



Santa Maria del Mar
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2025 Confirmation Class

Catechists: Murph Borno and Denise Collins

Coordinator: Margie Check

Save the Dates:

Confirmation Retreat – Mandatory

January 18-19, 2025

Confirmation Rehearsal w/Sponsors - Mandatory

Wednesday, April 16th, 5-7pm in the Church

Confirmation Mass w/Bishop Erik Pohlmeier

Saturday, April 19th- 10:00 am

Please arrive no later than 9:15 am

Mandatory Parent Meetings: January 12th and March 9th

Mark your calendars for these important dates and required paperwork! All paperwork will be accepted in any one of the following manner on or before their due date.

- Sent electronically via email to Margie@smdmcc.org (Preferred)
- Original dropped off in the Religious Education office in the Learning Center on class day to Margie Check.

Any **mandatory** paperwork as indicated below that is not received prior to Confirmation the candidate **WILL NOT** receive their certificate. Reminders and notices of missing paperwork will be sent out.

Due Date	Form Name/Page	Note
October 27	Confirmation Covenant – Page 12	Mandatory
October 27	Saint Report – Page 5	Mandatory
December 1	NFCC Camp Release Form – Page 20 SMdM Field Trip Permission Form – Page 21	Mandatory
December 1	Bishop Letter– Page 8 and 9	Mandatory
December 1	Diocesan Record– Page 10	Mandatory
February 2	Confirmation Sponsor Information - Page 11	Mandatory
February 2	Confirmation dress code– Page 17	Mandatory
April 13	Service Experience– Page 13	Mandatory
April 13	Service Hours – Page 15	Mandatory

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION MEETING Sunday – 9:45 AM , Church Hall	
January 12	Confirmation Retreat Parent Meeting – at least one parent/guardian must attend
March 9	Final Confirmation Parent Meeting – at least one parent/guardian must attend

REMINDER:

Sacramental fee \$40 – covers course material, all teen sacramental material and overnight retreat

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.

Service Opportunity	For	Contact
Helping at the Alpha Pregnancy Center	Community	386/586-0210 -
Community Cenacolo	Community	386/931-8710 - Kim Cazzaniga
Working at St. Vincent De Paul	Parish	386/693-4806 - Judith Roy
Project Share	Parish	386/503-1939 - Roseanne Stocker
Secret Santa's Workshop	Parish	386/931-8710 - Denise Collins
St. Gerard House/Crosses	Parish	904/829-5946
Mission Possible 5K Run	Parish	386/793-6400 - Lizbeth Alicea
Participating in Mass Liturgies	Parish	386/439-2791 - Denise Collins
Volunteering to assist Pre K - 5	Parish	386/283-030 - Denise Collins

Confirmation Retreat (mandatory)

January 18-19, 2024

Confirmation Practice w/ Sponsor (mandatory)

Wednesday April 16th: 5PM-7PM

Confirmation Day

Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 AM in the Church
Pictures with Bishop, Teen and Family directly after Mass in the
Church and Reception in the Hall

Summer Activities

VBS (Vacation Bible School)
Camp Covecrest/Hidden Lake (date TBD)



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Expectations of Candidates

Each Candidate for Confirmation must complete the following requirements:

1. Follow the precepts of the church (CCC#2041-2043).
2. Attend Sunday Mass
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. **MANDATORY** : Complete at least eight hours of Community Service and eight hours of Parish Service.
6. **MANDATORY** : Choose a Confirmation sponsor who is a practicing, confirmed Catholic over the age of 16 (cannot be a parent).
7. **MANDATORY** : Choose a patron saint name and know the history of that saint.
8. Attend mandatory Confirmation Retreat.
9. **MANDATORY** : Write a letter to the Bishop indicating your readiness and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
10. **MANDATORY** : Turn in ALL COMPLETED forms as outlined in this packet by their due date or as close as possible. Reminders are sent monthly. Non-compliance will result in the candidate not receiving their Confirmation Certificate.

Part Two: About Your Saint:

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

My Saint's feast day is: _____(month) / _____ (day).

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. _____

Name one way this Saint showed love for others.

