



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation!

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the initiation into the Catholic Church, building on what was begun at Baptism and nourished in the Holy Eucharist. At Confirmation, each candidate will renew those baptismal promises.

We are delighted that you and your child will be part of our program this year and we look forward to working with you to make this year a meaningful one.

We understand that you and your family have many work, school, and social commitments. This is a sacramental preparation program which is required to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and attendance is not optional. We encourage you and your child to have a conversation regarding the commitment and potential sacrifices which you will need to make to accomplish this.

We share in your enthusiasm in having your children grow in the commitment to their Catholic faith during the Confirmation process. While the team here is committed and ready to make this happen for your child, you and your family remain the principle role models for the candidates and your active participation in that role is essential. Regularly attending Mass each week and regularly receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are things you can do to help the candidate understand the importance of this sacrament.

This is also a year for the candidates to look outside of themselves and participate in many different types of service. This would include service at home, in the school and town, and at St. John's donating their time to perform community service.

This booklet is intended to help you understand our Confirmation preparation program and track your child's progress. We are here to help you in any way we can, so please do not hesitate to call on us at any point in the coming year.

May God bless each of you and your families,

Fr. Sriram Sadhanala

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Attendance and Behavior

Attendance is a must - it is not optional. There is a calendar of dates of all required sessions and liturgies. As always attendance at regular weekend Mass is also required for all Sacramental Prep programs. We have made every attempt to accommodate the regular school holiday schedule as best as possible.

Make-Up Policy

Mass Attendance - there is no make up for missing weekend Mass. It is one of the most important things we do as Catholics. We understand, however, that an occasional weekend may be missed due to a family emergency or illness. Families are expected to attend Mass weekly as parents are the primary catechists of their children.

Sessions - Teens in Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 will meet on Sunday nights, beginning with the 5pm Sunday Mass, and ending at 7:30pm. Only two of the regular sessions can be missed but lessons must be made up before the next class.

Liturgies - like weekend Mass attendance it is not possible to make up attending a required liturgical occasion such as the Sacred Triduum or Holy Day of Obligation.

Retreat - No make-up will be organized for the retreat. It takes considerable time and effort to plan this event. An important aspect of the Confirmation program is participating as a group.

Parents need to be aware that the dates for these events, once set, will not be changed.

If attendance becomes an issue please be aware that the Church has a policy of asking candidates to delay their Confirmation to the following year. At such time the candidate and parents will be asked to meet with the Confirmation Coordinator to reassess their commitment to the program.

Behavior

Please note there is a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate or disruptive behavior out of respect for the volunteers and fellow candidates. Good behavior is expected during sessions, community service, and the retreat and at all Masses and liturgical events. Candidates who are disruptive, rude or impolite to any volunteers or other candidates will be immediately removed from the program.

Cell phones are to be placed in silent mode and cannot be used during all sessions and liturgical events including weekend Mass. If necessary, they will be collected before class in a basket and returned when they are released to prevent distractions. Staff / catechists will have access to phones in case of emergencies.

Notifications

Once the calendar has been published it will be the parents and candidates' responsibility to attend the required sessions and liturgical events. Remind App or Email reminders may be sent when possible, however this is done as a courtesy and should not be interpreted as your source of information. **Parents and candidates are asked to sign up to receive REMIND APP notices.**



Parent Participation

In addition to attending Mass with your confirmand and coming to this Parent Session, we ask that you commit to at least three volunteer opportunities each year. An invitation/ link will be emailed to all parents so that they can sign-up for at three slots, (You can choose to be a member of a Committee or just they can all be in one committee or one slot in each committee [prepare one meal, sit in on one class, and help with one fundraiser.]

[Any volunteer opportunity that puts you in direct contact with children or vulnerable adults requires CASE training.]

