

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
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Confirmation Candidate Handbook



“Confirmation emphasizes the transformation of life by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in fullness. Confirmed Christians claim as their own the new life into which they were first initiated at Baptism. The Church community expresses the continued support and concern for the spiritual growth of those confirmed, while the latter promise in return to help others grow and mature in Christian life.” (NCD #118)

Student Information
for
Confirmation Preparation

All Candidates will receive their own *Confirmation Handbook* that will aid in their Confirmation preparation. This book, to be submitted to the Youth Ministry Office at its completion, will contain all the work of the candidate.

CANDIDATE:

PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR HANDBOOK.

ALL THE WORK SHOULD BE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED.

The following will need to be completed:

1. Candidate and Parent sign the “Confirmation Covenant”
2. Mass Experience
3. Service Project Report
4. Candidate information sheet/ Sponsor information sheet (sponsor name and letter of Eligibility must be received in the Youth Ministry Office by March 15.)
5. Saints Name Project

(Also you will need to work with your sponsor on their handbook)

**** All of this information is due by March 15th – if we do not receive everything by that date, your Confirmation may be delayed to the next year.

Covenant

Dear God and Father,

I thank You and praise You, for You have given me life, and supported by those who have loved me, You have welcomed me into Your people, the Church, through the waters of Baptism.

Now I prepare to seal my life in Your family through the sacrament of Confirmation, and I therefore promise to accept and fulfill the following responsibilities of Catholic Christian life:

I believe that one of the most important signs of who and what we are as a Catholic Christian people is our prayer, and so, I promise to make some time each day to speak and listen to You. I promise as well to join the people of our parish in the celebration of Mass each Sunday.

I believe that it is very important for me as a Catholic Christian person to know about my faith, and so, I promise to study my faith through the Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Program as well as at home with my family. I promise also to be prepared to answer questions about my beliefs to show that I have taken my commitment seriously.

I believe that being a Catholic Christian means that I should always be willing to serve other people, and so, I promise to look for ways to do that as I take a more active role in the life of the Church. I promise to remember that I am called to be a voice for the voiceless and to help others with an open heart.

I understand all these things are ways which will show that I am ready to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and so, I promise to live up to these responsibilities by working with my parish community. I promise to do all these things for You, Father, and for all the members of my family, the Church.

Date

Candidate's Signature

Parent's Promise:

As a member of the Church, I promise to support my child in this time of preparation. I will work to be a good example to by attending Sunday Mass, by committing to prayer at home, and by supporting our parish and community. I know that as my child's primary catechist it is important to show my desire to live, learn and share the Good News in all aspects of my day.

Parent's Signature

MASS EXPERIENCES

Please fill out after attending Mass. For faith formation at least six of these will need to be completed by due date..

Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

Did you feel like part of the community and why or why not?

Did something in particular catch your attention during Mass (this could be something you particularly liked or had a question about.)

Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

What was the basic message you received from hearing the Readings?

What does it mean to you when the gifts (bread, wine and money collected) are brought forward?

Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

What do you think Jesus was trying to say to you in the Gospel?

Did the music help you have a better experience of the Mass and why or why not?



Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

What was the basic message that you received from the homily?

Did any thoughts come to you while watching everyone go forward to receive Communion? _____



Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

Did you hear something in the Prayers of the Faithful that made you think of those less fortunate than you and how we need to pray for them? _____

How did you feel after receiving Communion?



Date: _____ Mass: _____

Priest: _____

What was your favorite part of the Mass and why?

Did you feel different when you left Mass as compared to when you entered the Church? Why or why not?



Service Project

*Remember that our Lord said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving"
(Acts 20:35)*

Name: _____

Signature: _____

For My Service Project I... _____

** Use separate sheet if needed.

* Service is a requirement and must be completed. If you have difficulty with this, please contact the Youth Ministry Office for assistance.

A Confirmation Retreat is part of our faith formation. Please record you retreat you attended here:

Did you like the retreat? Yes ____ or No ____

Comments:

Candidate Information

Candidate's Full Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age _____
Date of Baptism: _____
Name of Baptismal Church: _____
Baptismal Church Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Father's Full Name: _____
(as listed on baptismal certificate)
Mother's Full Name: _____
(please include maiden name)
Confirmation Saint's Name: _____

* Must turn in a copy of Baptismal Certificate with this form.

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name: _____
Sponsor's Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Sponsor's Phone #: _____
Sponsor's Parish: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Year sponsor was Confirmed in Roman Catholic Church: _____

*** Sponsor must be willing to attend a sponsor training the day before Confirmation. A sponsor must be Roman Catholic, 16 years of age or older, Confirmed in Roman Catholic Church, and an active member of their parish community. All sponsors who are not active members of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church must have a letter from their parish indicating that they are eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation. Parents are not allowed to be sponsors. If you do not have anyone to be a suitable sponsor please contact the youth ministry office and we will help you find a sponsor. It is important to get your sponsor to send in their letter as soon as you can – they are all due by March 1, for review.

* If your sponsor is unable to be a part of the Confirmation rite, for any reason, a proxy is required to meet the same requirements as the sponsor.

Sponsor eligibility letter should be mailed to:
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
Attention: Confirmation Committee
8320 Old County Road 54
New Port Richey, FL 34653-6415

Saint's Name Form

Info to be added on our wikispace

Saint's Name: _____

Patron Saint of: _____

A little history: _____

Why I chose my saint: _____

How will I emulate this person in my own life?

Popular Saints

Here is a list of our most popular saints.

St. Joan of Arc	St. Juan Diego	St. James the Greater
St. Jude	St. Christopher	St. John of Damascus
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	St. Mary Magdalene	St. Luke
St. Matthew	St. Anthony the Abbot	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Jerome	St. Valentine	St. Dominic
St. Nicholas	St. Padre Pio	St. Monica
St. Thomas Becket	St. Roque de Santa Cruz	St. Rose of Lima
St. Philomena	St. Anthony of Padua	St. Teresa of Avila
St. Therese of Lisieux	St. Bernadette	St. Francis of Assisi
St. Josemaria de Balaguer	St. Martin de Porres	St. Martin of Tours
St. Lucy	St. Ambrose	St. John the Baptist
St. Clare	St. Rita	St. John the Apostle
St. Victoria	St. Augustine of Hippo	St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Angela Merici	St. Bernard of Clairvaux	St. Thomas More
St. Leo the Great	St. Hilary of Poitiers	St. Peter

(Just some examples please feel free to check out others on the web but make sure they are truly saints by cross checking with other resources. New Saints out there so check some of them out)