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:

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____


4. _____

5. _____

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

www.catholic-forum.com/saints

www.catholic.org/saints

 <p>Santa Maria of the Marshes Catholic Community of the Marshes</p> <p>915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Office Tel: 386.439.2791 www.smdmcc.org</p>	<p>BISHOP LETTER <i>Bishop Erik T. Pohlmeier</i></p> <p>MANDATORY</p> <p>No Confirmation Certificate will be issued if not received</p> <p>December 1, 2024</p>
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Each candidate for Confirmation must compose a letter to Bishop Erik T. Pohlmeier. The following are guidelines and suggestions for the content of the letter. Your letters must comply with these mandatory formatting rules and will be returned if not: (a template is provided as well)

- 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)
- Do not use any fancy or artistic type font
- Sign and date the letter
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Addressing the Bishop

ENVELOPE:

To the Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine

Begin the letter with the date and salutation:

Template for Bishop's Letter:

You can copy and paste this template onto a new, clean sheet of paper and replace the suggested guidelines in Blue with your own words

To the Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier
Bishop of St. Augustine

Dear Bishop Pohlmeier:

GUIDANCE POINT: Tell the Bishop something about yourself.

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

GUIDANCE POINT: Request the Sacrament of Confirmation for yourself. Indicate that this is your decision and the sacrament is one that you want to receive.

- In what ways has the preparation for the Sacrament helped you?
- How does the Church understand the Eucharist? What does the Eucharist mean to you personally?
- What are the challenges young people today are facing? How will Confirmation help you with these challenges?
- What is your basic prayer life? Both as an individual and as part of a family?
- Describe briefly the life of your Confirmation Saint and why you chose them

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

Your typed name below your signature with a date



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Diocesan Record

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**No Confirmation Certificate
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December 1st, 2024

*This information is used to record your teen's confirmation
in the Parish and Diocesan Ledgers*

Name (Teen):

Saint Name:

Age (at confirmation)

Baptism Date & Location:


Church Name

Address:

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Confirmation Sponsor

 <p data-bbox="289 436 652 487">Santa Maria/Mary</p> <p data-bbox="235 506 704 575">915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Office Tel: 386.439.2791 www.smdmcc.org</p>	<h2 data-bbox="786 281 1393 323">Confirmation Sponsor Information</h2> <p data-bbox="1003 365 1179 394">MANDATORY</p> <p data-bbox="899 436 1279 504">No Confirmation Certificate will be issued if not received</p> <p data-bbox="959 543 1219 577">February 2nd, 2025</p>
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(Please Print)

Student Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

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 meet the following requirements:

- have completed their 16th 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

Sponsors unknown to the pastor or are outside of the Diocese of St. Augustine are to provide written evidence from their parish that they fulfill these requirements.

 <p>915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Office Tel: 386.439.2791 www.smdmcc.org</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Confirmation Covenant</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">MANDATORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Confirmation Certificate will be issued if not received</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 27th, 2024</p>
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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

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Service Experience</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">MANDATORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Confirmation Certificate will be issued if not received</p>
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 <p data-bbox="272 401 636 451">Santa Maria del Mar</p> <p data-bbox="220 470 690 541">915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Office Tel: 386.439.2791 www.smdmcc.org</p>	<p data-bbox="967 233 1182 264" style="color: red; text-align: center;">April 13th, 2025</p>
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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. _____

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?

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

 <p style="text-align: center;"> Santa Maria Mater <small>— Catholic & Hispanic —</small> <small>— Pastoral & Liturgical —</small> </p> <p> 915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Office Tel: 386.439.2791 www.smdmcc.org </p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Confirmation Dress Code Candidates and Sponsors</h2> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">MANDATORY</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">No Confirmation Certificate will be issued if not received</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">February 2nd , 2025</p>
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**Candidates and their Sponsors for Confirmation
 must be appropriately dressed and follow these guidelines:**

For Young Men/Male Sponsors:

- Dress pants (*no jeans*)
- Sport coat (optional)
- Shirt
- Tie
- No sneakers

For Young Women/Female Sponsors:

- 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.
- White or pastel colors
- No sneakers

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

(Confirmation Candidate Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)



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Reflection for Sharing Confirmation Candidates and Sponsor and/or Parents

You have probably heard at least once a year since your child was born that you, the parents, are the primary religious educators of your children. Those of you who have committed to serve as sponsors and spiritually journey with these young people this year as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now being told the same thing. It is up to you to help this your person get ready to make a decision about faith, about God, and about the Church! It might sound like an overwhelming task. Perhaps you aren't sure how to begin or even just exactly what to do. In class the candidates cover the curriculum and subject matter for the sacrament. But faith is far more than that. This is where you come in. Show an interest in what your candidate is learning. See if he or she understands the material and if it makes sense in terms of his or her everyday life. Now go one step further than we go in class. Share the real story of your faith, the faith of your family. To help you out with this part, we have included one question a week for every week from November through February. This is our very own form of storytelling. In our busy world we often forget this very important way of passing our faith along to our children. These questions are meant as an aid, not as a rigid guide. Relax, have fun with this. Pick a good time in your family's schedule for a short, relaxed conversation and enjoy it!