We are in need of:

1. **‘Second Adult in Class’ Team** - to ensure the safety of our confirmands we need a second adult in each Year I and Year II classrooms, for each of the 14 scheduled sessions = 28 spots. Members from this group would sit with the students as the catechist teaches the lesson. I.e. If we have a team of ten “2nd Parents”, they would each would have to divide 28 spots between the 10 of them. **[CASE training is required.]**
2. **‘Hospitality Team’** - a group of people willing to feed our teens at each of our 14 sessions. Members from this group would work in teams of 2 or more to prepare / serve / and clean up after meals shared between Year I and Year II students. Families choose between purchasing food with our parish Tops Credit Card or donating the food. **[As long as you do not work directly with any child, CASE training is not required.]**
3. **‘Fundraiser’ Team** - assist the Confirmands as they raise funds needed for their meals, Retreats, and extra activities. Your involvement would consist of a planning meeting for one fundraiser, follow-up phone calls to remind teens, and supervising the actual sale. **[CASE training is required.]**

This year we are scheduling three fundraisers that will require all students’ efforts:

- * November 8+9 Pie Sale after all Masses
- * December 14 Christmas Festival Craft Sale
- * February 7+8 Super Bowl Fundraiser after all Masses

Please indicate your choice of Committees at the Parent Orientation

You are always welcome and encouraged to attend Confirmation preparation sessions and be involved as much as possible in the formation of your child’s faith. Please let the Confirmation Coordinator or Fr. Sadhanala know if you are interested in planning with the team of catechists.



Confirmation Service Hours and Tracking

“Then the righteous will answer Him and Say, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You ill or in prison, and visit You?’ And the King will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me.’” - Matthew 25:37-40

Service is a crucial part of the Christian life. It is so important to reach outside of ourselves and to help others in need. When we serve others, we are not only serving them, but Christ Himself. As a Confirmation candidate, we ask that you do at least 5 hours of service per year in order to become accustomed to this very important way of life.

As part of your service, you should participate in three liturgical roles at St. John the Evangelist Church throughout your two years of Confirmation prep (lectoring, altar serving, ushering/greeting). Below is who to contact for each liturgical ministry:

Ushering : Fr. Sadhanala (fr.sriram.sadhanala@dor.org)

Lectoring: Julie Bailey (Julie.bailey@dor.org)

Altar Serving: Tyler Eichas (tyler.eichas@hotmail.com)

Contemporary Teen Choir: Rebekah Valerio (valeriomusic@aol.com)

We challenge you to participate in all types of service: **Lector** (read one of the Sunday readings), **Altar Server** (assist Father with the Mass), **Usher** (welcome parishioners as they arrive, hand out materials/bulletins, and tidy the church after everyone leaves), and even **Music Ministry** (join the Teen Choir). Your other service can be existing service activities provided by St. John's, such as VBS, caring for the Pauly Box, or an activity that you yourself choose and participate in.

We do ask that you choose a service opportunity outside of the fundraising activities completed by Youth Ministry as a whole.

- Before you begin the service, we ask that you reflect upon why you are doing it.
- While completing the service, reflect upon how your relationship with Jesus is deepened and how you see Him in the people you serve.
- After you have completed the service, reflect upon the good aspects of it, and also how it could have gone better.

Please complete a minimum of 5 hours of service per year, but feel free to do more!! Your service hours should be service at our Parish. Service to your family is always encouraged but **will not** count toward service hours. Toward the end of the school year, please turn in the next page filled out to the parish office. **Please attach a brief reflection** on some or all of the questions listed on the Service Record Form, which we will look over in your meeting with a staff member. (Only one reflection per service location is necessary, i.e., if you serve somewhere regularly, it is not necessary to complete a reflection every time.)

Please use the tracking sheet to record dates, hours completed and a signature of the person for whom the candidate volunteered. These hours and reflection are due **no later than April 12**.



Year I and Year II Confirmation Service Record

Name _____

Year: _____

Service Opportunity: _____

Date: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Signature of Authority Figure at Service Event: _____

Service Opportunity: _____

Date: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Signature of Authority Figure at Service Event: _____

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Service Opportunity: _____

Date: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Signature of Authority Figure at Service Event: _____

*** Please attach a brief reflection on your different service opportunities to this sheet.

Write a one-page paper briefly outlining each of your parish service experiences.

We recommend you touch on each of the following questions:

1) What did you do?	2) Why is community service so important?
3) What did you learn?	4) How are you growing in relationship with Jesus through service to His people?

Hand-In Form and Reflection Paper BY APRIL 12th.



YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Hand In with Sponsor
Elig. Form By Dec 7th.

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

A sponsor is a witness of the commitment to Christ that you are making. The sponsor can be a Godparent or any other Catholic adult, but not a parent. The sponsor presents you at your Confirmation and is with you throughout your Confirmation journey.

