

St. Martha Parish

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Confirmation Program 2025

Candidate Registration

**Please return registration forms to St. Martha Parish office
by January 16, 2025**



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Candidate Registration

Candidate, Parents & Sponsor

(All required to attend)

Mandatory Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2025

TIME: 6:00 – 7:15 pm Candidate, Parents & Sponsor

Information & Expectations

7:15 – 7:45 pm Candidate & Sponsor

Interview

7:45 – 8:15 pm Sponsor Information Meeting

Responsibilities

PLACE: ST. MARTHA PARISH HALL

Please contact your sponsor about this information meeting!

Your sponsor must attend meeting.

Candidate: Please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate, registration form, sponsor form and fee to meeting.



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Candidate and Sponsor Confirmation Requirements

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist
- Practice their faith
- Be in a state of grace
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the responsibilities of a member of the Catholic Church
- Be aware of the initiation aspect of the Sacrament of Confirmation and be committed to continuing the faithful practice and study of their religion.
- Have a sincere desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

- A baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic
- Can commit to accompanying the candidate on this journey of faith
- Can commit to a ministry of spiritual friendship, encouragement, and witness
- Lives locally
- Not a parent of the Confirmation candidate

St. Martha Parish/Infant Jesus of Prague Mission
Parish School of Religious Education
2025 Confirmation Candidate Registration Form

Candidate Information

Candidates Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
Please Print Clearly First Middle Last

Candidates Home Address: _____ Male ____ Female ____
Complete Street Address

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Home Phone# _____

Cell # _____ Email Address: _____

Circle above Cell# or Home# as the Best Phone Number to Leave Important Messages about Confirmation From St. Martha.

Family Information

Father: _____
 First Middle Initial Last Name

Religion _____ Cell # _____

Mother: _____
 First Maiden Name Last Name

Religion _____ Cell # _____

Candidate resides with: _____ Relationship to Candidate: _____

Is your family registered or residing in St. Martha Parish: Yes / N o (Please circle one)

If no, Name of the Parish where you are residing? _____

Medical and Other Information

Medical/Family/School/ Learning/ Disabilities or Other Information of which we should be aware:

This information can be kept confidential.

Emergency Contact

****Name:** _____ **Phone:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

**** An Emergency Adult Contact (other than parents)**

Candidate's Sacrament Information

Church of Baptism: _____
 (A copy of your Baptismal Certificates is required and must be attached to this form.)

Church of Communion and Date: _____
 (List name of church—Certificate not needed)

Have you received your First Reconciliation (Confession) Yes ____ No ____

Candidate's Religious Education

Name of High School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Where did you attend Religion Classes last year? _____

Where are you attending Religion classes at this time? _____

Religion Instructor's name: _____

Where do you attend Sunday Mass? _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Program Fee and Signature

The Sacramental program fee of \$50.00 is due at the time of registration. Confirmation program first meeting will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 16th, 2025. St. Martha Parish will issue you a receipt for your payment.

Signing this registration form indicates that you, the candidate, and parents/guardians of candidate will participate fully in all aspects of the Confirmation Sacramental Religious Program.

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

If you are not a registered St. Martha/Infant Jesus parishioner (residing within the Parish boundaries or registered), contact Louise Frederick, PCL with Religious Education at 366-1604 for requirements necessary for you to confirm at St. Martha.

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Office Use:

Copy of Baptismal Cert. _____
 Behavior Policy _____
 Interview Form _____
 Saint/Confirmation Essay _____
 Mass Pledge Form _____
 Service Hours Form _____
 Sponsor Info Sheet _____
 Sponsor Cert. Sheet _____

Parish Permission Letter _____

Documented Date: _____

Parish Notification Date: _____

Sacrament Fee Receipt# _____

St. Martha Parish School of Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Program
Candidate Interview

Name _____

1. What school are you presently attending? _____
If a public or private school – Where are you attending Religion Classes?

2. Are you in the 11th grade? _____ / If no – What grade are you in? _____

3. Do you belong to any **clubs, organizations or sports** in your school? Are you involved in any **other clubs or organization or sports programs** not associated with your school? i.e. (Scouting, CYO, Choir, Playground, Altar Servers, etc.) How much of a time commitment do you give to these organizations, clubs or programs? How do you feel about your required commitment and participation in these areas?

