

# Confirmation Orientation Packet



# Welcome, Confirmation Candidates and Families!

Preparing for Confirmation is an exciting time in one's life. Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation and "confirms" a baptized person in their faith. Please read through the packet to ensure that each candidate and their families are ready for this step. *This packet contains forms and activities that **must be completed before Confirmation preparation sessions begins.***

We must "Train for Devotion" to run with God, as the Apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:7. In the months leading up to Confirmation, candidates ready themselves in several ways. Families and friends also play a significant role in the candidate's preparation.

Below is a list of forms, activities, and information sheets included in the packet. Please complete all documents and activities before the start of the Confirmation Preparation Program on Sunday, August 17 (Orientation for parents and candidates).

## Candidate Information Sheet

The information sheet is a detailed sheet each candidate needs to complete. Information on this form will be used to ensure the candidate is eligible for Confirmation.

## Sponsor Information, Candidate–Sponsor Activity, and Verification Form

Sponsors are an essential part of the Confirmation process. This section will cover selecting a Confirmation sponsor, two sponsor–candidate activities, and a verification form the sponsor must complete.

## Saint Name and Saint Project Information

Each candidate will need to choose a Confirmation name. The Saint Name (or Confirmation name) is the name by which the candidate will be presented to the Bishop at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass. Information in this section will help candidates select a name. After the candidate has selected their Saint, they must complete the Saint Project to help them learn more about their Saint.

## Service, Prayer, and Community

Prayer, service, and involvement in one's parish and community help form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. As candidates come into full communion with the church, the following checklist will help candidates see where they can get involved and build on that foundation. Also included here is information about the service hours each candidate must complete before being confirmed.

## Preparation Program Information

Starting a new program is sometimes scary; this section will tell you what to expect during the preparation sessions.

## Confirmation Preparation Schedule

The schedule provides all the session meeting dates, including practice and the retreat date.

## Check List for Materials to be turned in at Orientation in August

This list will tell you precisely what needs to be turned in at orientation.

# Confirmation Program Contact information

It takes a whole team from IHM to help support and prepare Confirmation candidates. Contact information for the Confirmation Team is below. All members of the Confirmation Team are here to support and answer your questions. For questions about the sacrament of Confirmation or if you need help completing forms or actives, please contact anyone below. Please know that the Confirmation Team is praying for all candidates and their families during this journey.

## Religious Education Staff

Carrie Aragon, Religious Education Director [caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org) 859-689-5010

## Pastors

Monsignor Dominic Fosu [dfosu@ihm-ky.org](mailto:dfosu@ihm-ky.org) 859-689-5010 ext. 222

## Confirmation Small Group Leaders

We are finalizing the list of Confirmation Teachers. Candidates will be assigned to a small group for the Confirmation Preparation Program; each group will have two confirmation leaders. Leaders are excellent resources for students. Leaders will likely provide the candidate with their contact on the first night of Confirmation preparation.

## Confirmation Program Fee

There is a \$50.00 Confirmation program fee. The fee goes towards program materials and supplies. Please talk to the Religious Education Staff if you need assistance paying the fee.

## Catholic Bible

Candidates will need to bring a Catholic Bible to each preparation session. We will have Bibles for sale during orientation for \$10.00. If you need a Bible but cannot afford one, please talk with the Religious Education Staff.

# CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE Saint & Sponsor

## INFORMATION SHEET –

**THE INFORMATION SHEET IS DUE IN AUGUST**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name)

Confirmation Name / Confirmation Saint: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Confirmation Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

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

If the candidate's sponsor cannot attend, sponsor and enrollment Sunday, October 5, and Confirmation Practice on November 2, who will "stand in" for the sponsor?

\*\*\*An email will be sent to both the sponsor and stand-in sponsor to remind them of these events.

Confirmation "Stand-in" for Sponsor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Confirmation Sponsor Information



**Sponsor Selection and Eligibility**

**Sponsor-Candidate Interview Activity and Covenant**

**Sponsor Verification Form**

## The Confirmation Sponsor

A Sponsor is a companion and guide who gives spiritual help and encouragement to a candidate preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Code of Canon Law reminds us that "[t]he sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament" (Canon Law 892).

