



# Sacrament of Confirmation Letter of Intent Packet

January 2022

Dear High School Teens and Parents,

All teens who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to officially enroll in the immediate preparation for the sacrament. This preparation can be done once the high school teen has completed (or is close to completing) the requirements for the Sacrament.

To enroll in the Confirmation preparation to receive the sacrament in the Fall of 2022, teens **MUST** complete the "Letter of Intent for the Sacrament of Confirmation" form included with this letter. Candidates will need to choose a **Sponsor and Confirmation name**. This information needs to be included on the form (details on both of these is included). **The DEADLINE to return this form is Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to the Family and Youth Formation Office (R.E. Office).**

Once candidates have returned the Letter of Intent they will be asked to attend the Opening Kick-Off Session on Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in OLM Church. **This meeting is required for the Teen Candidate and at least one Parent to attend.** Information on the program and details for the candidate's sponsor will be given out at this meeting.

Here are the remaining elements of the program:

**Online Sign-Up** for the **Summer Discovery Retreat and Preparation Course** will take place May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- The Discovery Retreats are offered Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7 and August 13-14 and will be held at LaSalle Manor Retreat House in Plano, IL. (about a 20 minute drive from OLM). The teen candidate will need to attend ONE of these retreat weekends.
- The Preparation Course (5 sessions) will be offered on Sundays beginning in late August and going through late September/early October.

The last step before receiving the sacrament is the **Faith Conversation meeting #2**. This will be done in October and include the candidate, sponsor (or a parent can stand in for the sponsor if they cannot attend) as well as their Faith Mentor.

Finally, the rehearsal and ceremony will be planned for the fall, usually in November. Details on this will be given out once we receive our date from the Bishop.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely In Christ,

*Dave Miserendino*

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Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

# Information on Choosing a Confirmation Name & Sponsor

## CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The Candidate must choose a sponsor before entering the preparation program. The sponsor **MUST** be a confirmed, practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years of age. **The sponsor may NOT be the father or mother of the Candidate.** When feasible, the Candidate's baptismal sponsor (God Parents) may be chosen as the Confirmation sponsor.

We urge the Candidate to choose someone who lives nearby so he or she can participate in the program along with the Candidate and lend spiritual support to the Candidate in the coming years. Sponsors are asked to attend the Faith Conversation #2, Rehearsal, and Confirmation Ceremony.

Sponsors are encouraged to meet frequently with the Candidate to share in the preparation process. The name, address, and parish of the sponsor should be documented on the Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form. Sponsors will also be given a handbook to guide in their role as sponsor.

## CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

A Candidate must choose a Confirmation name before entering the preparation program. A name identifies us in a unique way, not just our physical selves, but who we are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history.

You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life.

Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says "Yahweh calls each of us by name." The name should be documented on the Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form.

To learn more about the saints of the Catholic Church, see the website listed below

Patron Saints Index: <https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

# Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form

## 2021-2022

I would like to participate in the preparation program to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Mercy Church. I have completed the requirements set forth by the parish and I am now ready for the immediate preparation.

Please fill out the information below: *(Please note that teen Candidates will need to choose a Confirmation Name and Sponsor before returning this form—please see the attached information on choosing a name and sponsor.)*

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (Maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Service and Discipleship Documentation

Teens are asked to complete the following sections describing their Service and Discipleship projects.

## Service Projects-must have completed 3 different projects

Please list the 3 projects you completed: \*\*\*If you have not yet completed a project, please still list it here and indicate when you will complete it.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how this service helped those in need. Please be as specific as possible.

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## Discipleship Project

Please list what you did to complete the Discipleship Project (include names of project or events that fulfilled this requirement). \*\*\*If you have not yet completed a project, please still list it here and indicate when you will complete it.

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How did completing this project help you become more of a disciple of Jesus Christ? Please give specific examples of how this occurred.

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**\*\* PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY Feb. 28, 2022 TO THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE  
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