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# *Confirmation Class*

## *2016-2017*

### *Packet*

**Save the Dates:**

**May 11, 2017: Confirmation Rehearsal 6-8pm in the Church**

**May 13, 2017: Confirmation Mass 10 am**

**Please arrive no later than 9:15 am**

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**Confirmation Class of 2016-17**  
**MANDATORY FOR PARENT(S)/TEENS**

Mark Your Calendars for these Important Dates!

Your Child's Confirmation Classes will be the first Wednesday of the Month in the Church!  
Please bring Decision Point Book, binders, bag, pen and paper!

**Confirmation Wednesdays (8<sup>th</sup> grade only)**

6:30-8:00pm in the Learning Center – Rooms Peter and Paul

DATE	THIS ACTION ITEM IS DUE <i>Forms available on <a href="http://www.smdmcc.org">www.smdmcc.org</a></i>
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## **Service Opportunities**

We will provide the opportunities but you will have to accompany your teens to these service days. They are family centered in hopes that your families can continue to offer support and help to these charities. They will also be posted in Kim Cazzaniga's weekly emails

<b>Service Opportunity</b>	<b>Contact</b>
St. Francis Soup Kitchen	904/829-8937
Helping at the Alpha Pregnancy Center	386/586-0210
Working at St. Vincent De Paul	386/693-4806
Project Share	386/503-1939 – Roseanne Stocker
Secret Santa's Workshop	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga
Community Cenacolo	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga
St. Gerard House/Crosses	904/829-5946
Singing at the Nursing Homes	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga
Running the 5K for Jamaica	386/793-6400 – Mary Reynolds
Participating in Life Teen Liturgies	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga
Serving at the Knights of Columbus Dinners	910/467-1601 – Angela Young
Volunteering to assist Pre K – 5 (LAMP)	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga

### **Rise Up/Fall Retreat**

November 19-20, 2016

### **Confirmation Practice**

Thursday May 11, 2017 6:30-8:00pm in the Church

### **Confirmation Day**

Saturday May 13, 2017 at 10:00am in the Church  
Reception and Pictures with the Bishop to follow in the Hall

### **Steubenville Conference Summer Trip**

June 30, 2017 to July 2, 2017

### **For great confirmation resources and free materials:**

[www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

[www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com)

**Sunday, Sunday, Sunday** podcast from Mark Hart



## ***Expectations of Candidates***

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### **The Candidate for Confirmation must complete the following requirements:**

1. Follow the precepts of the church (CCC#2041-2043).
2. Attend Sunday Mass weekly.
3. Attend or make-up all mandatory Sacramental Class Sessions.
4. Attend or make-up all mandatory Religious Education classes for 7th and 8th grade.
5. Complete at least 16 hours of Community Service, with eight of those hours served in the Parish and eight outside the Parish.
6. Choose a Confirmation sponsor who is a practicing, confirmed Catholic over the age of 16.
7. Choose a patron saint name and know the history of that saint.
8. Attend or make-up mandatory Confirmation Retreat.
9. Write a letter to the Bishop indicating your readiness and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
10. Pass an examination and an interview showing your knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.



# Saint Report

Due November 2, 2016

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## Outline/Worksheet for Writing a Summary of The Story of your Saint

**Directions:** There are three segments to this assignment. Read and complete each of the three segments in the order in which they are presented.

### Part One: About Your Name

My baptismal name is: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

I was named after: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable, a grandparent, parent, relative, family friend, etc.)

My parents chose this name for me because:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Confirmation Name will be based on: (*Choose one*)

- My baptismal name. I plan to keep this name because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I choose another Saint's name as my Confirmation name. The Saint I chose to pray to and imitate and whose name I have chosen for the Sacrament of Confirmation is:

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**Part Two: About Your Saint:**

Does your Saint have a feast day in the Church? Yes No

My Saint's feast day is: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ .

Month                      Date

What three events in the life of this Saint most impresses you? Why?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What three special virtues (a virtue is a good habit that enables a person to act with moral excellence, according to God's will) did the Saint have?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what two ways was this Saint most like Jesus?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Name one way this Saint showed love for others.

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How could you follow this Saint in your daily life today? Be specific. Give 3 examples.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I chose this Confirmation name because:

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Summarize or list 5 key events in your Saint's life story.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## Part Three: Your Saint Report

Now, write a separate report of your Saint's life story using the above information.

A *minimum* of **ONE** page is required.

1. Date of Birth, Date of Death, and Date of Canonization of your Saint.
2. Profession or vocation of your Saint.
3. Reasons for sainthood.
4. Personal qualities that others are called to model.
5. A symbol of his or her life.
6. One challenge that the Saint would offer to young people today.