Requirements of the Sponsor:

- At least eighteen years of age and be a fully initiated Catholic who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and be someone who practices his/her faith and is living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Supports the person to be Confirmed in their commitment to the Christian life.
- Must know the candidate and be willing to serve as a strong and long lasting Christian influence on the candidate.
- Sponsors who are not members of St. John's parish must provide a letter from their pastor or parish administrator attesting to their suitability to serve as a sponsor. A letter indicating they are a registered member in good standing **will be due no later than December 7th, 2025.**
- Should be sufficiently mature in their own faith commitment.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.
- May assist the candidate in choosing and carrying out the candidate's service hours commitment.
- Must be reasonably informed on current Church teachings.
- May accompany the candidate to special liturgies and preparation sessions.
- May not be a parent of the candidate (and preferably not a grandparent, as they already have a special relationship with the candidate.)
- Preference is given to the candidate's Godparents, which most fully expresses the integral connection between Baptism and Confirmation.
- Assists in determining the candidate's readiness for the Sacrament.
- Presents the candidate to Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano at the celebration of Confirmation.
- **Year II Only: Must attend the Sponsor / Candidate Meeting, Sunday JANUARY 25, 2025.**

It is best to choose a Sponsor with whom you can communicate. Look for someone who can walk this journey with you and help answer questions and guide you in this process. Choose someone you respect and admire. Don't be afraid to ask someone in the Church whom you respect as a faithful and devout Catholic. Most people are extremely honored and flattered to be asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor.

Your Sponsor's Name: _____

Why have you asked this person to be your Confirmation Sponsor? _____



Sponsor Eligibility Form



Date: _____

Sponsor's Name : _____ is a registered Parishioner of our parish and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Year One Confirmation Candidate: _____ is being prepared at St. John the Evangelist Church and will be Confirmed in the Spring of 2027 in the Diocese of Rochester, New York.

Year Two Confirmation Candidate: _____ is being prepared to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2026.

Parish Name: _____

Diocese of _____

Parish Address: _____

Raised Seal

Signature of Pastor or Administrator:

Please return to St. John the Evangelist Church in person, by mail, or email:

Mailing Address:
ATTN: Julie Bailey
St. John the Evangelist Church,
55 Martha Street, Spencerport, NY 14559



Year II Family Information Form

**Hand In with Letter to
Bishop By March 8.**

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist's Confirmation Program!

Please provide any changes to the following information we have on file from the beginning of the year. This is what is used for our sacramental registers and for our celebration at the cathedral.

Return to St. John's Parish Office **NO LATER THAN March 8th, 2026.**

Thank you very much!

Candidate Name (first, mid, last) _____

Confirmation Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Age at Confirmation: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

Church Address: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Candidate's Home Address: _____

Father's Name (first, mid, last) _____

Mother's Name (first, **maiden**, last) _____

Sponsor's Name (first, mid, last) _____

Confirmation Retreat

Retreats offer a unique opportunity for the Candidates to encounter Christ. Enriching retreat experiences are not strictly catechetical in nature, but should provide an engaging formation experience of life as a Catholic Christian: life as a Missionary Disciple. It is expected that the Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation attend at least the retreat which is geared toward their life after Confirmation as a Missionary Disciple of Jesus Christ. Date and timing of the Confirmation Retreat will be set as soon as possible and added to the Important Dates page.



YEAR TWO ONLY Choosing a Confirmation Name

There is a great tradition in Salvation History of God changing someone's name to represent a new role or direction or purpose for the individual's life. Abraham (Abram), Peter (Simon), and Paul (Saul) are all examples of people God set apart and destined for a great plan. God calls all of us to a unique mission in life. What do you think your mission is? Our name tells others who we are.

Who is God calling you to be?

Your Confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian in the Catholic Church. Select the name of a Saint who you admire or would like to imitate, perhaps someone who is the patron of something important to you, shares an important date (such as your birthday), etc.

Or you can use your Baptismal Name (your current name, if you share your name with a canonized saint). This is a great option if you see Confirmation as the strengthening of the work that God began in your life at Baptism.

Whoever you choose, ask this saint to pray for you throughout your life, and especially on your Confirmation day!

After you decide on a name, use the form "Saint Name Reflection Form" (next page) to explain your choice. For example, if your name were Julie Ann Bailey, and you picked St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as your Confirmation saint, your Confirmation name would be Julie Ann "Elizabeth" Bailey.