### The Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility:

1. Be a fully initiated Catholic who has been confirmed.
2. Be someone actively participating in the life of the Church.
3. Be at least sixteen years of age.
4. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking and intend to undertake the role of sponsoring a candidate.
5. Not be a parent of the candidate to be confirmed.

### Tips on Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor:

- Canon Law recommends Baptismal Godparents as Confirmation Sponsors because of the connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- Grandparents, Siblings, Aunts, Uncles, and Teachers are all excellent choices
- Some characteristics you may want to look for in a sponsor include:
  - o **Faithful** – they attend Mass and receive the sacraments regularly
  - o **Awareness of their responsibility to follow Jesus** – they are a virtuous person and live out their faith daily
  - o **Honest** – a person of integrity willing to speak up for what is right, even in the face of opposition. A person who encourages you to do the same.
  - o **Good listener** – a person you can talk to and reach out to when you need someone to listen to you.
  - o **Someone you know well and who knows you well** – someone with whom you will have an ongoing relationship.

*If you have trouble choosing a Confirmation Sponsor, please contact the Religious Education Office at IHM. The Religious Education Office can offer assistance in matching candidates with a sponsor.*

## **After Selecting your sponsor**

Once you select your sponsor, please spend time with them. The sponsor must also complete a form confirming their eligibility and participation.

It would be best to spend time with your sponsor regardless of how well you know them. While we may know a person well, we often do not openly discuss our faith or prayer life with them, and now is a good time to do so. Your sponsor's lifelong role is to walk with you and support you on your faith journey!

**Before the Confirmation Orientation Sessions**, please complete the following with your sponsor:

- The Sponsor–Candidate Interview and Questions
- The Sponsor Covenant
- Sponsor Verification Form

**Sunday, October**, is Enrollment Sunday for the Confirmation Program. During the evening's sessions, sponsors and candidates will participate in faith-building activities. At the end of the evening, candidates will officially enroll in the Program.

The Sponsors and Candidates should attend Confirmation Practice on **November**.

Someone else may fill in if a sponsor cannot attend the October or November sessions. The person "standing in" for the sponsor should be someone other than a parent. The qualifications for the person "standing in" for the sponsor are the same as being a sponsor. The "stand-in sponsor" should be a good listener, a role model, and an active practicing Catholic who has been confirmed.

## The Sponsor–Candidate Interview

Please schedule a meeting with your sponsor to "interview" them. Meeting in person would be best, but you can interview your sponsor by phone or video chat if this is impossible. You can meet at your or your sponsor's house for breakfast, lunch, or dinner; go for a walk together. BE CREATIVE!

Although you will be asking your sponsor questions in an interview format, your time together should be a discussion, with you adding your questions, insights, and thoughts to the conversation. Ask your sponsor to ask you some questions, too! Your sponsor can ask you questions from the list on the next page or ask their own questions. The questions provided in the packet are there to guide your discussion. You do not need to get through all the questions, but feel free to do so!

Start your time together by praying together! After you finish talking with your sponsor, please read through the Sponsor Covenant together, and then both of you sign it. *When preparing to meet with your sponsor, please print three copies – one for your sponsor, one for you, and one to turn in with your registration packet.*

After meeting with your candidate, please answer the following questions:

1. What was one thing you learned about your sponsor during your meeting?
2. Write about one story or experience your sponsor shared that you felt showed that they were truly strengthened by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation to live a life of holiness.

