



# **ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled according to the Bishop's calendar.

### **CONFIRMATION DRESS CODE**

*For Guys:*

- Dress trousers (no Jeans), with a shirt and tie
- A coat is recommended but is not necessary.

*For Girls:*

- A dress, or skirt and blouse, or pantsuit, none of which may be tight fitting.
- The dress or skirt must reach the knees (no mini-skirts) and dress must cover the back.
- The dress or blouse must have sleeves that cover the shoulders. (Spaghetti straps, etc. are not sleeves.)
- No low cut tops on blouses or dresses.
- Please wear appropriate undergarments when wearing light colored clothing.

### **DOCUMENTS**

Candidate Information Sheet

Sponsor Information Sheet

Guidelines for Confirmation Sponsors

### **SERVICE HOURS**

- You must complete three (3) different forms of service to fulfill your confirmation requirements.
  1. Service in the Community
  2. Service within your church

3. Service for your family.
- There is no hour requirement but we do ask you to try to make the Service substantial.
  - After completing each service, complete an essay with a description of:
    1. Your service;
    2. Who benefited from it;
    3. What you learned from it.
  - Please **DO NOT** wait until the last minute to complete your service and the essays.

### ***Confirmation Service Hour Ideas***

*Community Idea:* Prevention Coalition

*Church Ideas:* Angel tree drop-off and help wrap and organize gifts for local needy families; help with Church cleaning, grounds maintenance, yard sale and other events

*Family Ideas:* Help elderly relative with household chores; help family with yardwork or house work; wash parents' cars for a month, etc.

### **LETTERS TO THE BISHOP**

As the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop wishes to be acquainted with the candidates he will be confirming. Candidates write to the Bishop prior to their Confirmation as a way of introducing themselves to the Bishop. Letters should be received by the Bishop three weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These are the question the youth should reflect upon in their letters:

- 1) In what ways has the preparation for the Sacrament helped you?
- 2) How does the Church understand the Eucharist? What does the Eucharist mean to you personally?
- 3) What will you do for the Church ... for society as a confirmed Catholic?
- 4) What is your basic prayer life ... both as an individual and as part of a family?
- 5) Someone has said the Sacrament of Confirmation has good effects in stewardship. Explain what this might mean.