Please email Julie Bailey (Julie.bailey@dor.org) the completed form, "Confirmation Name and Saint Project" **by January 11th, 2025.**



YEAR TWO ONLY

Confirmation Name and Saint Project

Hand In By January 11th

Birth Name: _____

Candidates are given the option of using their baptismal name or choosing another saint's name for Confirmation. In either case, they should research the life of the saint so that the chosen name can have special meaning and importance in their lives.

- Full Name of Saint (Example: St. Francis of Assisi) _____
- Saint's Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____
- Date of Canonization _____
- City and Country of where he/she lived or worked _____
- Patron Saint of _____
- Symbol _____
- If a particular symbol is not associated with your Saint, please write down a symbol that you think best characterizes this Saint.

- What is remarkable about your Saint's life?

- Do you face any of the same challenges that this Saint faced in his/her life? How can studying the life of this Saint help you to face your challenges?

- What qualities do you admire about this Saint?



YEAR TWO ONLY

Hand In By March 8th

Confirmation Letter of Intent to the Bishop

During the process of Confirmation preparation, each candidate will hopefully deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, learn by firsthand experience how to serve others in His Name, and become more committed to attending Mass and participating in the life of the Church. Toward the end of the candidate's Confirmation preparation, we ask them to write a letter to the Bishop stating their desire and intention to be confirmed. Following are suggestions regarding how the letter should be typed:

Greeting

"Dear Bishop Matano, " or more formally "Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, ".

Body of the Letter

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell him things about yourself such as where you are from, what parish you attend, what school, and/or something about your family or your background.

Paragraph 2: Explain your Confirmation journey (faith formation, service, Mass attendance, involvement with the parish, and your retreat experience, etc.

Paragraph 3: Choose one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and explain how you will be a witness to Christ using that Gift.

Paragraph 4: Request the Sacrament. Write something like: "I feel that I am ready to be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and accept the new and more challenging responsibilities that come with the Sacrament. I respectfully request to be Confirmed on (date - TBD).

Conclusion

State an appropriate conclusion, such as how/why you are looking forward to being confirmed. You should close with a formal closing like "Sincerely in Christ", "Respectfully yours", or "Asking for your blessing." **Make sure to sign your letter in ink, in your own handwriting after the closing. Do Not Use a Computer Signature.**

**Letters are to be delivered to the Confirmation Coordinator, Julie Bailey March 8, 2026.
Please do not mail to the Bishop personally.**



Confirmation Interview

Each candidate is required to participate in a Confirmation interview in the weeks leading up to Confirmation. This is meant to be a time to talk about how the Confirmation preparation process has gone for them, to assess their readiness to receive the sacrament, ask a few basic questions about doctrine (such as naming the 7 Sacraments, the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and what they mean, the 10 Commandments, what we believe about the Eucharist, etc.), and most importantly, addressing any questions or concerns that they may have either about the ceremony or the reception of the Sacrament itself. Confirmation interviews will be scheduled with Fr. Sadhanala and other staff members. There will be a Sign-Up Genius with interviewers and dates / times available. Interviews will be held at the parish office for all students.



YEAR TWO ONLY

Confirmation Rehearsal and Celebration

Confirmation Rehearsal

Purpose: to ensure proper reverence and order for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacred Liturgy. Even though the celebration of the Sacrament usually occurs at Sacred Heart Cathedral, the rehearsal will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church. The rehearsal usually includes a walk-through of the ceremony, a reflection by Fr. Sadhanala, and a time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please note: If at all possible, sponsors are required to attend this rehearsal with their candidate. If the sponsor cannot attend for a serious reason (such as living out of state), a parent should stand in for the sponsor. This has typically been a very meaningful evening for both the candidates and their sponsors. We will confirm the date as soon as possible - it will be the day before the confirmation ceremony.

Celebration of the Sacrament

As mentioned above, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation occurs at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615.

Candidates are encouraged to take one of the highlighted roles in the liturgy, either as a Greeter, Gift Bearer, or Lector. We will discuss this as the celebration approaches.

The time of the Mass and details regarding when to arrive, where to park, etc. will be emailed to all parents a few weeks before the event.