*Note: These questions can be answered on the form below, "Confirmation Sponsor – Candidate Interview – Reflection."*

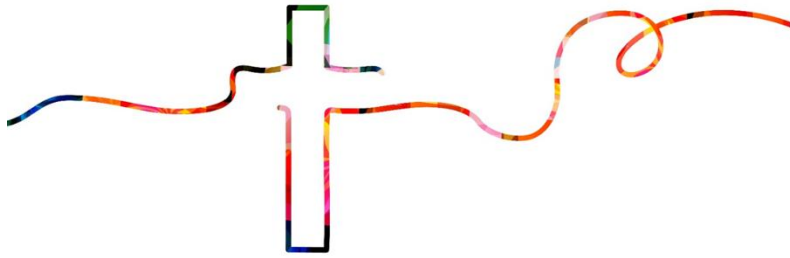
## Twenty Questions to Ask Your Confirmation Sponsor

1. At what age did you get Confirmed?
2. What do you remember about getting Confirmed?
3. What did you like about Confirmation, and what did you not understand?
4. How has the Holy Spirit played a role in your life?
5. Since getting Confirmed, what has been your most influential faith moment?
6. When did you get baptized? Were you a baby, or did you go through RCIA?
7. How did you first learn about what it means to be Catholic?
8. What does it mean to be Catholic for you?
9. How has the Catholic faith strengthened and nourished you?
10. How has your appreciation of the Mass changed for you over your life? Was there a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? And Why?
11. What does "forgiveness" mean to you? How does this understanding of forgiveness help you with the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
12. What has been your experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Has it been a rewarding experience for you?
13. Do you have a favorite place and time to pray? Describe a time when it was challenging to pray and a time when you really felt God's presence.
14. In what ways have being Christian shaped your life?
15. Describe a time when you felt really close to God.
16. Who has been a good role model for you? How has this person taught you or shown you what it means to be Catholic? How has this person deepened your faith?
17. In what areas would you like to see growth in your Catholic faith?
18. What is your favorite Scripture passage, verse, or story? Why?
19. What advice would you give to a current Confirmandi in becoming an adult in the Catholic faith?
20. What is the greatest challenge of being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?

*Feel free to ask questions of your own.*



## Sponsor Candidate Covenant



The Covenant is a solemn agreement God and his people entered into. God's faithful and loving commitment to us was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. As you prepare to Sponsor a candidate for Confirmation, you are also called to enter

into a covenant relationship. Read over the promises below. As a sign of your serious commitment to fulfilling your role as a Sponsor, sign your name at the bottom of this covenant. Print your candidate's name in the space provided and return your signed copy as soon as possible.

***As a Confirmation Sponsor, I pledge...***

***To be a living example of faith for my candidate.***

***To work willingly with my candidate throughout the preparation process.***

***To discuss regularly what my candidate is learning during preparation sessions.***

***To reflect with my candidate on the meaning of Confirmation in the life of a Catholic.***

***To participate in candidate/Sponsor events.***

***To be open to growing in my faith as I journey through the preparation process with my candidate.***

*I ask the help of the Holy Spirit as I begin this preparation process with my candidate. I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with me as I dedicate myself to living my commitment through this covenant.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*A copy of the covenant with both signatures should be completed and turned in at Orientation.*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
5876 Veterans Way  
Burlington, KY 41005**

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR VERIFICATION FORM**

**For Immaculate Heart of Mary High**

*(Must be received by IHM Church,)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a registered member of the parish of  
*Sponsor Name*

\_\_\_\_\_, have been asked to stand as a sponsor for  
*Parish Name*

\_\_\_\_\_, as he/she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
*Candidate Name*

As a practicing Catholic, I appreciate that this request is an important opportunity for me to witness to my faith and provide a good example of Catholic Life. I have prayerfully considered what I have been asked to do. I promise, with God's help, to be the best sponsor I can be. Therefore, I now affirm:

- \_\_\_\_\_ That I am at least 16 years of age;
- \_\_\_\_\_ That I am a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church;
- \_\_\_\_\_ That I am not the parent of the Confirmation Candidate;
- \_\_\_\_\_ That I have completed my own Christian initiation through the reception of the most Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- \_\_\_\_\_ That, if I am married, I was married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church;
- \_\_\_\_\_ That I will do all in my power to be a model of Catholic Christian living by participating in the worship of the Church community at Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation; by properly supporting the work of the Church; and by exhibiting my own sense of charity and social justice in how I live with and influence others.

I am prepared to assist the person I am sponsoring in living the Christian life by my own actions, concern, and encouragement. I will do my best to attend the Candidate Sponsor Night, the Confirmation Rehearsal, and the Confirmation Mass.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Sponsor

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered, ACTIVE parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish.