You may use these websites as a resource for your project:

[www.catholic-forum.com/saints](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints)

[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)



# ***Guidelines for Confirmation Letters to Bishop Felipe Estevez***

**Due December 7, 2016**

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*Each candidate for Confirmation must compose a letter to Bishop Felipe Estevez.  
The following are guidelines and suggestions for the content of the letter.*

## **Addressing the Bishop**

*Address the envelope as follows: **To the Most Reverend Felipe Estevez, Bishop of St. Augustine**  
Begin the letter with the date and salutation: **Dear Bishop Estevez,***

## **Suggestions for the content of the letter**

**Tell the Bishop something about yourself.**

- Who are you? What do you like to do? Do you have any special interests or hobbies?
- What is different about you this year as compared to last year?
- How have you grown as a person?

**Request the Sacrament of Confirmation for yourself.**

**Indicate that this is your decision and the sacrament is one that you want to receive.**

1. In what ways has the preparation for the Sacrament helped you?
2. How does the Church understand the Eucharist? What does the Eucharist mean to you personally?
3. What will you do for the Church---for society as a confirmed Catholic?
4. What is your basic prayer life...both as an individual and as part of a family?
5. Someone has said Confirmation has good effects in stewardship. Explain what this might mean.

**Conclude your letter and thank the Bishop. Sign your letter in a format such as: Sincerely,  
Respectfully, Yours in Christ,**

**All letters are due on December 7**

**Things to remember:**

- All letters must be typed on one side of a plain sheet of paper.
- Please use appropriate paper (do not use paper ripped from a notebook, or scrap paper)
- Sign and date the letter

[www.Americancatholic.org](http://www.Americancatholic.org)



# Confirmation Candidate Registration/Records

Due January 4, 2017

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Information (please print or type) and complete ALL information even if we have  
Baptism/Communion on file.

Baptismal and Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Name (saint you have chosen): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Confirmation Day \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Baptism: Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received your First Reconciliation/First Communion? Yes  No

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Sponsor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text? Yes  No

Any important information we should know regarding your child?



## Confirmation Sponsor Information Sheet

Due February 1, 2017

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(Please Print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor at Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Place of Sponsor's Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsors:** Each candidate is to have a sponsor. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to assist the candidate in their faith journey and encourage the confirmed person to mature in Christian faith and witness. To be admitted to the role of sponsor a person must:

- have completed their 16<sup>th</sup> year
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist as well as one who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role undertaken as sponsor.
- not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (code of canon law 874)

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Sponsors unknown to the pastor are to provide written evidence from their parish that they fulfill these requirements. The rite suggests the sponsor of Baptism continue in this role at Confirmation. This presumes that the person still meets the requirements of canon 874.



# Confirmation Covenant

Due March 5, 2017

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, with the support of my family and sponsor,  
\_\_\_\_\_, commit myself to completing my sacramental initiation  
by preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I fully understand that by  
committing myself to this process I accept the responsibility to learn more about my  
faith, serve others willingly, reflect on my relationship with the Holy Spirit and become  
a witness to the Gospel values and oral precepts of the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Candidate's signature Date*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit to helping the above-named Confirmation  
candidate to achieve the goals and requirements necessary for Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian signature Date*



## Service Experience WorkSheet

Due April 5, 2017



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service Project: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read Matthew 25:31-46 before completing this hand-out.*

How does this reading affect you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name the Corporal Works of Mercy?

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.		

In completing your Service Hours, which activity touched you the most?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Come up with 3 ideas how to serve at home

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Come up with 3 ideas that you can do at the church

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What is a commitment you can make to continue to help the poor in our area?

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**Matthew 25: 31-46**

“When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will set on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will answer them, ***‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’.***”

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, in the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me. Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ***‘Truly, I say to you as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me’.*** And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25: 35-36)**

Feeding the hungry  
Sheltering the homeless  
Clothing the naked  
Give drink to the thirsty

Visiting the sick and imprisoned  
Burying the dead  
Giving alms to the poor





## *Service Hours*

### **Due April 5, 2017**

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

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following form to keep track of your service hours.** It is important to have the signature of the person in charge of the service activity to sign each entry. You may turn forms in during class or to the main office during the week. All hours will be recorded in the church database and can be printed out so you can use them in your schools as well.

**PLEASE NOTE: Any teen who would like to receive financial help  
for our summer trips must complete service hours to be considered.**

God bless and may you become the hands and feet of Christ.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”*  
- Matt. 25:35-36

DATE	HOURS	TYPE OF ACTIVITY	SPONSOR
		<i>Hours total from this page:</i>	
		<i>Hours total from back page:</i>	
		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Kim Cazzaniga, SMdM Youth Director*



## Confirmation Dress Code

Due May 3, 2017

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**Candidates for Confirmation must be dressed in their  
"Sunday-best" attire and follow these guidelines:**

### **For Young Men:**

- Dress pants (*no jeans*)
- Dress coat
- Shirt
- Tie

### **For Young Women:**

- A dress, or a skirt and blouse, or a pantsuit—*none of which may be tight-fitting*
- The dress or skirt must reach the knees (no mini-skirts) and cover the back.
- The dress or blouse must have sleeves that cover the shoulders. (*Spaghetti straps, etc. are not appropriate.*)
- No low-cut tops on blouses or dresses.

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I understand the dress code required for my Confirmation Mass and will abide by the above guidelines.

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*(Confirmation Candidate Signature) (Date)*

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*(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)*