Month: **Topic For Sharing**

- November What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you?
What is your favorite Bible story? Why?
Which saint do you connect with the most? Talk about this saint.
- December What kind of spiritual rituals did you observe in your home as you
were growing up? (October or May rosary; May crowning; Christmas
carols; Midnight Mass; Mass before opening gifts; saying Grace
before meals)
- January How can you make this advent season a spiritual time of
preparation for Christmas and Confirmation?
What is your favorite Christmas carol? Sing it together.
Share your family's Christmas rituals—are they mostly Christ
centered or secular? What can you do to make this time more
Christ Centered?
- February Tell a story about someone who was a positive influence on your
faith life
What are you thankful for this week and what did God have to do
with it?
- March How have you experienced the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life?
Why are you Catholic? What makes Catholics different from other
Christian faiths? What do you enjoy most about being Catholic?
Tell a story about when someone really helped you out when they
were Christ for you.
- April Name a person who is Spirit-filled. Tell why you think of him/her
this way.
If you could ask God any one question, and He would answer it
what would you ask and why?
How do you see your relationship with Jesus—friend or servant?
Are you ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Discuss the importance of staying involved in the Church after Confirmation. Will you get involved with Santa Maria del Mar Life Teen? Will you continue participating in religion classes? Why or why not? Find out about Religious Education or Life Teen. When do they meet? How can you join? Find out what you can do for your Parish.

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Statement of Individual Exemption from Liability*

(Give to staff at NFCSC upon arrival to event)

North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc.

6779 Camp Road, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

I do hereby release North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc., its directors, employees, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death. This also includes property damage and expense of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred while using the equipment and facilities of North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc.

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is prohibited. I have read and agree to follow the rules and guidelines for North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc. **Initial:** _____

I affirm that I, as well as all members of my household, do not currently have, have not come in contact with anyone who has, nor have experienced the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, fatigue, dry cough, difficulty breathing) within the last 14 days. I affirm that no one in my household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 nor traveled outside of the country or to any COVID “hot spots” within the last 30 days. I understand that North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc. cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus. **Initial:** _____

I agree to allow North Florida Christian Service Camp, Inc. to use photographs or videos taken of me or my child while participating in activities at Camp for marketing purposes in printed publications, the company website, and/or social media pages. (check one)

YES

NO

Family members (include names and ages) covered under this waiver:

Signatures of all adults over the age of 18:

****one form per family****



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MANDATORY

Field Trip Permission Slip
*Parent Permission and
Release of Liability*

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Description: _____

Event Location: _____

Transportation: _____

Date: _____ Departure Time: _____ Return Time: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

The undersigned parent, guardian or legal representative hereby consents to the participation of the above-noted child in the event described and further consents to the conditions stated above on participating in this event, including the method of transportation. It is understood that this event will take place away from the parish grounds and that the child will be under the supervision of a designated parish employee(s)/volunteer(s) on the stated dates.

For and in consideration of the child being allowed to participate in this event, and other valuable consideration, the undersigned parent, guardian or legal representative, on behalf of the child and the child's parents, personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, does hereby release and hold harmless the Diocese of St. Augustine, Erik T. Pohlmeier as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, a corporation sole, Bishop Erik T. Pohlmeier, individually, the above noted parish and employees and agents of said parties engaged in this particular event, their personal representatives of assigns, from any loss or damage on account of any injury to the person or the personal property, of the child, or death, caused by negligence or otherwise, while the child is engaged in the above-stated event or in transportation to and from said event. The undersigned expressly agrees that this release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Florida, and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

The undersigned parent, guardian, legal representative further acknowledges that he/she is authorized to enter this Agreement on behalf of the child, and the child's parents, personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.

Parent _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Phone/H: _____

Phone/W: _____

Phone/C: _____

Witness: *Santa Maria representative*

Witness: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____