Below is the signature of the pastor attesting to my good standing at the parish I attend. This is verified by the parish seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Pastor's Signature Parish Seal

**\*Please return this form from your parish to the Office of Religious Education, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005 / or E-Mail to [caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org)**

# Confirmation Saint Name and Confirmation Saint Project



## **Confirmation Name – Confirmation Saint**

For Confirmation, each candidate must choose a Confirmation name; this is the name by which the candidate will be presented to the Bishop at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass.

There are many examples of people taking on new names throughout the Bible, dating back to the Old Testament. God changed the names of many to reflect the special roles they'd play throughout the history of the Church. For example, God changed Abram's name to Abraham, meaning "father to a host of nations." This name change signified that God was making a covenant with Abraham to make him the first of God's people on earth. Simon's name was changed to Peter, meaning "rock," and refers to Peter becoming the first pope: "And upon this rock, I will build my church" (Matthew 16:17-18).

### **Selecting a Confirmation Saint (Confirmation Name)**

The Confirmation name may be the same as the candidate's Baptismal name, or they may choose a Saint that they admire and what/whom to model their life after.

Choosing a Saint is a prayerful process. Ask God to inspire you in your prayers and reflections as you discern the name of a Saint for this project. When deciding on a Confirmation name, the goal is to pick the name of a saint you admire, can relate to, or aspire to be like. This Saint will be bonded to you spiritually, be your model in life, and be the one you turn to for guidance and protection.

### **Guidelines and suggestions for selecting a Saint Name (Confirmation Name):**

- Begin by finding Saints who share your first, middle, or (sometimes) last names. Read the stories of these Saints and see if their lives attract you in some way. The Internet is an easy way to search for the life stories of Saints.
- Think about your interests. For example – if you are interested in music, look up the patron Saint of musicians.)
- Research the Saint whose feast day is the same as your birthday.
- If the founder/foundress of a religious community in your area is canonized as a Saint, research their life story and how they founded the religious order.
- Talk to your parents and sponsor about their choices and patron Saints.
- Choose a Saint that inspires you.

## Saint Name Project

It is essential that you know about the Saint you choose. Bishop Iffert might ask you about your saint at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass and why you chose this particular saint. Reading about your saint is the best way to learn about their life. Additionally, visiting a church or where the Saint lived is another way to learn more about your saint – this can take time and planning.

You will complete the questions regarding your name for this project on the next page. The questions can be answered directly by making a paper-sized poster (a standard sheet of paper) telling about your saint or combining both. In addition to answering questions, please provide an image of your saint and the prayer or novena for the intercession of this Saint. Finally, please provide a list of sources used.

The following resources can help you with your project:

<b>Websites:</b>	
<a href="https://catholicsaints.info/">https://catholicsaints.info/</a>	The site offers biographies on the patron saints of many topics. Profiles contain portraits, areas of patronage, prayers, recommended links, and readings.
<a href="https://www.catholic.org/saints/">https://www.catholic.org/saints/</a>	A searchable site includes a saint index, saint FAQ, fun facts about saints, a saint calendar, and more.
<a href="https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints">https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints</a>	Offers a search database of Saints A-Z – includes biographies, pictures, and information on devotions and feast days.
<a href="https://mycatholic.life/saints/">https://mycatholic.life/saints/</a>	Provides biographies on popular canonized catholic saints and saints of the Liturgical year.
<a href="https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/">https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/</a>	Includes saint biographies, saint prayers, and saint calendars.
<b>Books:</b>	
<i>Lives of the Saints</i> by Father Alban Butler	
<i>Patron Saints</i> by Thomas J. Craughwell	
<i>Saint of the Day: Lives, Lessons and Feasts</i> edited by Leonard Foley and Pat McCloskey	
<i>Book of Saints</i> by Michael Walsh	
<i>All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time</i> by Robert Ellsberg	
<i>Dictionary of Patron Saints' Names</i> by Thomas W. Sheehan	
<i>Fifty-Seven Saints</i> by Eileen Heffernan	
<i>Treasury of Saints</i> by David Self	

