



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION

Information Included in the Confirmation Packet:

- Basic Information and Dates
- Application for Confirmation (return date December 18, 2023)
- Confirmation Notes
- Christian Service Project Verification Form (return date February 5, 2024)
- Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis (return date February, 5, 2024)

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be at Our Lady of the Fields on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11:30 AM -5:00 PM. We will be checking in students after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Gathering Space (around 10:35 AM). We will be leaving OLV at 10:45 AM – please meet in front of the OLV School to board the bus. The bus will return around 5:30 PM.

It would be great if we could all come together for 9:30 Mass at OLV before leaving for the retreat. We will have a reserved section in the church for the Candidates! With the Retreat coming so soon we would like the permission slip turned in, along with the retreat fee of \$40.00, by October 1, 2024. The forms for the retreat can be found at: <https://olvnorthville.org/confirmation-prep>. For your convenience we have an online option for payment at: <https://www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-victory-church-5/giving/funds/confirmation-retreat>, or, if paying by check, please make it out to Our Lady of Victory.

Confirmation Celebrations

Tuesday, March 12th 6:30 PM (A-L)

Wednesday, March 13th 6:30 PM (M-Z)

Application for Confirmation-Due-December 18, 2023

Confirmation Forms are due by February 5, 2024

Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at OLV)

Christian Service Project Verification Form

Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis



APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Candidate's Last Name _____

First _____ Middle _____

Confirmation Name Chosen _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Address with Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Father's Full Name _____
(first, middle & last)

Mother's Full Name _____
(first, middle & last)

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Name of Church where Baptized _____

Date of Baptism: Month/ Day/ Year _____

Address of Church where Baptized other than OLV _____

_____ phone # of church _____

City, State Zip Code _____

(Please attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate if not Baptized at OLV)

Full Name of Confirmation Sponsor and the Parish they belong to.

Please return this form by December 18, 2023



CONFIRMATION NOTES

Sponsors: Each candidate must have a sponsor. The sponsor may be either male or female.

Here are some guidelines to follow to find a sponsor:

- A sponsor needs to be a Confirmed practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.
- Godparents are great (as this indicates the close connection between Baptism and Confirmation).
- A sponsor should not be a parent.
- A sponsor should be someone to look up to as a Faith Role Model.
- A sponsor should be available to share in Confirmation preparation spiritually and physically.

Confirmation Names: As Confirmation is connected to, and dependent upon, Baptism for its meaning, it is appropriate that the Baptismal Name be used. However, another name is acceptable. Traditionally, saint names have been chosen, or someone who is an exemplary Catholic Role Model.

Dress: Appropriate dress is required at the time of Confirmation. Candidates should be dressed modestly and in “Sunday Best.”

Reconciliation: It is recommended that the candidate participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Reconciliation will be offered.

Application for the Sacrament of Confirmation: This form must be completed and turned in by **December 18, 2023**. Please be sure complete information is included on the form especially the Day, Month and Year of Baptism. **Please include a copy of your Baptismal Certificate unless you were Baptized at OLV.**

Christian Service: The candidates are to write a brief reflection about a Service Project. Suggestions for Service Projects are included. Please have a person in charge sign the Confirmation Service Verification Form. This must be completed and turned in with the packet by **February 5, 2024**.

Letter of Request to be Confirmed: The candidates should write a letter addressed to our Pastor, Fr. Denis Theroux, requesting to be confirmed. The format is up to you, but somewhere in the content you should address what being Confirmed will mean to your faith life and what being a Catholic Christian means to you. Please remember to sign your letter and include it in your packet by **February 5, 2024**.

Thank you for your time and support in working together with us in your faith formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a new beginning into adult faith. We encourage continual growth in faith by attending Mass, prayer and participation in the parish community and activities.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS

The Service Project is a vital part of the Confirmation Process. It shows that we follow the ideals of Christ and reach out to those in need. The service and the Service Project Reflection should be completed by **February 5, 2024**. The service should extend outside of your home or family. It is to be out of the spirit of community and caring and not for money. Some examples are listed below but make it your own!

- St. Dominic's Back to School Backpack Collection.
- St. Dominic's Thanksgiving Outreach.
- St. Dominic's Christmas Outreach.
- St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services.
- Helping neighbors rake leaves or shovel snow.
- Helping with school activities.
- Various scouting activities which reach out to others.
- Develop your own unique Service project.

Please chart your activities noting date, type of service, hours spent and signature of supervising adult or the person the service is rendered to. Please submit a brief report and reflection on one of your projects.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Name: _____

Parents are to verify with the service organization that your child is to be supervised at all times by an adult and that your child knows who the responsible adult is during their service opportunity.

In volunteering for this service project, I agree to the following:

- I understand the expectations and duties involved in the service experience selected.
- I will maintain the agreed upon schedule, arrive on time and stay the number of hours established for satisfactory completion of the service experience.
- I or my parent will notify agency/event representative/ service supervisor if a commitment must be broken due to illness or other unavoidable situations.
- I will dress appropriately. If necessary, I will contact the representative before service begins to determine appropriate dress.
- On the day of the event, I will listen to the adult supervisor as to my responsibilities/duties and any other directions especially those that may pertain to my safety. I will make sure that all of my questions have been answered.
- On the day of the event I will learn as much as possible about the agency/service opportunity. I will suspend judgment and enter each experience with an open mind.
- I will have the agency representative or adult supervisor sign the agreement and verification form at the completion of service. Forms should be returned to the Faith Formation Office at OLV.

What did this service involve?

Number of hours to complete service: _____

Signature of agency representative or supervisor

Date

Permission Slips and any Medical forms are the responsibility of the agency or service organization.

Due by February 5, 2024



CONFIRMATION LETTER

Letter of Request to be Confirmed for Fr. Denis

Your letter to Fr. Denis should be heartfelt and given some thought. Your letter should explain why you feel you are prepared to be Confirmed and how you plan on using your gifts at Our Lady of Victory and in the Catholic Church! Consider the following while composing your letter.

- _____ Introduce yourself.
- _____ Request the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory for yourself.
- _____ Why do you want to be confirmed?
- _____ Describe how you have prepared for the sacrament, such as prayer, study, classes, service, receiving the other sacraments.
- _____ Relate how you have accepted the responsibility of living a Christian life through Service to God and to others.
- _____ What does it mean to you to be confirmed?
- _____ What does it mean to you to be a member of this parish community?
- _____ What difference is being a Catholic? Especially in your life now?
- _____ What role does your faith in God play in your everyday life?
- _____ Tell something about your family, your background, your interests, and how your faith might be lived out.
- _____ How you plan to continue your commitment to the Catholic Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit!
- _____ How will you participate in the OLV community after you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Conclude your letter and thank Fr. Denis. Be sure to sign your letter!

Due by February 5, 2024