the mother or father of the person to be confirmed.