4. Do you live with your parents? Do you have any brothers or sisters? Are your grandparents living? If so do they live in the city or surrounding area?

5. Where were you baptized? Who are your Godparents? Will one of your Godparents be your Confirmation sponsor?

6. *When and where did you receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist**?*

7. *Do you attend weekend Mass at a Catholic Church?*

A. If yes, where and what time? Do you receive Holy Communion? Do you attend Mass as a family or with your friends? Do you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

B. If no, why are you seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation?

C. How do you feel about your commitment to the Mass and the Catholic Faith?

D. What is your attitude or feelings concerning the celebration of the Mass? Do you consider this a burden or a privilege?

8. *Is it your choice to be confirmed? Do your parents support you in this decision?*

9. *What if any involvements in the Catholic Church are you participating in now? What involvement in the Catholic Church do you see for yourself in the future?*

St. Martha Parish School of Religious Education

Confirmation Behavior Policy

1. Classes will begin promptly at 9:00AM on Saturday morning (see calendar) for Confirmation Preparation Candidates. Candidates will assemble in the Parish Hall for the beginning of the session and dismissal will be at 2:00PM.
2. Candidates should dress appropriately. Jeans are permitted. Inappropriate language or design on any piece of clothing is unacceptable. Knee length shorts may be worn. Biking shorts are not permitted. Students failing to dress appropriately will be sent home. **Gum is not allowed at any time.**
3. Candidates are required by the Archdiocese of New Orleans to attend Religious Education classes **in addition** to Sacrament Preparation classes. **The only excused absence is a death in the family or a Doctor's excuse for illness. Any unexcused absences will result in the candidate not receiving the sacrament.**
4. Tardiness is quite inconvenient to the teacher and other students. Please make every effort to arrive on time for class.
5. Parents we ask you to take care of all business matters through the Parish office.
6. We ask that all cell phones be placed on silent and not used during the class.
7. Candidates begin their instruction of Christian principles within your home. Our Catechists encourage sharing with and caring for each other. Parents, you have entrusted your young adults to us and for their well-being, the following actions will not be tolerated:

FIGHTING
DISRESPECT
CHEATING

PROPERTY DAMAGE
POSSESSION OF DRUGS
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

CARRYING WEAPONS
STEALING

**VIOLATIONS SUCH AS THESE LISTED ABOVE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE
EXPULSION FROM PROGRAM.**

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_____ and I have read over the Candidate Behavior
(Candidate's name)
Policy and agree and will adhere to said policy.

Today's Date

Candidate's signature

Parent's signature

Candidates & Parents

We may take photos of our candidates participating in activities and these pictures may be submitted to the Clarion Herald, our parish bulletin and parish website. PLEASE INITIAL BELOW TO GIVE YOUR PERMISSION to include your student in these submissions during the program.

_____ I agree and give my permission.
Initial here

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Sponsor Testimonial for Confirmation

Confirmation Mass - May 20, 2025 (tentative)

Date: _____

Name of Person to be Confirmed: _____

Criteria to Serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation

1. The Sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church who has been Confirmed and regularly practices his/her Catholic faith;
2. The Sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age;
3. If married, the Sponsor must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Person may not be cohabiting (living together without marriage);
4. If not previously attended, the Sponsor will attend appropriate preparation for fulfilling this role (Confirmation information meeting)

Statement of Sponsor

"I meet the above-stated criteria to serve as a Sponsor, and I will do all in my power to assist the candidate in living faithfully as a Catholic Christian."

By signing below, the proposed Sponsor solemnly swears that he or she has read the above criteria, and that the statement above is a true and correct indication of his/her intentions.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Name Printed: _____

Complete Parish/Church Name & Location

St. Martha Parish School of Religious Education

Choosing Your "Confirmation" Name

DUE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY -2024

In both the Old and New Testaments, when God had a new mission for someone, He often gave them a new name. God calls on each of us to fulfill a special mission. It may be converting non-believers, helping the poor, being a peacemaker, or one of many other callings. Confirmation may be the spark that helps you begin a mission that is close to your heart.

