

Calendar of Confirmation Events & Dates Due:

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October 17, 2021

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December 1, 2021

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- **Confirmation Candidate Reconciliation**

March 23, 2022 at Our Lady of Mercy

- **Confirmation at Rosary Cathedral**

March 26, 2022 10:00 AM



Confirmation Candidate Enrollment

Date: October 17, 2021 10:30 AM

This service of commitment is a liturgical step that marks the end of one phase of preparation and marks the beginning of the final phase of preparation before the sacrament. We are a liturgical church and we mark milestones with liturgical actions. This service is **required** of all Confirmation candidates and parent(s). Sponsors are welcome to attend but are not required.

Confirmation Information Sheet

Due Date: December 1, 2021

Parents and siblings who are trained Eucharistic Ministers or Altar Servers at St. Peter are encouraged to participate at the Confirmation Mass. Please indicate your interest on the back of the Confirmation Information Sheet.

- **Certificate Name**

Each teen will receive a certificate on Confirmation Day. The name of the certificate will be that which is listed on the baptismal certificate. Traditionally, first, middle and last names are used. You may choose to include your teen's confirmation name if you wish. Please print the name clearly and neatly on the form.

- **Confirmation Sponsor**

We need to have the proper and legal name of the sponsor, printed very carefully. This information is required for our Sacramental Records and to complete the paperwork for the parish of baptism. Your sponsor must go to their parish and present the form titled 'Confirmation Sponsor Certification' to their parish priest. The priest will sign the document and affix the parish's seal testifying that the sponsor meets all the requirements of a sponsor.

Please Note: We cannot process your teen's Confirmation paperwork until we have a Baptismal Certificate, Sponsor Certification, and the Confirmation Information Sheet are on file in the office.

Saint Report

Due Date: December 1, 2021

A sample of a Saint Report and suggested resources can be found at the end of this packet

In this packet, we offer a sample report to guide you and your teen in the making his/her own Saint Report prior to approval for Confirmation. **Our Confirmation candidates must know their Saint's names in preparation for the retreat.**

The preferred choice of the Catholic Church is to use the saint's name given at Baptism as a Confirmation name to emphasize the connection between the two sacraments. If the baptismal name is not that of a saint, you should choose a saint's name for Confirmation. It is a Catholic custom to add, in Confirmation, a new name to those we already possess; or rather to place ourselves under the patronage of a patron saint.

It is almost as though, in awe of the new dignity, to which we are raised—that of disciples witnessing to Christ—that we realize our need to have powerful friends in heaven, and so we add another patron saint to those we were given at baptism. It is by this new name that the bishop addresses us as he places his hand upon our head and calls down upon us the Holy Spirit who can, if we allow Him, to transform our lives. Your teen may enjoy taking on a name different than the name given at baptism because it is a name they have chosen. For example, if your son or daughter demonstrates a talent such as music, they might consider Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians or a teen that would like a career as an attorney might choose Saint Thomas Moore, the patron saint of attorneys.

In Year I, we start to investigate the lives of many saints. Hopefully, your teen found the story of a saint's life that resonates with their own and that you have talked with them about the gifts and talents you see in them. If these things have taken place, your teen is now able to decide that they would like to formally take the name of this saint as their own patron and protector.

It is important that each candidate learn about their chosen patron saint. Your son or daughter is, after all, asking this saint to be a mentor and an advocate for them for the rest of their lives. When our children play sports or a musical instrument, we encourage them to watch and to listen to the best in their given field. Well, it is the same with our saints. They can first, serve as sources of great inspiration and secondly, it is important to study the techniques of the masters. Our saints are great men and women who have trained tirelessly and perfected the art of living virtuous and holy lives. **The saint report must be written about the saint the candidate has chosen for Confirmation.**

The report should include the following information:

- A short biography and history of the saint i.e., when and where he/she lived, what he/she did to become a saint.
- Why the teen chose this saint as their patron for Confirmation.
- List at least 3 reasons why the candidate finds the saint's life interesting or inspiring.

The saint reports **must be typed** and should be about one to two pages in length. We do have some resources available in the RE Office. If you need any additional assistance in locating resources let us know and we will be happy to help! A sample saint report can be found at the end of this packet along with a list of Internet resources. Your local public library may also have some available resources as well.

If your teen decides not to take a saint name for Confirmation and wants to use their baptismal name this is fine. However, they still need to research their name and write a report.

Confirmation Sponsor Certification

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Faith Conversations Begin

Dates: Will take place after January 19

A sample of the Confirmation Interview Questions can be found at the end of this packet.

All Confirmation candidates will be interviewed to assure they are prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The interview questions are included in this packet to help them prepare before we break for Christmas. Please note that the questions are only a sample of what may be asked or discussed.

Confirmation Retreat

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 @ 10:50 am- 5:00 pm

Please arrive by 10:50am for the retreat. The candidates will attend Mass after the Retreat with their families. The candidates should know their Confirmation Saint Name for the retreat.

