



CTK & PJXXIII
2025-26

CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING



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Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit - like the Apostles received at Pentecost.

This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the graces of Baptism.



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Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts.

It is one of the three **Sacraments of Initiation** for Catholics (Baptism, Communion, Confirmation) .



CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION is **NOT** GRADUATION

Graduation is an ending.

Confirmation is a beginning.



- ★ Typically completed in 2 years
- ★ Can be longer if needed
- ★ The Candidate's readiness decides



DIOCESAN POLICY FOR ELIGIBILITY

- ★ Candidates are expected to have been previously involved in both the liturgical and sacramental life of the faith community and in an ongoing process of faith formation.
- ★ Families should be registered parishioners.



PARENTAL ROLE



PARENTS MUST PLAY A LARGE PART OF THIS PREPARATION PROCESS

- ★ Parents are the most important example of what it means to be a follower of Christ
- ★ Parents are a child's tangible experience of God's love
- ★ Growth and development in the Catholic faith, and the effectiveness of the Faith Formation process, depends on the parents outwardly living lives of faith

HOW PARENTS CAN ASSIST IN CANDIDATE'S PREPARATION

- ★ Celebrating regularly as part of the parish community and attending Sunday Mass
- ★ Participating in the Sacraments
- ★ Modeling a life of Christian witness
- ★ Provide continuing faith formation of their children after the reception of the sacraments by participating in the life of the church through word, worship, witness and service



FORMATION CLASSES



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★ Confirmation Year 1&2 - Option A

- Sunday, PJ23 @ 11:30 am

★ Confirmation Year 1&2 - Option B

- Sunday, PJ23 @ 6:00 pm
(Except: Oct 19 @ CTK)

Students attend ONE class each month. There are two class options -
Candidates can attend either session. Plan ahead to avoid conflicts.

FORMATION CLASSES (SUNDAY)

★ YEAR 1:

- 7 Sunday classes - meeting 1x each month / Sept - March
- 1 Rally/Retreat - Sat. Nov 22

★ YEAR 2:

- 6 Sunday classes - meeting 1x each month / Sept - Feb
- 1 Direct Prep Class(Event) / March (TBA)
- 1 Confirmation Retreat / April (TBA)
(Syr Diocese mandates Retreat be a **Confirmation** Retreat)



★ **Enrollment Ceremony**

- Dec. 6, 5:30 pm Mass @ PJ23

★ **Direct Prep Class(es)/Event**

- Moving forward toward Confirmation

★ **Confirmation Retreat**

- Date (TBA)
- Required by Diocese
- We bring in a group to run the retreat

★ **Final Individual Interview**

- Student with parent



REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Candidates must complete 4 ***spiritual***
and 4 ***service*** activities - each year.

EXAMPLES OF SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

- ❖ attending *Adoration* (with sponsor?)
- ❖ attending retreats
- ❖ parish presentations (i.e. Sep.17, *Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage*)
- ❖ *Diocesan Youth Rally** (Nov. 22)
- ❖ Church choir participation
- ❖ Youth worship events
- ❖ *African Cultural Mass* (Oct. 19)
- ❖ *Mystery Players* Advent performance (Dec.7)
- ❖ Live (Walking) Stations of the Cross (Good Friday)



EXAMPLES OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ *teaching/assisting with Faith Formation classes*
- ❖ *assisting at children's **Liturgy of the Word, or Christmas pageant***
- ❖ *assisting at faith fairs*
- ❖ *decorating the church at Christmas*
- ❖ *community activities like **March for Life, Crop Walk***
- ❖ *assist at parish picnic, social events/dinners, pancake breakfasts*
- ❖ *help with **Christmas & Easter flower fundraisers & deliveries***
- ❖ *childcare assistance during parish events (i.e. Nov 7)*
- ❖ *Altar serving*
- ❖ *clean the Church and/or grounds - with family*
- ❖ *help with **Trunk or Treat** (Oct 26)*
- ❖ *Attitude of Gratitude*
- ❖ *Volunteer at Samaritan Center or for Honor Flights*

ACTIVITY

- ★ Candidates must complete and submit an **Activity Report Form** for each spiritual and service activity that they experience.
- ★ Forms (similar to this one) will (soon) be available on the website

Signed by supervisor of activity

Faith Formation Program
Parishes of Christ the King & Pope John XXIII
This form is also available online

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT REPORT

NAME: _____

DATE: _____ # HOURS WORKED: _____

LOCATION OF THE SERVICE: _____

Describe what you did: _____

Describe any feelings/reactions regarding your service: (Did you learn anything? Would you do it again? etc.): _____

Section Below is to be completed and signed by supervisor of your service.

NAME: _____ Signature: _____

Comments: _____

RETURN TO YOUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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21 Cherry Tree Circle
Liverpool, NY 13090
Email: www.ckp23faithformation@syrdio.org

Pope John XXIII
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HOLY WEEK

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To understand who we are as Catholic Christians, it is important for candidates to experience the events and celebrations of Holy Week. Candidates are required to attend these services at least once during their 2 year process.

- ★ Palm Sunday
- ★ Holy Thursday
- ★ Good Friday
- ★ Easter Vigil (*Not the same as Easter Sunday*)

Candidates submit a **very brief** written reflection form for each Mass/service.





