

Confirmandi 2012

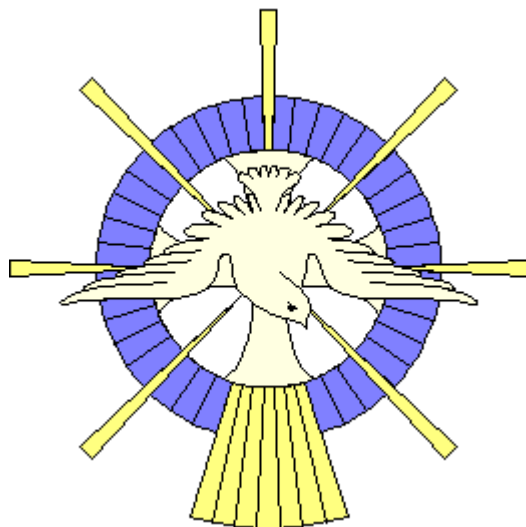
As a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Evergreen Park, I desire to affirm my belief in Jesus and His Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As I enter into this final phase of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, bless me and give me the willingness to do all that is required of me.

I pledge to the best of my ability to take part in the learning sessions and activities that are a part of the program of preparation.

I accept the responsibility to open my mind and heart to the activities of the Holy Spirit during this time of preparation. I ask this in Christ's name.

Amen



All information and packets can be found at www.mostholyredeemer.org. Click on School of Religion, then 8th gr Confirmation.

Dear Confirmandi,

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common”.
Acts 4:32

Christian love is manifested in service to other people. Jesus came as one who serves. He declared that, at the end of time, he will judge us on how well we have served him through other people. A vital part of the candidates’ preparation for living a full Christian life, then, is developing a habit of service.

Guidelines For Service

Jesus has invited you to come and follow Him. To walk in His footsteps, to reach out to others as He did, that is with care, concern, healing, and hope. Confirmation can be a missed opportunity or a highlight, a turning point of your life. It is your choice.

- Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service is not new to you. You have given of yourself in many ways and should continue after your Confirmation and all through your life.
- Service hours must be journaled. Write down your thoughts and feelings about each project after its completion.

Four areas will be stressed as you prepare for Confirmation:

- Liturgy and reflecting on the readings.
- Prayer; when, how, meaning of prayer, your challenge to grow.
- Knowing my faith; our beliefs as stated in the Creed; are they important to you?
- Christian service; Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, how do I practice them?

Areas that will be open for service are church and community. Those preparing you for Confirmation can answer any questions about particular service opportunities. Service projects will be listed and you will have many interesting avenues to choose from.

The performance of service hours and the reflection upon such work are an integral preparation for the life of loving service that adult Christians must embrace. Therefore the honest completion of these hours is necessary for Confirmation and if this commitment is not done honestly and in a Christian spirit it would mean that you are not ready for the Sacrament of Confirmation and will have to wait another year. We thank you for your cooperation in this Spirit-filled endeavor.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Hyland and Staff

The Role Of The Sponsor

Sponsors are those who will help the Confirmation candidate live his or her baptismal promises. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to:

- Accompany the candidate to a weekend liturgy and help them reflect on the Liturgy of the Word.
- Help the candidate understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Confirmation and have the right intentions for receiving it.
- Help the candidate prepare for Confirmation by encouraging him or her to attend Sunday Mass, to pray, to participate in the sacraments—especially the Eucharist, and to become actively involved in the life of their parish community.
- Assist in the faith sharing component of Confirmation.
- Present the candidate for Confirmation and continue to assist the confirmed person in living a Christian life.

The Role Of The Parents

The parents have a responsibility to create a Christian environment in the home. They should:

- **Worship together regularly at Sunday Mass**, sharing your reflection on the readings.
- Set a good example, and encourage their child to lead a life of active Christian service.
- Serve their family out of love.
- Build an atmosphere of trust and understanding.
- Continue to nurture their child in faith.
- **Parents have a responsibility to help young people prepare for Confirmation. They should:**
 - Encourage their child to reflect thoughtfully on the Liturgy each week.
 - Assist in the faith sharing component of the sacrament when sponsors are unavailable.
 - Pray with their child and discuss various aspects of faith and the special meanings of Confirmation.
 - Take part in special catechesis for parents to help renew their own faith so they can more effectively guide their child.
 - Volunteer to drive for the special service outings their children will be involved in.
 - Participate in service hours with their child.

Sponsor Interview

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Full Name and Relationship _____

Please return this form by Monday, October 24, 2011

Discuss the following questions with your sponsor and write down your answers. Answers should be written from your **sponsor's** perspective.

Describe a "good Christian"? _____

What does being Catholic mean to me? _____

How and when do I pray? _____

Do you have doubts about God? _____

Where do you go to find the answers? _____

How do I intend to be a living witness of my faith and a good role model for my candidate? _____

Confirmation Calendar

- September 27, 2011 Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Parent / Candidate / Sponsor meeting
Confirmation name due
Speaker: Fr. Matt Nemchausky
- October 24, 2011 Monday, Sponsor interview due
- February 2012 Confirmation Interviews TBA
- February 21, 2012 Tuesday, 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. ~ Confirmation retreat in Briody Hall
NET Ministries
- February 23, 2012 Thursday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. ~ Confirmation practice – students only
- February 26, 2012 Sunday, 1 p.m. Confirmation Mass
Bishop Andrew P. Wypych
Reception following in Briody Hall