# Saint Project Questions

- Birthplace of the Saint
- Birthdate or if the birthdate is not available, note time lived
- Important facts/information/details about the Saint.
- What is the Saint known for?
- Are they a patron/patroness Saint of any causes?
- What virtues do you admire that this Saint practiced?
- List the Saint's feast day on the liturgical calendar.
- What color vestments does the priest wear to celebrate Mass on the Saint's feast day? Why that particular color?
- What about this Saint inspires you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- What about this Saint inspires you to be a better Catholic, and how is this Saint a model for Christians today?
- Why did you choose this Saint?
- Is there a prayer or novena for the intercession of this Saint? Please, provide this as part of your project and offer the prayer as your Saint companions you in life.

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Things to keep in mind while working on your Saint Project:

- The project is a personal reflection. There is a lot of information on all the Saints; focus on why the Saints are important to you.
- Be creative in your research. There are YouTube videos, movies/documentaries, and podcasts that discuss the lives of Saints; feel free to use these. If you do, make sure to include them in your source list.
- The resources listed above are all resources on Saints; almost every Saint has a specific book written on them.
- The Religious Education Staff will review the projects you turn in. When possible, please write in complete sentences and/or paragraphs. Please make this your best work!
- The **Saint Project will be turned in at orientation**. It will need to fit in an envelope with the rest of your paper. (The RE office will provide the envelope.)

If you need help researching or learning about your saint, please contact the Religious Education Office – Carrie Aragon ([caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org)). We will be happy to point you in the direction of resources or work with you to answer the questions.



# **Service, Community, and Prayer**



**Service, Prayer, Community – Interest Finder  
(Pre-Confirmation Self-Assessment)**

**Hours of Christian Service**

## Service, Prayer, and Community

As you participate in the Confirmation Preparation Program, you will grow in many ways. On your journey toward being a confirmed Catholic, you will have more opportunities to participate in your parish and the larger Catholic community worldwide.

The Pre-Confirmation Self-Assessment is a way to help you start thinking about your Catholic faith after you are confirmed. It is also a way to help open your mind and heart for the Confirmation journey.

Please complete and turn in the Pre-Confirmation Self-Assessment at the orientation session in August.

At the end of the Confirmation Preparation Program, you will receive another assessment, plus you will receive this one back. Comparing the two assessments will help you see where you grew and how your heart opened during the Confirmation journey.

It is essential to get involved in your parish. Throughout the Confirmation Preparation Program, we will inform you about different ways to get involved at IHM and with the larger Catholic Community.

One of the requirements for Confirmation is that each candidate must complete six (6) hours of Christian Service. Information on acceptable forms of Christian service, a service log, and suggestions for service are included in the packet.

Please have service hours completed by Sunday, October. If you have questions regarding the service requirement, please get in touch with Carrie Aragon ([caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org))

# Pre-Confirmation Self-Assessment

**A. The Starting Line:** Circle all words/phrases that describe your hopes for the Confirmation process:

- |   |                          |                            |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Meet new people   | Not Boring               | Good Prayer Experiences    |
| Gain peace in my life   | Get more involved        | See old friends            |
| Find God again  | Cool Service Experiences | Experience the Holy Spirit |
| Clarify things the Church teaches that I don't understand or agree with |                          |                            |

**B. The First Step:** Circle all that apply regarding your actions/attitudes:

**I need or want to...**

- |                                |                            |                             |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Be open                        | Not judge myself or others | Make more time for my faith |
| Get outside of my comfort zone | To Pray                    | Try new things              |

**Think about your goals as you prepare for Confirmation. Check at least two activities for each:**

## PARISH SERVICE:

- EDGE youth leader for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades –
- Volunteer with the Religious Education Program (student aid)
- Festival volunteer
- Mary Rose Mission in Florence (Meals for the Hungry) Volunteer Server
- Liturgical Ministry - Greeter, Distribute Holy Communion, Music Minister, or Lector (Indicate which Liturgical Ministry): \_\_\_\_\_
- Altar Society - Clean, set up and decorate Church
- Help with Church setup for Christmas or Easter
- Bills Kids - Collect school supplies for the poor (Fall)
- Vacation Bible School
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Sunday Mass - Weekly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read the Bible for 5 min a day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Join a youth Bible Study – Monday, Evenings at 7:00 pm (during RAP)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adoration (Thursdays at IHM)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pray the Rosary weekly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring a Friend to Church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in the Pro-Life Event
- \_\_\_\_\_ Get Involved/attend a Church event (other than Mass)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Christian Service