Regardless of how the Bishop administers the sacrament, candidates and sponsors will sit together. Family members may sit anywhere not designated as seats for candidates / sponsors / coordinators / liturgical ministers.

Candidates and sponsors are to arrive between 30-40 minutes BEFORE the Mass begins, and they should check in with the Confirmation Coordinator, Julie Bailey.

Dress Code for both Confirmand and Sponsor

Ladies: Modest dress OR blouse and skirt OR blouse and dress pants. Your top must have sleeves (no sleeveless or spaghetti straps unless you will be wearing a sweater). The hem of your dress/skirt needs to come to the knee, when seated. Be sure to wear shoes you can walk in.

Gentlemen: A suit and tie OR dress pants, button down dress shirt and a tie. (Suit jacket is optional). Belt with shirt tucked in and dress shoes. Absolutely no jeans, t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, sneakers, etc.

Please wear your Sunday best! Our dress can be a way of signifying to others the seriousness with which we approach the Sacrament and the importance of the occasion.



Important Due Dates

Please submit the following documents to the Confirmation Coordinator, Julie Bailey, **NO LATER THAN** the dates listed below.

DUE IN SEPTEMBER

1. Confirmation Roles - **Sign up by September 1st, 2025.**
2. Certificate of Baptism - **Hand in a copy by September 1st, 2025.**

Not needed for children baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

DUE IN DECEMBER

3. Choose a Sponsor Sheet and Sponsor Eligibility Form - **Hand in Pages 7 + 8 by December 7th, 2025.**

DUE IN JANUARY

4. Year II Only: Confirmation Name and Saint Project - **Hand in Page 11 by January 11th.**

NOTE: Year II Only: Mandatory Sponsor-Candidate meeting on January 25 (5 - 7:30pm)
Schedule with your sponsor now. If necessary a parent can stand in as proxy.

DUE IN FEBRUARY

5. Confirmation Retreat Registration Form (Date TBD. Form will be emailed to you)

DUE IN MARCH

6. Year II Only: Family Information Form - **Hand in Page 9 by March 8th, 2026.**
7. Year II Only: Letter of Intent to the Bishop - **Hand in your neatly handwritten or typed letter (signed in ink) to Julie Bailey by March 8th, 2026. (See Page 12.)**

DUE IN APRIL

8. Service Record and Reflection - **Everyone must hand in both Page 6 and a one-page reflection sheet by April 12th.**

St. John the Evangelist 2-Year Confirmation Program

Minimum Annual Requirements: (* not required by those attending Catholic School)

- *14 Sessions (Mass + Meal + Class)
- *3 Liturgical Roles at Teen Mass
- At least 2 Choices of Leadership/Service to our Parish
- Participation in 3 Teen Fundraisers
- One 5-hour Retreat each year

Sessions: Every session includes Mass + Meal + Class. Candidates are allowed to miss 2 of our 14 scheduled sessions, but must make up by completing work at home before following session.

Liturgical Roles at Mass: Candidates choose at least three Masses to serve in 3 different liturgical roles [Usher, Lector, Altar Server]. Teens may participate in Youth Choir at ANY Mass at which they're not serving.

Leadership / Service: Candidates are developing their leadership skills through serving others in St. John's parish. Suggestions include:

Summer Vacation Bible School (August 18-22)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday 9:30am Masses, September – May)

G.I.F.T. Classroom Assistant (2 Sundays per month, Oct – May, 12:30p-2p)

Care for the St. Pauly Box Donations (1 week during Teen Months)

Children's Christmas Pageant (December 24 at 4pm Mass)

Teen Living Stations of the Cross (Good Friday, 4/3/26)

Pentecost Eucharistic Procession (June 7)

Teen Fundraisers: Contribute to the raising of funds needed for meals and special events / trips.

November Teen Fundraiser - Pie Sale after all Masses 11/8 + 11/9.

December Teen Fundraiser – Christmas Festival December 14.

February Teen Fundraiser – Gather donations after all Masses 2/7 + 2/8.

Yearly Confirmation Retreat: Date - Time - Location TBD

Confirmation Calendar 2025-2026

September 21 Confirmation Mass + Session 1

October 5 Confirmation Mass + Session 2

October 19 Confirmation Mass + Session 3

November 2 Confirmation Mass + Session 4

November 8+9 Pie Sale Fundraiser Shift at Mass _____

November 16 Confirmation Mass + Session 5

December 7 Confirmation Mass + Session 6 **DUE: Sponsor Sheet + Eligibility Form**

December 14 Christmas Festival Fundraiser Shift _____

December 21 Youth Ministry Mass and FUN EVENT!

