St. Charles Borromeo PREP Parish Religious Education Program

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT

"A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial (Church) community and in temporal affairs" (CCC #1319, on the Responsibilities of the Candidate for Confirmation).

SECOND YEAR CANDIDATES

1. *MANDATORY ATTENDANCE*:

   - **SESSIONS:** Candidates must maintain an attendance rate of 70%.
   - **MASS:** Candidates must attend weekly Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
   - **CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Candidates must attend the Confirmation Retreat in Summer/Fall. (Date TBD).
   - **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:** Candidates must attend the Confirmation Mass Rehearsal (Date TBD).
   - **CONFIRMATION MASS:** Candidates must attend the Confirmation Mass (Date TBD).

2. *MANDATORY PAPERWORK*:

   - **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE:** Candidates must provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate if they were baptized at a church other than St. Charles Borromeo. The copy of their certificate is due to the Director of Religious Education by ***Sunday, November 1, 2026***. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
   - **CONFIRMATION SAINT WORKSHEET:** Candidates must choose a Saint as their Confirmation Saint. Female candidates should choose a female saint, and male candidates should choose a male saint. This worksheet is due to the Director of Religious Education by ***Sunday, November 15, 2026***. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
   - **SAINT REPORT:** Candidates must write a one-page reflection essay on why they have chosen their Saint and what significance that name has to them. Candidates should make sure to indicate which virtues their Saint possessed that they wish to emulate through words and deeds in their own life. This paper is due to the Director of Religious Education by ***Sunday, December 13, 2026***. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
   - **SPONSOR COMMITMENT AGREEMENT:** This paperwork should be filled out by candidate's sponsor. This agreement is due by ***Sunday, January 10, 2027***. If applicable, the Letter of Eligibility from the sponsor's pastor is also due to the Director of Religious Education by ***Sunday, January 10, 2027.*** **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
   - **LETTER TO THE BISHOP:** All candidates are required to prepare a letter of intent to the Bishop. Instructions and a sample of the required format is included in your confirmation paperwork. This letter is due to the Director of Religious Education by ***Sunday, January 24, 2027***. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

3. *SERVICE REQUIREMENTS*:

   SERVICE PROJECTS: Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 5 service projects encompassing a minimum of 25 hours (total, not each) of service to the parish as well as the community. Each service project must meet a minimum of three (3) hours. All service hours must be completed prior to **April 18, 2027**. Your service hours *Record of Service* is due to the Director of Religious Education by **April 18, 2027.**
   NO EXCEPTIONS!

   a. Service hours for the church must be completed through service within the Mass, such as greeters, lectors, altar servers, choir members, etc. This service must be continual, throughout the year, rather than a one-time service opportunity. Attendance at the Youth Mass on Sunday evenings provides an excellent opportunity to fulfill this valuable service requirement.

b. Service hours for assisting at VBS count as one project, but do not complete the total number of service hours required since three different projects are required.

c. Service within the community must be approved by the Director of Religious Education prior to completion.

4. *CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW:*

- Candidates will meet with the Director of Religious Education for a Confirmation Interview. The dates for these interviews, which will be on Sunday evenings, will be announced at the ***Sunday*, March 7, 2027** session.

5. *MISSED SESSION / MAKE-UP POLICY:*

Candidates who are unable to attend a Confirmation session will be given the opportunity to complete a make-up assignment. After completion (and approval from the Director of Religious Education), the make-up assignment will count toward the candidate's attendance within the Confirmation program. Please see our Missed Session / Make-Up Assignment Policy for further details. All assignments are due in the office of the Director of Religious Education prior to ***Sunday*, May 16, 2027**. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

I, _____, am a Confirmation Candidate and promise to fulfill all of the above requirements with full understanding that if I do not, I will not be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am also personally and fully committed to grow in my Catholic faith through this formation process and thereafter.

PARENTS: When you baptized your child, you accepted the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It was your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and their neighbor. You are the primary educator and the key in the spiritual formation of your child. You are their example of what living the Catholic faith means on a daily basis. Your child has received two Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. They are now preparing to receive their last Sacrament of Initiation, the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation completes and deepens the grace of Baptism and enriches your child with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. By signing below, you are stating that you are fully committed to helping your child prepare for Confirmation.

I,_____, the parent/guardian of the above named candidate, willingly entrust my child to St Charles Borromeo Parish for the purpose of him/her receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I promise to be a good life-long model of faith by showing my child how to be a mature practicing Catholic through my own actions and to support them throughout their faith journey and help them grow in living the Catholic faith now and thereafter. I promise to give my child positive encouragement, and I understand that it is my responsibility, as well as theirs, to complete all mandatory requirements listed above. If they do not, I understand that they will not be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Candidate's Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date Date