



Journey Toward Confirmation WELCOME PACKET

Greetings in Christ,

We are excited to welcome you as you begin your Journey towards Confirmation! As you prepare for this Sacrament at the Quad-Parishes, you will be invited to dive deeper into your Catholic faith through small group mentor meetings, sponsor conversations, powerful opportunities for prayer, fellowship and participation in parish ministries. Our hope and prayer is that you will encounter the living Christ and feel prepared to become Confirmed in the Catholic Faith.

Now....let the Journey begin!

If you have any questions, please let me know!

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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." --Jeremiah 29:11

Journey Goal

Through this journey, we pray students will come to *love their faith more deeply, articulate their faith confidently, and be inspired to live their faith daily.*

Confirmation Orientation - Wednesday, December 11th @6:30pm

Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center - 936 9th Street 54304

Candidates and Parents will attend orientation meeting that will cover the ins and outs of Confirmation, review important dates and pray as we begin the journey.

Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, March 29th

9am-5pm - Nobertine Center for Spirituality

Candidates will be required to attend a Confirmation Retreat, preferably with our group. The retreat will focus on team building, learning more about what it means to be taking this Journey Toward Confirmation and an opportunity to have a personal encounter with Christ.

Confirmation Enrollment & Youth Led Liturgy - Sunday, April 19th

9:15am Mass - St. Jude Parish

Candidates and Sponsors are invited to Mass for the Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation. The teens will lead the Mass times and there will be a special opportunity for teens & their sponsors to be acknowledged by our parish communities.

Sponsors

Candidates are invited to ask someone to journey with them as a sponsor. Together they will be asked to attend three events: Confirmation Enrollment, Faith Filled Event & Practice.

Dare to Be a Disciple - Mentor Sessions Beginning Wednesday, April 15th

Teens will be assigned to a Confirmation mentor who is a faith-filled and dynamic member from one of our parishes. The candidates and mentor will meet at the weekly gathered sessions beginning in April to talk about the 5 Disciplines of a Disciple - Want Greatness - Pray!
- Build Community - Stay Connected to the Sacraments - Commit to Mission.

April 15, 22, 29 - May 6, 13 6:30-8pm at the QP Faith Formation Center

Confirmation Practice - Wednesday, May 20 @ 6:30pm

Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center Enter Door # 5

Confirmation Mass - Thursday, May 21 @ 7:00pm

St. Francis Cathedral - Arrive at 6:00pm

140 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301

Our hope and our prayer is through this process, teens will be prepared and excited for the graces they will receive through the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is our goal to help teens to accept their role as Disciples of Christ. In the end, the Journey they have experienced has led them to the foothills of the mountain...there is so much more to come!

Pre-Confirmation Candidate Essay

Each Candidate is asked to write a 500 word essay (typed or handwritten) on the following question to help us understand where you are at as we begin the Journey towards Confirmation!

"What kind of Disciple do you want to be?"

Please Complete & Return by March 1st!

Pre-Confirmation Parent Essay

Each Parent is asked to write a 500 word essay (typed or handwritten) on the following question to help us understand where you are at as your teen begins the Journey towards Confirmation!

"Why do you want your child to do this?"

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Choosing A Confirmation Sponsor

What is a Sponsor

"A Confirmation Sponsor witnesses the commitment you make to God and to the Church by presenting you to the Bishop and standing beside you as someone who has supported you and who will continue to help you on your faith journey."

(<http://holyspiritreligiouseducation.wikispaces.com/Choosing+a+Confirmation+Sponsor>)

Sponsor Qualifications

A sponsor must have the following qualifications:

1. be a Catholic who is at least 16 years old
2. have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. be a person who leads a faith filled life
4. be a spiritual help and guide
5. not a parent of the candidate

Sponsor Responsibilities

Sponsors will be asked to

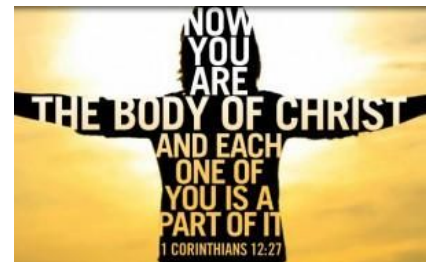
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- Attend Faith Filled Event with Candidate
- Attend Confirmation Practice on Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30pm @ The Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center 936 9th Street - Green Bay, WI 54304 - Door #5
- Witness Candidate's commitment at Confirmation on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00pm (Please arrive at 6pm) at the St. Francis Cathedral - 140 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301

You are encouraged to take some time to pray and consider who you would like to choose to journey with you to Confirmation...and beyond!

(Thanks Buzz Light Year)



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You have had the opportunity to invite a special person to walk this Journey toward Confirmation with you. Please complete the following information about your sponsor.

My Name (Student): _____

My Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Complete Address (Please make sure this is correct information)

Street: _____ **Apt.#** _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Sponsor's Phone(s): _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

Name of the Parish (and city/state) where your Sponsor is an Active Member:

I chose this person to be my sponsor because:



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Mentor and Candidate Meet and Greet

To help us place you into small groups, please fill out the following information. This is super important...especially question # 7.

1. My Name Is _____ School _____

2. Best way to contact me or my family

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Text: _____

Messenger Pigeon: _____

3. My Birthday is on _____ (Can you say Birthday Cake!)

4. My pet is a _____ named _____.

5. A pet I would like to have is a _____.

6. If I could sit down and have lunch with Pope Francis, I would ask him

7. My favorite talking animal is _____

8. My hidden talent is _____

9. If I could choose one thing to change about me it would be _____

10. Circle one: (I always eat breakfast) (I sometimes eat breakfast) (I never eat breakfast)

11. Please draw a picture of yourself so your small group leader can know who to look for. (Stick figures are accepted!)



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