

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

Confirmation completes your full initiation into the Catholic Church, a Church rooted in service. As part of your preparation for Confirmation, therefore, you are required to do 25 hours of service. The service should be distributed in the following way:

5 hours for your Church -St. Philip's (not all altar serving!)

parish festival

parish Thanksgiving dinner (we need help on Tues. Nov. 23 from 5-8PM)

youth-sponsored service opportunities

participation at Youth Meetings

Vacation Bible School

10 hours for your community

neighbors

community projects: i.e. American Heart Association, Relay for Life

10 hours for your family

chores above and beyond what you normally do

The service must be done by you, and you may not be paid for it.

All service should be recorded in the Service Journals, dated and signed by the individual supervising the project.

# CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORTS



**The Saint Report is done on the saint whose name you are choosing as your Confirmation name.**

Confirmation candidates can be working on their saint report. Reports need to be at least one full page typed and must be written in the student's own words in paragraph form. Include the following points in your report: reason for choosing this saint's name, facts about the saint's life, contributions of the saint to our faith, feast day, what you can learn from the saint and how s/he can help you in your life today and in the future. Your report should show evidence of some connection between you and this saint.

**DO NOT COPY A PAGE FROM THE INTERNET AND HAND IT IN AS YOUR OWN!  
It will not be accepted.**

**Saint Reports will be due in October 2009.**

**Contact Christine Miller if you need additional help. I will be happy to offer any assistance.**

**Using the Internet for research? Type in keywords: Catholic Saints.**

**Confirmation Meeting**  
**October 22, 2008**



**Welcome and Introductions**

**Father Mark Weiss**

**Catechists: Barbara Navin, Christine Miller, Steve Bertz**

**DRE: Christine Miller, MA**

**Opening Prayer Acts 2 The Sending of the Holy Spirit**  
**Parent Sharing Memories of Confirmation**

**Catechesis**

**Confirmation as Sacrament of Initiation**

**Identity, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

**Sharing**

**What is new, different or deeper for you?**

**Confirmation Requirements**

**Mass Attendance**

**Class Attendance, Participation, Work**

**Saint Report**

**Service and Journal**

**Forms**

**Attendance at Rituals and Retreat**

**Other**

**Attire for Confirmation- ROBES \$20.00 fee**

**Boys: dress shirt, tie, dress pants, dress shoes**

**Girls: modest dress or blouse and skirt, dress shoes**

**After-Retreat Dinner?**

**Rite of Enrollment**  
**November 9, 2008**

Miss Miller:

Today we welcome our young people into formal preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. We invite our candidates for Confirmation, along with their sponsor or another adult, to stand at their pews. Youth of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, you have begun your preparation for Confirmation. We ask you the following questions to verify your willingness to continue on your journey of faith.

**Father Weiss: Are you willing to participate in this program of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, realizing that this sacrament is a commitment to the Catholic Church and to God?**

Candidates: I am.

**Father Weiss: Are you willing to fulfill the program requirements, to pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon you, and to lead a sacramental life?**

Candidates: I am.

**Father Weiss: Are you willing, when you are confirmed, to return to this parish, filled with the Holy Spirit, to share that Spirit with all you meet and to live according to the rules and privileges of the Catholic Church?**

Candidates: I am.

**Father Weiss: Then in the name of our parish, I welcome you to sign your Enrollment Promises. In return, our parish will support you in prayer as you look toward the day of Confirmation. When you finish signing your promises, please come forward to hand in your promises and receive a blessing.**

Candidates hand in Enrollment Promise and stand before the altar for the prayer of blessing.

**Confirmation Meeting for Grade 7 Youth and Parents  
January 27, 2009**



## **Opening Prayer**

### **Overview of Confirmation**

The [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) states:

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the [apostles](#) on the day of [Pentecost](#). From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- \*it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15);
- \*it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- \*it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- \*it renders our bond with the Church more perfect (cf. Lumen gentium, 11);
- \*it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

### **Remarks from Father Weiss**

#### **Components of the Program**

**Mass Attendance**  
**Prayer**  
**Class Attendance**  
**Study**  
**Saint Report**  
**Service**  
**Forms**

## **Important Dates for Confirmation**

<b>Sunday November 24</b>	<b>Rite of Enrollment of Names 8:30 or 10:00AM Mass</b>
<b>Sunday December 8</b>	<b>Application and Sponsor Information Sheet Sponsor Eligibility Letter (if required)</b>
<b>Sunday January 12</b>	<b>Saint Report</b>
<b>Sunday February 2</b>	<b>Permission Forms and Money for Retreat</b>
<b>Friday February 21-22</b>	<b>Retreat at Gretna Glen</b>

**Sunday March 2**  
**Sunday March 9**

**Saturday March 15**

**Service Journals**

**Rite of Sending 8:30 and 10:00AM Mass**

**Confirmation Practice 2:00PM**

**Celebration of Confirmation 10:00AM**