Confirmation candidates are required to participate in our Confirmation retreat. If a candidate does not attend the one offered by St. Peter, they will need to attend a retreat at another parish. Candidates should dress comfortably for the retreat and appropriate attire for Mass at the end of the retreat. We will serve pizza for lunch. If your teen does not like pizza, please feel free to send a

bagged lunch.

Details are being finalized for the Confirmation Retreat: the location and Mass time will be announced at a later date.

Candidates traditionally participate in our retreat as part of their formation process and experience. This is done for groups preparing for the sacrament as well as fellowship groups. Our Confirmation Classroom Communities of Faith come together for a Retreat experience prior to Confirmation. This helps them see that they are part of a larger reality in this process. They often encounter school classmates that they did not realize were preparing also. They see that the church is truly universal and not just a classroom. This is also a time when they are 'bridging' into their Youth Ministry years.

Confirmation Tour of Cathedral

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Fr. Stanbery reserves the Rosary Cathedral for a tour for the Confirmands. This tour helps connect our parish with the diocese and the symbols, art, and office of the Bishop that will surround the Confirmands on the day of their Confirmation. There are only a few weeks left in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the *Pastor Letters of Request* are about to be received by Father. Father utilizes this time, along with the letters, assessing Confirmands readiness.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Cathedral, is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610. If you are unable to get your student there, I will be driving and can take a couple of students if necessary – please contact me. If your student is unable to participate, you **MUST** contact Fr. Stanbery (he will NOT contact you). Failure to attend or contact Father may result in your student not being recommended for Confirmation.

Mass Reflection Journal Sheets

Due Date: February 23, 2022

Each candidate is required to carefully complete a total of 12 *Mass Reflection Journal Sheets*. The reflections may be used at either a weekday or weekend liturgy Mass. **Mass that is televised will not be accepted towards this requirement unless there is a dispensation on Mass attendance.**

Confirmation Practice and Retreat with Sponsor

Date: February 23, 2022 6:30 - 7:45 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity for the candidates and sponsors to have time set aside to reflect, share stories of faith, pray and set the tone for Confirmation day. The candidates and sponsors should come dressed comfortably. If the Sponsor cannot attend the retreat, a parent is welcome to attend in their place. **This event is required of all our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors.** We will gather in the church for rehearsal for Confirmation day.

Bishop Letters

Due Date: February 23, 2022

A sample of both the Bishop & Pastor Letters can be found at the end of this packet

Each candidate is required to write a formal letter to the confirming bishop of the diocese who will be presiding at Confirmation. Bishop Daniel Thimas will preside over our Confirmation on March 26, 2022. The letter should include at least five paragraphs. The contents of the letter should include the following information:

- A formal request to the Bishop to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the faith of the Catholic Church.
- A statement that your son or daughter is making their own decision about becoming a confirmed Catholic.

- A brief personal history. They can include information about themselves, your family, i.e., where they are from, where they attend school, hobbies, or dreams about the future.
- Information about how they prepared for Confirmation such as participating in retreats and any service they may have done or would like to continue doing post Confirmation.
- A statement on why their Sponsor was selected as their Confirmation witness.

This is a formal letter and serves as your teen's request for full initiation into the Catholic faith. The letter should be written thoughtfully and be respectful in tone. The letter should be typed and checked for spelling and grammar.

If your teen does not have access to a computer, please let the RE Office staff know. . The bishops **do read each letter and they match the letters to the parish seating chart.** Please make sure the letters are appropriate in content and appearance and **deliver them to the RE Office** on or before the above due.

Pastor Letter

Due Date: February 23, 2022

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The pastor's letter should be similar in format to the bishop's letter. Fr. Stanbery will read each letter he receives. In both cases, parents are asked to review what their teen has written before turning the letters into the RE Office.

These letters should not be mailed to the bishop/pastor. Please turn letters into the RE Office so that we can submit completed packets of letters to the bishop and pastor offices.

Candidates can use the same letter for the pastor. The pastor's letter salutation should read as follows: Dear Father Stanbery,...

Works of Mercy Log Packet

Due Date: March 9, 2022

Year II candidates are to fulfill 12 hours of service. Ideally, service hours should be divided as evenly as possible between service to family, parish and the community at large. Candidates need to fill out the service hour forms and turn them into the RE Office. We will review and record the hours and then return them to your teen.

Teens are encouraged to keep record of the service hour forms and document all future community service activities during their high school careers and develop a *Service Portfolio* which could be used later to apply for service-based college scholarships. The forms are also an excellent resource for writing the Bishop's letter.

The RE Office is not responsible for scheduling or providing service hours. We recognize the scheduling demands that many parents and teens face and we do our best to suggest, and in some cases provide service opportunities here at the parish. We notify our families via text message, by email or through weekly posts in the Sunday Bulletin about the various service opportunities we become aware of at the parish or the community at large.