

PARENT PLEDGE

(**Second year** Candidates, 2023-2024)

Parent Pledge due with Candidate Commitment Form & Attendance Policy - Please Print Legibly!!

DUE: October 15, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our Religious Education department records indicate that your son/daughter is in their

Second Year of Confirmation Formation, therefore seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring 2024.

PARENT PLEDGE

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____
hereby renew the commitment I made on the day of my child's Baptism.

_____ I accept the responsibility of training my child in the practice of the faith.

_____ I accept the duty of bringing my child up to keep God's commandments, i.e.; **attend mass regularly**.

_____ I reject Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises.

_____ I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

_____ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I hereby also promise to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the expectations required of the parents of the Confirmation Candidate of the OLMC Confirmation program. By signing this document, I am truthfully saying that I have both read and understand what is expected of myself and my child. I choose to:

_____ Faithfully strive to live out my sacrament covenant with God. (I will seek to be an example of Christ in their daily life.)

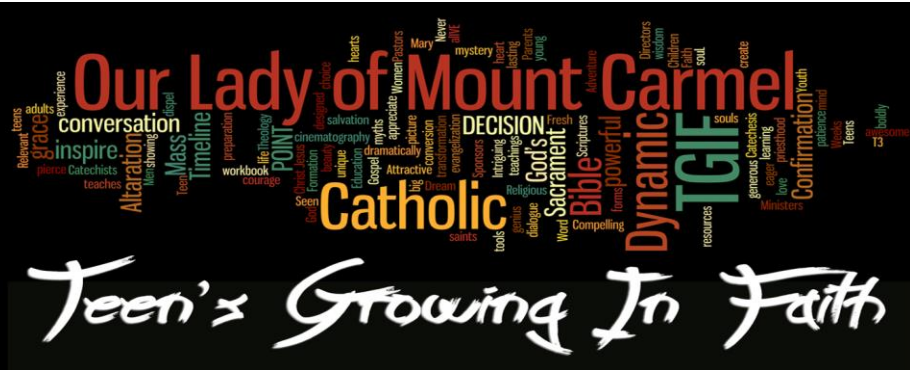
_____ Diligently help my child to complete **ALL** the requirements of the OLMC Confirmation program in a timely and acceptable manner.

_____ Meet all Parent requirements (incl. attending (1) "Class on the Sacraments" with Deacon Robert by 1/28/24).

_____ Spend time with my child helping them develop an active life of faith.

X _____
(Signature of parent/guardian)

Date



MASS and CLASS Attendance Policy for Confirmation Formation

DUE: October 15, 2023

As we prepare for Confirmation, two of the most important requirements are attendance at **Mass** and at Faith Formation **Class** sessions (**TGIF**).

MASS - is the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith. Life with Jesus in the Catholic Church is the best possible way to live. Jesus gave us The Church and The Holy Sacraments so we are strengthened in communion with Him until we are united with Him in Heaven. We don't want to miss this. Sacrament Students are to attend Mass every Sunday and on all Holy Days of Obligation. After Mass, the Student is to have the Priest sign a Bulletin to turn in to their TGIF Catechist or TGIF Leader, Ben Polasek. Only 3 Bulletins may be missed.

CLASS - At OLMC, our Faith Formation sessions are both a combination of class with large and small group discussion so that our youth can learn and experience Christ in a variety of different settings. Attendance at all of our Faith Formation sessions is vital to their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for **continuing in lifelong faith formation as we are all called to do**. As we prepare for Confirmation, it is our duty as Candidates to be present and engaged at all TGIF Faith Formation sessions so to fully be ready to make the decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and enter into the life of the Church. There may be sessions during the year that our Candidates will meet when our other grades are off due to the nature of Confirmation preparation.

If a Confirmation Candidate misses a class, they must makeup the class on their own time and turn it in at class, directly to their TGIF Catechist or TGIF Leader, Ben Polasek. Minimum of 3 classes must be made up.

Students that miss more than 3 Bulletins being turned in to their Catechist will be INELIGIBLE for Confirmation for the year of formation they are currently in.

A meeting with Fr. Piotr must be set up by Candidate to discuss continuation and commitment to Confirmation formation.

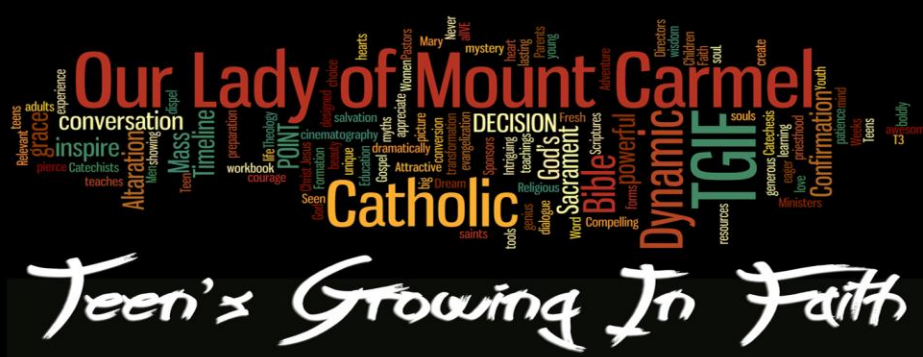
Students that miss more than 6 Classes will be INELIGIBLE for Confirmation for the year of formation they are currently in. **A meeting with Fr. Piotr must be set up by Candidate to discuss continuation and commitment to Confirmation formation.**

Name of Candidate (print)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Witnessed by: _____
Signature(s) of Candidate's Parents(s)/Legal Guardian(s)



SELECTING A CONFIRMATION SAINT

(Second year Candidates, 2022-2023)

SAINT ESSAY DUE DEC. 17, 2023

Each Confirmation Candidate chooses a Saint as a patron and is confirmed under that Patron Saint's name. A **Patron Saint** is someone already in heaven with whom we feel a connection, want to imitate, and from whom we request intercession throughout life.