January 11 Confirmation Mass + Session 7 **DUE: Year II Confirmation Name / Saint Project**

January 25 Confirmation Mass + Year I Session 8;
Year II Candidate / Sponsor Meeting

February 1 Confirmation Mass + Session 9

February 7+8 Super Bowl Fundraiser Shift at Mass _____

February 22 Confirmation Mass + Session 10

TBD February 28 or March 14: Confirmation Retreat

March 8 Confirmation Mass + Session 11 **DUE: Year II Family Info, and Letter to Bishop**

Week March 2 Year II Confirmation Interviews w/ Fr. Sadhanala _____

March 22 Confirmation Mass + Session 12

April 12 Confirmation Mass + Session 13 **DUE: Service Hour Log + Reflection Sheet**

Week of April 20 Year I Confirmation Meeting w/ Fr. Sadhanala _____

April 26 Confirmation Mass + Session 14

TBD: Retreat, [Year II Confirmation Rehearsal, Celebration w/ Bishop, Final Session + Party]



A PARENT'S PRAYER FOR THEIR CHILDREN

O Lord, omnipotent Father,
we give you thanks for having given us children.

They are our joy, and we accept with serenity the worries,
fears and labors which bring us pain.

Help us to love them sincerely. Through us you gave life to them;
from eternity you knew them and loved them.

Give us the wisdom to guide them, patience to teach them,
vigilance to accustom them to the good through our example.

Support our love so that we may
receive them back when they have strayed and make them good.

It is often so difficult to understand them,
to be as they would want us to be, to help them go on their way.

Grant that they may always see our home as a haven in their time of need.

Teach us and help us, O good Father,
through the merits of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Confirmation Role Sign-Ups

Hello Confirmation Families,

At your child's Confirmation Parent Orientation, we explain all the components of the two-year Sacramental Preparation program. It can seem overwhelming at first, but I'm here to help 😊. To make things easier, this email contains all of the necessary "sign-up" information in one spot. Please do 1-4 (#5 is optional) as soon as you can.

1. REMIND APP: <https://remind.com/join/34a78k> This is the way your child's catechist will communicate with both you and your child. Please sign up as a parent and see that your candidate signs up.

Next, are the 3 SignUp.com links you'll need in order to choose how / when your family will participate in our program [Please do so before our first class on September 21. All slots are first come-first served, so don't delay in signing up. No one wants to feel "stuck" with leftover spots.]

2. TEEN MASS ROLES: <https://signup.com/go/APNvQXW> Each Candidate is asked to sign up for three different roles (Altar server, Lector, Usher) at three different Confirmation Teen Masses. Please do not choose three of the same type of role unless that's all that is left. Father Sadhanala is asking that our candidates "get a taste" of different ways parishioners can contribute at the Mass.

3. PARENT SESSION ROLES: <https://signup.com/go/xCNgRxD> Each family is asked to sign up for at least three roles each year. Choose between Parent Hospitality Crew (team of three families prepare/serve/clean up after a meal for about 30-40 people. Parish will purchase the food) or Second Adult in Classrooms (in addition to the catechist, each classroom needs a second CASE trained adult to safely supervise the session) or Parent Supervisor of a Fundraiser Shift (use link below for this choice).

4. FUNDRAISERS: <https://signup.com/go/PoeKytC> We have 3 fundraisers to help us cover the cost of food for our meals, the yearly retreat, and the Teen Pilgrimage to Steubenville. **Teens** are asked to pick two "selling shifts" per year.

As a bonus, I added a Google Doc link, should your child choose Caring for the Pauly Box as one of his/her two service opportunities.

5. PAULY BOX: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iiE3jya-3Oy-tuEbbWCTTUabfID3hOLNq3_SP2KPK70/edit?usp=sharing If your teen chooses to provide care for the St. Pauly Box, please stop by the box every day during the week you have chosen in google docs, (your week runs Sunday to Saturday) to make sure the donations are bagged and moved to the far end of the box to allow additional donations into the chute. Specific directions will be sent to you so that you have a step-by-step guide for this service opportunity.