Six (6) hours of Christian Service are required at IHM to be confirmed. Acts of Christian Service can be performed anytime after registering for Confirmation. Service logs are due by Sunday, October 22. If you complete your service over the summer, please turn in your service log at orientation.

Service is an invitation to become more Christ-like. Through your service to others, you are sharing in Christ's ministry of caring for the needs of others without expecting anything in return. "Come you who are blessed by my Father, For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill, and you cared for me...whatever you did for the least of my people, you did for me." Matthew 25. By developing a good habit of service, you will also develop virtues. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs:

Feed the hungry  
Shelter the homeless  
Clothe the naked  
Visit the sick and imprisoned  
Bury the dead  
Give alms to the poor

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

Admonish the sinner  
Instruct the ignorant  
Counsel the doubtful  
Comfort the sorrowful  
Bear wrongs patiently  
Forgive all injuries  
Pray for the living and the dead

There are unlimited ways to be the hands and feet of Christ in service to others. Prayerfully consider your neighbors, church, school, family, and community. Consider those who need a prayer, a kind deed, food, school supplies, meals, yard work, or a letter of encouragement. Where can you give, comfort, pray, feed, shelter, teach, visit, forgive and share the truth in love and humility? Go out of your way to show love and lighten someone's load, even for a brief time. Reminder, service is not something that you usually do as a chore or requirement or that for which you receive compensation. Be creative, be bold, make a difference and let the light of Christ within you shine.

## Christian Service Opportunities

Service opportunities are all around us. Below are some options for service here in the IHM community and the large community.

IHM's Religious Education Program – student aid for PREP or RAP, assist with Sunday School or CLOW, or help in the Religious Education Office

Contact: Sr. Armella ([srarmella@ihm-ky.org](mailto:srarmella@ihm-ky.org)) or Carrie Aragon ([caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org))

Sunday School – Peggy Wells ([rickpegwells@yahoo.com](mailto:rickpegwells@yahoo.com) )

IHM Choir

Contact: Song Hun Nam ([snam@ihm-ky.org](mailto:snam@ihm-ky.org))

Mary Rose Mission – 272 Main Street, Florence, KY 41042

Contact: 859-292-0300 or <http://maryrosemission.org/how-to-help/volunteer-information/>

St. Vincent de Paul of Northern Kentucky

Contact: <https://www.svdpnky.org/volunteer-2/> or 859-446-7721

Franciscan Daughters of Mary

Contact: <https://www.fdo mary.org/volunteer-donate.php> or 859-491-3899

Diocesan Catholic Children's Home Center for Children and Families

Contact: <https://www.dcchcenter.org/volunteer> or 859-331-2040 or [Info@DCCHCenter.org](mailto:Info@DCCHCenter.org)

## Confirmation Service Log

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

Date	Number of Hours	Description of Service	Name and Signature of Supervisor
Total Number of Hours:			

**Please write a brief description and reflection of the Christian service you performed. What did you learn from helping others? How did your work align with the works of mercy?**

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE – PARISH COVENANT

### CANDIDATE:

Understanding that I am still in the decision-making process about whether or not to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, I do choose to commit myself to this preparation program. In doing so:

1. I will do my best to take this decision seriously. I plan to attend each session and participate in all activities.
2. I will do my best to pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
3. I will make every effort possible to attend mass weekly.
4. I understand that the retreat day (SPIRIT DAY) is required. If a serious problem should arise with attending the retreat, I will talk this over with the Confirmation coordinator immediately, and we will solve the problem together.
5. I understand that attendance at all scheduled sessions and events is vital.  
If I have any unexcused absences, I will need to be reevaluated for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
6. I will use my talents in the service of others by completing my six hours of service.
7. I will do my best to meet/communicate regularly with my sponsor.