SPONSOR
&
SAINT NAME

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SPONSOR

- ★ Must be at least 16 years of age
- ★ May not be the parent of the candidate
- ★ Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- ★ Is a registered member of a parish, a practicing Catholic and is able to receive the Sacraments
- ★ If married, be in a canonically valid marriage recognized by the Roman Catholic Church
- ★ Must have the intention of encouraging the candidate to be a true witness to the Catholic Faith by actively practicing their faith



CHOOSING A SAINT NAME

- ★ Your Confirmation Name should reflect the NEW role you will undertake as a more mature Catholic
- ★ Your Confirmation name should be the name of a Catholic Saint
- ★ Don't just pick a name you like - Know your Saint!
- ★ Which Saint reflects a virtue or value you wish to aspire to; or, perhaps the patron Saint of your life's interest or passion
- ★ Pick the name of a Saint you admire, can relate to, or aspire to be like



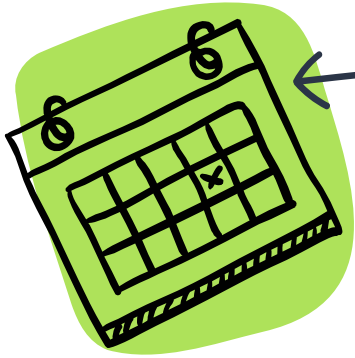


2nd Year Candidates

Sponsor & Saint Name due **ASAP**
(by the end of September)

1st Year students

Sponsor & Saint name
due by the end of October



2nd Year Candidates will participate
in a brief ***Enrollment Ceremony***

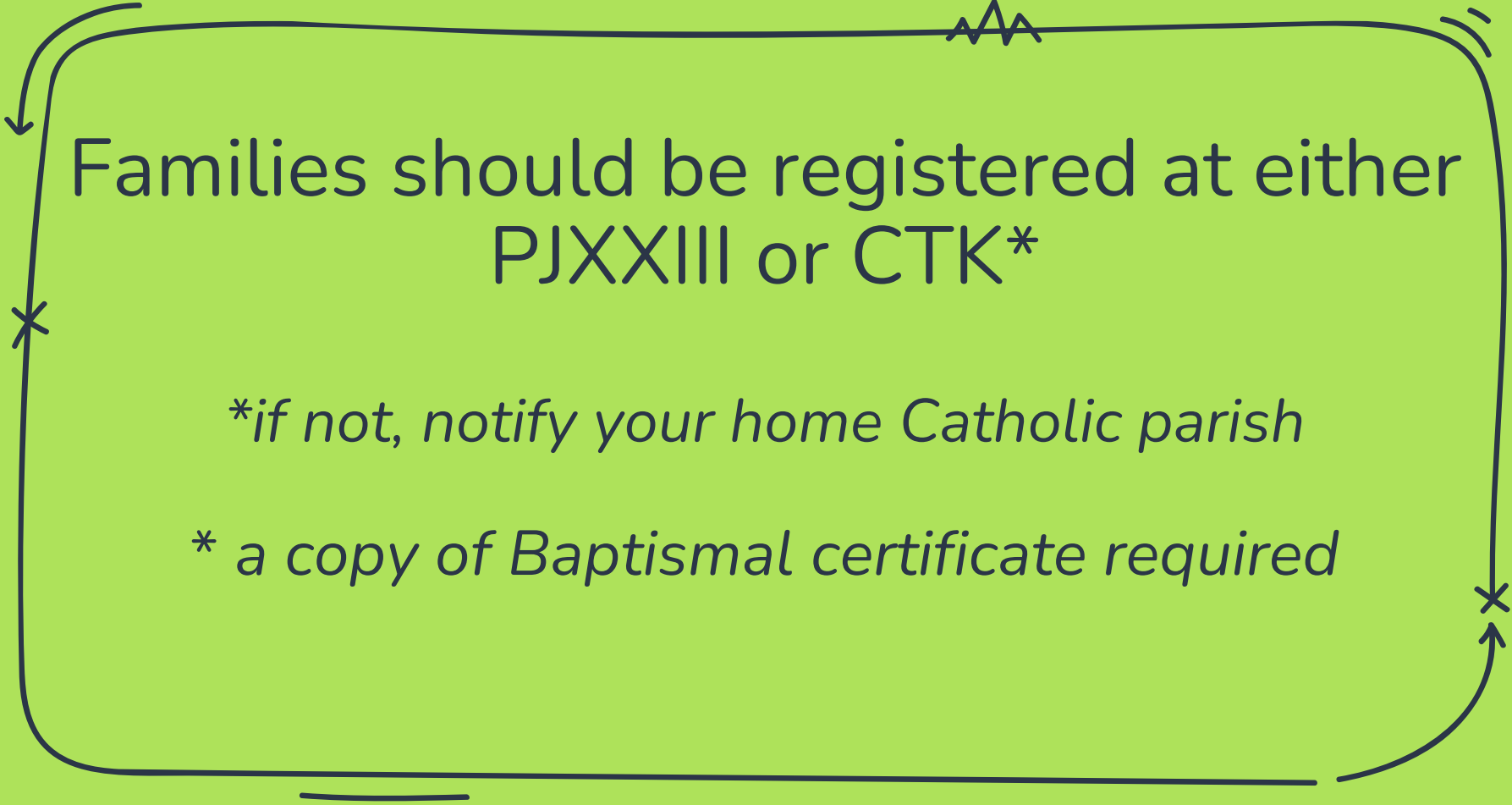
Saturday, December 6, @ Pope John XXIII
(during the 5:30pm Mass)



CHECK THE WEBSITE !!!

<https://liverpoolnycatholic.org>





Families should be registered at either
PJXXIII or CTK*

**if not, notify your home Catholic parish*

** a copy of Baptismal certificate required*

CONFIRMATION CONTACT INFO

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