Your confirmation is an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with God and with the Church. One custom of Confirmation is to choose a new name to symbolize this relationship. The "*Confirmation Name*" is used in the ceremony of the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Choose your Christian Baptismal name or a Saint's name for your Confirmation name. Candidates are required to submit a one page essay including the following:

- 1) What are the life events of your Saint and why did you choose this Saint.**
- 2) How did your Saint demonstrate his/her faithfulness or friendship with God during their lifetime?**
- 3) What incident in this Saint's life inspires you?**
- 4) Relate an event or action by your Saint that you can imitate in your life, or strive to imitate?**
- 5) Conclude your essay with a one to three line prayer to your Saint.**

Remember the Saint you choose will become your intercessor, one who speaks on behalf of you in heaven. Your relationship with your Saint will become stronger and powerful as you talk and pray for intercession to your Saint.

Your name gives you an identity: it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents choose your name. If you do not know your parent's reason for choosing your name, ask them about it. Now, you are about to be confirmed. It is time for you to choose the name you will take as a sign of your spiritual identity and reflection of your faith.

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning of “father of many”, to Abraham, meaning “father of many nations.” Again, in the New Testament, we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning “rock” because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His Church.

The choosing of a name symbolizes power or dominion, as in Genesis where God gave man the power to name and have dominion over each of the animals on the earth. In conjunction with this power is responsibility---- the responsibility of taking care of whatever is named. God entrusts each of us with this responsibility as well as the power.

Your Confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian—a symbol of what your Confirmation means to you. It should not be taken lightly and should not be chosen for frivolous reasons (“it looks nice with my first name” or “it sounds pretty”). Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person whom you admire. Many Confirmation candidates, recognizing the growing bond of love with their parents or a deepened relationship with aunts, uncles or godparents, will take one of their names. A candidate may even occasionally choose his or her own baptismal name, or the name of a saint honored as a patron of their family.

After deciding on your name, try to recognize the particular qualities or virtues that make this person unique or special. How can you imitate or acquire these qualities or virtues and make them part of your life. How can you become a better Christian? The only limit that is placed on your choice of names is that it must be a saint's name or a familiar derivative of the name.

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Saint Essay Cover Sheet

Full Name of Confirmand: _____

Name of Saint to be taken at Confirmation: _____

Information about your chosen saint:

Patron Saint of: _____

Place of Birth: _____

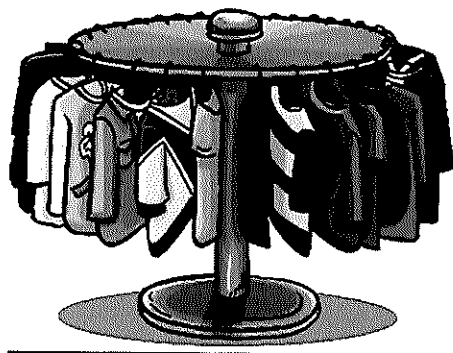
Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Feast Day: _____

Please attach this cover sheet to your essay. Your essay should include significant information regarding the life, miracles, and influences of your chosen saint.

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Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Program



Confirmation Dress Code for Classes

Confirmation is a *solemn spiritual occasion* for all of our candidates.
Candidates should be dressed in an appropriate manner when attending classes.



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Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Program

Confirmation Dress Code for Candidates and Sponsors

Confirmation is a *solemn spiritual occasion* for all of our candidates, sponsors and our parish community. Candidates and Sponsors must be dressed in an appropriate manner when being presented to the Archbishop for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here are some guidelines we ask you to pay particular attention to and the style of dress chosen by you for this occasion.

Dress Code for Men

- 1) Suit, shirt and tie or jacket, shirt, tie and dress pants may be worn.
No jeans or cargo pants.
- 2) Dress socks and shoes only, no sneakers.
- 3) No spiked hair or colored hair.
- 4) No caps or hats.
- 5) No visible tattoos or piercings (tongue, ear, nose or eyebrow)

Dress Code for Women

- 1) Dresses should be knee length, "Sunday best," and age appropriate.
- 2) No backless, strapless, spaghetti straps, coldshoulder dresses or dresses with slits be allowed. All straps should be at least 3/4" to 1" wide. (You can wear a wrap or jacket that is not see-through that stays in place during the ceremony.) The back of the dress **must be** above bra level.
- 3) The front of the dress **cannot** be low cut with cleavage visible.
- 4) Dress shoes cannot be flip-flops and excessive high heels are not appropriate.
- 5) No visible tattoos or piercings (tongue, nose or eyebrow)