



CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION

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FOR THE

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OF THE

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OF

CONFIRMATION

2022-23

List of Requirements & DUE DATES

1. Copy of your Baptismal and First Communion Certificates if not at St. Junipero Serra Parish – 10/2/22
2. Essay: Why I Want to be Confirmed – 10/16/22
3. Sponsor's Name and Sponsor Affirmation – 11/13/22
4. Confirmation Name and Saint Composition – 12/11/22
5. Confirmation Service Part 1 Completed (10 hours) - 1/29/23
6. Confirmation Service Part 2 Completed (5 hours) – 5/21/23
7. Confirmation Retreat– 5/21/23 (11-5PM – SMM)

Why I Want to be Confirmed Essay

Your Name: _____

Please write an essay of 300 words or more explaining:

- what the sacrament of Confirmation means to you,
- why you want to receive it, and
- how you can see it having an impact on your life now and in the future.

Feel free to type on a separate paper or legibly write your essay on the front and back side of this paper. Upload to google classroom by 10/16.

Sponsor Information & Your Sponsor's Affirmation

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

1. A person who is at least 16 years of age.
2. A person who is Catholic, confirmed and who has already received the Eucharist.
3. A person who leads a life in harmony with the faith including attending Mass on a regular basis.
4. A person who will later help the Confirmed to fulfill his/her Baptismal promises and Confirmation commitment.
5. A person who obtains a sponsor certificate from his/her parish or if from this parish, is approved by the pastor.
6. A person who will be present for rehearsal and the ceremony (late May / Early June).

NOTE:

1. To show the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged but not necessary to have the same Baptismal Sponsor as the Confirmation sponsor.
2. Only one sponsor can be chosen.
3. The sponsor need not be the same sex as the Candidate.
4. A father, mother, or step-parent may not be the sponsor.

Your Sponsor's Affirmation Form

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish they belong to (Name): _____

Location of parish: _____

**A Sponsor certificate from their parish is needed if they
are not registered at St. Junipero Serra Parish.
(This is on the Confirmation page of the parish website)**

Please hand in or upload to google classroom by 11/13

Confirmation Name
(Must be a saint's name)

Candidate's Name: _____

Your choice of a Confirmation name: _____

Why I Chose My Saint Essay
(Needs to be at least 2 paragraphs)

Include a brief biography of the saint including:

- Important dates
- Places the saint lived
- What the saint was famous for and is the patron saint of
- What his/her life was like and
- The virtues he/she had that you desire to imitate

Then please explain why you chose this saint.

Please type or write neatly on another paper.

Upload to Google classroom by 12/11

Community Service

These activities are to be done keeping in mind the guidelines that the governor and bishop issue for the safety of all.

Along with *forming a deeper interior faith*, youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford has the major goals of *integrating young Catholics into the ongoing life of the parish* and *guiding young Catholics toward actively following Jesus Christ*. The Confirmation Classes aim at the first goal, while the Community Service Component aims at the second and third. St. Junipero Serra Confirmation Candidates are required to volunteer for **15** hours of community service during this last year of the preparation program. An additional **15** hours were collected from the first year.

- A. At least **4 hours** service in the *Life of the Parish* – Donut Sunday, Bingo, bulletins, Altar Server, Choir, Lector, Greeter, Usher, replace hymnals in pews, decorate Church for holiday or wedding, serve at parish function, etc.
- B. At least **4 hours** service in the *Corporal Works of Mercy* – Actively assist those suffering, outside Church walls
 - a. Feed the hungry/give drink to the thirsty – St. Vincent de Paul or other food drives.
 - b. Shelter the homeless – go on parish trip to one of the homeless shelters, Habitat for Humanity.
 - c. Clothe the naked – Assist a winter clothing drive.
 - d. Visit the sick – helping seniors, spend time with someone homebound or in hospital.
 - e. Bury the dead – pray for a deceased person at their grave.
 - f. Visit the prisoners – probably wait until you're older for this one.
- C. You can fill in the remainder (~7 hours) with *General Community Service* – Helping neighbor with yardwork/shoveling, Interact club, tutoring, teacher's aide, reading to young children at library, etc.

Helping with the Summer Vacation Bible School generally takes more than 10 hours. These can be applied to either the first year, second year, or split between both, in either *Life of the Parish* or *General Community Service* categories.

Latest update on guidelines and ideas for Service hours can be found on the Parish Confirmation Page:

<https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org/confirmation/>

The form below is also available under “Documents” on the Confirmation page on the parish website.

Saint Junipero Serra Parish - Service Hour Report Form				
Date	Type of Service	Location of Service	Signature of witness	# of Hrs.
	Church - SJS			
	Work of Mercy - WM			
	Community service - CS			

**Confirmation 2 Covenant -- St. Junipero Serra Parish
(Student's Copy to be kept)**

ACKNOWLEDGING MY RESPONSIBILITY TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL COVENANT BETWEEN GOD, MY PARISH, AND ME,

I, _____, UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATION:
(Print Student's Name)

- 1) To attend Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Night Vigil) and Holy Day, to receive Holy Communion and to go to confession and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- 2) To pray daily and strive to live in the Holy Spirit, fulfilling my baptismal promises.
- 3) To be faithful to my commitment of being a follower of Jesus by my words and deeds, striving to live a moral life according to the teaching of the Catholic Church and being a witness of the Gospel to all I meet.

AS A MEMBER OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PARISH, I WILL FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM. BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, I PROMISE:

1) To submit the paperwork for my Confirmation Registration Packet by the assigned dates. If packet is not completed by the end of March, the student will have to wait until the following year to make his/her Confirmation. The Registration Packet includes:

- The sponsor's name and official sponsor affirmation form
- A valid baptismal certificate and First Holy Communion Certificate
- An essay indicating the choice of Confirmation name and a biography about the patron Saint's life and the reasons for choosing this patron saint.
- The candidate's essay: Why I Want to be Confirmed?

- 2) To complete 15 hours of service, including at least 8 hours for my church and works of mercy, 7 hours for the community.
- 3) To make the parish Confirmation Retreat and attend any other spiritual teen events offered.
- 4) To attend the Penance Service prior to Confirmation.
- 5) To participate in the Confirmation Classes and be responsible about attendance and homework. (No more than three classes should be missed.)
- 6) To act in a respectful manner at all times and to live as a responsible member of my family and my parish befitting my identity as a disciple of Christ. In regards to Confirmation, I will abide by all the decisions of the Confirmation Program director and the parish priest.

***It is my further understanding that, should any of the above promises not be fulfilled, I may not be permitted to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Junipero Serra Parish.**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

(signature of student Confirmation Candidate)

Witnessed by parents/guardians:

_____ **Date:** _____

(Signature of Parents/Guardians)