The tradition of taking on a new name reflects a new role in life. This is evident throughout the Scriptures, e.g. "Abram" was changed to "Abraham" which means "Father of Many Nations," and Simon was changed to "Peter" which means "Rock" because Jesus founded His Church upon him as the first pope.

When you choose a new name for your Confirmation, it should be the name of a Saint you have read and learned about, admire, and want to imitate. You should not choose a Saint because you like his/her name. You should choose a Saint that you want to be like.

The selected name for Confirmation should be the name of a Saint that has been officially canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

Titles of Mary such as "Our Lady of ..." should not be used for Confirmation. The Candidate in this case can choose "Mary" or "Maria" as their Confirmation name.

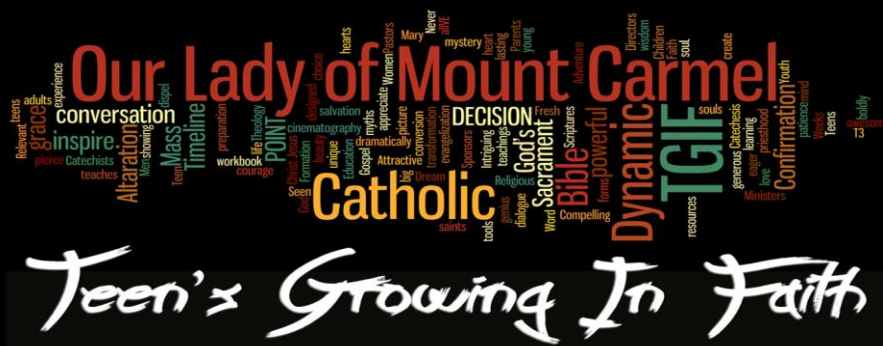
Practical Guidelines in Selecting a Saint

- You should be familiar with this Saint's life. It is to be hoped that you see similarities between you and this Saint and/or want to aspire to be like this Saint.
- The Saint you select should be someone you look up to as a hero.
- You should develop a personal devotion to this Saint and build a relationship with him/her through constant prayer.
- You should try to learn about a lot of Saints so that way you will make a better decision choosing your Patron Saint. Equally important, the more Saints you are familiar with the easier it becomes for you to request their intercession (even from the ones that are not your special Confirmation patron); the Saints are always eager and happy to help us.

The Saint Essay should be

TYPED with at least three paragraphs: (1) **a brief biography of the Saint written in your own words**, (2) **an explanation of the reasons why you have selected this Saint** and (3) **ideas of how you will develop your devotion and relationship with this Saint**. Try to include in your report, cool facts about the Saint, what he/she is a patron of, when they lived, and when they were canonized.

The report will be read by Fr. Piotr Koziel, TGIF Confirmation Coordinators and DRE.



SPONSOR AGREEMENT FORM

(Second year Candidates, 2023-2024)

I agree to act as a Confirmation Sponsor for: _____
(Candidate's Name)

I affirm that I am over 16 years of age and possess a mature Catholic faith. I have been baptized, confirmed, and celebrate the Eucharist regularly. I am a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. If married, my marriage is recognized by the Church. I am a registered parishioner of the parish listed below. I will request my Sacrament documentation to be provided to DRE at OLMC.

I am willing to be a mentor and guide to the Confirmation Candidate during the preparation leading to the sacrament and throughout his/her life as needed. I will keep my Candidate in prayer throughout the confirmation process and throughout my life. I will be in contact with my Candidate throughout the year.

I understand that:

- My presence is requested for the Confirmation Retreat.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Confirmation Mass.
- My presence is requested for the Confirmation Mass.
- I am to attend (1) "Class on the Sacraments" with OLMC Deacon Robert Rosales by 1/28/24. (Classes are held monthly on Sundays from 9:30-10:30am in the Church. Next offered class is Aug. 20. Please sign in to receive credit for your attendance. If attended Deacon Robert's class in last 3 years please inform DRE that your requirement has been met. Sponsors may attend class at their own parish and provide DRE with statement of completion.)
- I will provide copies of my Sacrament Certificates to the DRE by 11/12/2023.

Sponsor's Signature Date

Candidate's Signature Date

SPONSOR INFORMATION

(Please print legibly)

SPONSOR NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I AM A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT:

PARISH NAME: _____

PARISH ADDRESS: _____

PARISH PHONE: _____

Please return this document and proof of Sacraments, no later than November 12, 2023 to DRE at OLMC:

OLMC (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church)

ATTN: RE Office, 1008 Austin St, Portland, TX 78374-2012 or email to dre@olmcportland.com



Address: _____ Phone: _____

* Minimum 15 Hrs of Service Required each year for 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Students

* Minimum 1 Hr of Adoration Required each year for 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Students

Student Signature: _____