### PARISH:

1. The parish will supply Confirmation leaders who will guide you through the preparation program and assist you in integrating what you learn into your faith life.
2. Prepared leaders will be at each session willing to share their faith, willing to listen to you, and willing to assist you in whatever way they can.
3. The parish community, leaders, and coordinators promise to support you with the most powerful force in the universe – DAILY PRAYER.
4. SPIRIT DAY will allow you to experience the faith of your peers, to search in your mind and heart what God is asking of you in the present and help you understand how the Holy Spirit can become an individual integral part of your life.
5. The preparation program is not designed to be boring or dull. Everyone involved is excited about your presence.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pastor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Director's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate's Signature**

# The Confirmation Preparation Program

## How Confirmation Preparation Sessions Work...

Most preparation sessions will be between 6:30 and 8:30 pm on Sunday evenings – see the schedule.

Candidates will be assigned to a small group in which they will remain for the entire program.

Each Sunday, we will meet in church – small groups will have an assigned section of pews. After opening prayer and activities, groups will go to a classroom for discussion and activities.

In the last 30 to 45 minutes of each session, all groups return to church for spiritual reflection, growth, and fellowship activities.

**Bring your Bible each week** – Either in the small group or as a large group, you will discover a "Bible Power Verse." Also, many of the weekly activities/discussions will be scripture-based.

**Sunday, September** will be our **Spirit Day Retreat**. Details about the retreat will be provided at orientation. Please plan for a longer session, this Sunday. Our retreat will include celebrating Mass together. Your families are welcome to attend Mass with you.

**Sunday, October**, your sponsor will attend the session with you. Both of you will partake in faith-building activities. Also, during this session, candidates will officially be enrolled in the Confirmation program at the end of the evening.

Each evening is casual. Think of the preparation session as a time when you get to discuss and learn about your faith with your peers.

Attending ALL sessions is expected. However, if you are sick or have a conflict, please contact Carrie Aragon ([caragon@ihm-ky.org](mailto:caragon@ihm-ky.org)) as soon as possible. Typically, a makeup assignment is given to ensure you do not miss out on anything covered.

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FALL

*All Sessions run from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and will begin in the Church unless otherwise noted.*

August	Parent/Candidate <b>ORIENTATION</b> <i>*Please bring forms and activities completed from Orientation Packet</i>
August	Session 1 - Pentecost, the Holy Spirit & Me
August	NO SESSION – (Labor Day Weekend)
September	Candidate Session 2 - Gifts (Baptism to Confirmation)
September	<b>SPIRIT DAY RETREAT - IHM – TIME TBA</b> Sunday Mass to be celebrated (Families are welcome to attend mass with candidates)
September	Candidate Session 3 – Receive the Spirit
September	Candidate Session 4 - Armor of God and Sacramental
October	Sponsor and Enrollment Sunday
October	Candidate Session 5 – Sin & Forgiveness
October	Reconciliation and Candidate Interviews <u>Candidate Interviews Will Begin at 6:00 pm. Schedule Forthcoming</u> <i>*Final Confirmation Documents Due - Letter to Msgr. Dominic requesting the sacrament of Confirmation and Service Log</i>
October	Candidate Session 6 – Growing in the Spirit & Affirmations <u>6:00pm Candidate Interviews *continued, if needed)</u>
November	CONFIRMATION PRACTICE - w/Sponsors in Church (at IHM)
November	CONFIRMATION MASS** – 7:00 pm Candidates and Sponsors arrive – 6:20 pm



*Mass Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at IHM in November at 7:00 pm*

## What to bring to Confirmation Orientation (August @ 6:30 pm) Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Information Sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Verification Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor – Candidate activity form and signed covenant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Candidate – Parish Covenant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Name Project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Service Log (if done)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Confirmation Assessment - Service, Community, and Prayer

*On orientation night, candidates and parents will be given an envelope; you will place the forms in the envelope and complete the checklist on the front. Inside the envelope, there will be some handouts for the parents; you will take these home with you.*

