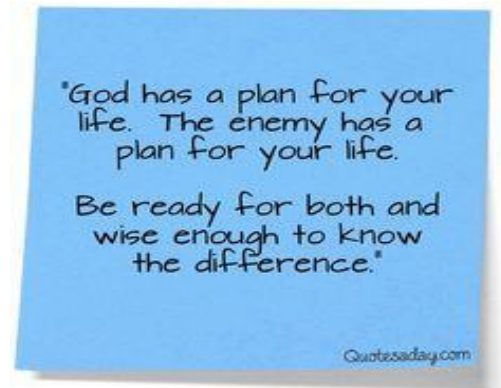


Sacrament of Confirmation – Preparation Program Description

Candidates in the Confirmation program at Prince of Peace Parish must be at least in their junior year of high school. In this program, candidates will develop and strengthen their relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ, while learning how to apply our Catholic values in areas of Creed, Morality, Liturgy & Sacraments, and Prayer to the world we live in today.

We ask that candidates
enter the Confirmation process with
an open mind and heart.

The decision to be confirmed
belongs to the youth.



Requirements for the 2023 Confirmation Program

What follows are the requirements Confirmation candidates must complete to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **All requirements must be completed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Attend Classes

Confirmation Candidates should be present at all scheduled classes and the Masses that precede them. The Purpose App has the most up to date class schedule.

- These classes are required by the Diocese of Green Bay.
- All classes include Sunday evening Mass starting at 6pm.
- If you are not able to attend, please call 920-468-5718 ext 103, email nsaindon@popgb.org,
Make up work will include a written paper.

Turn in Baptismal Certificates

Prince of Peace must have a baptismal certificate on file for every candidate going through the Sacrament of Confirmation. If the candidate was baptized at Prince of Peace, the baptismal certificate will already be on file. **If the candidate was not baptized at Prince of Peace, it is their responsibility to get a copy of their baptismal certificate to our Parish Office.** Baptismal certificates are due by **August 16th 2023**. To request a copy of a certificate, call the office of the parish where the baptism took place and ask that a copy of the baptismal certificate be sent to Prince of Peace, Attention: Dir. Youth Ministry. Baptismal certificates can be faxed to 920-468-5713.

Choose a Confirmation Sponsor

Each candidate will select a Confirmation sponsor. Sponsors must be:

- At least 18 years old
- **A confirmed and actively practicing Catholic**
- Not the candidate's parent

This person should be someone you respect and is a good role model. Please select a sponsor, have them complete the Confirmation Sponsor Commitment form, and return it to the Parish Office by **August 16th 2023**. Please spend some time together on a spiritual experience. We strongly suggest that the candidate and sponsor attend Mass together and discuss what the Sacrament of Confirmation means in your life as a Catholic. Sponsors are expected to attend the Confirmation practice in **August/Sept of 2023**. The date of this practice has not been set so stay tuned.



Participate in a Confirmation Interview

Candidates will participate in a Confirmation interview with Deacon Jeff. The interview is an opportunity for candidates to pause and reflect on their sacrament preparation and on where their path towards deepening their faith is going beyond the sacrament. Interviews will be scheduled **in August** and a sign up will come via email.

Write a Saint Biography

Candidates are required to choose a Confirmation name. Whether this is their own name or a favorite saint, we ask that they explore how this holy person (this saint) offers them witness to walk more closely with Christ. This is a personal reflection, not a research paper! However, you are expected to use reliable sources when seeking information. A format with additional details is provided at the end of this packet. Saint biographies are due **Aug 16th, 2023**.

Participate in a Confirmation Retreat

Every candidate must participate in a day retreat. **The retreat will be facilitated by Spiritus at Prince of Peace on Sunday, October 1st. This is a day retreat Confirmation candidates cannot miss; if a candidate cannot make the retreat, they must find a different retreat to attend at a different parish.** Candidates cannot be confirmed without the retreat. The Retreat begins with the 10 am mass and there will be lunch provided for the students and anyone that would like to assist as a chaperone.

Write a Letter to the Bishop

All candidates will write a letter to the Bishop formally requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letters are to be written at home. A format is provided at the end of this packet to help with the process. **The letter is due Aug 16th which is a Wednesday and does not correspond to a class date.**

Complete Service Hours

Serving others is a critical component of Catholicism. Therefore, all Confirmation candidates are required to complete 10 hours of service outside of the Confirmation program. The requirement is as follows:

- **Serving the Church – 5 hours required** Ideas include: Helping in class on Wednesday nights between 4:15-8:00pm, running A/V equipment during 4:30 pm Mass, at weddings, or funerals, reading at Mass, helping at a church event, call the parish office for volunteer opportunities, assisting at Gospel time during the 10 am mass, and being a server, greeter or usher at mass. You are expected to dress appropriately for the event you assist with. **Shorts, sandals, sweats and t-shirts are not to be worn when assisting with the Mass.**
- **Serving the Community – 5 hours required** Ideas include: volunteering at Paul's Pantry or the Salvation Army, tutoring younger students, serving a meal at the NEW Community Shelter, Activities at your school, assisting someone in your neighborhood with a difficult task (shovel snow for the elderly, etc).

There is also a single event option: If students choose to work in a consecutive event equaling an 8-hour service project, this can count as both your Church and Community service hours, regardless of which category it falls under. Service hours must be complete, and the Service Requirement form must be submitted by **Dec 17, 2023**. I am allowing extra time beyond the Sacrament for this to be completed, since it isn't something that can be rushed but also because I would like the students to assist at things voluntarily and not because they need to "get it done." The Service Requirement form is attached and is also available on the Religious Education page at popgb.org.



Family's last name: _____

****Kept on File****

Prince of Peace Covenant

In signing this covenant, our family understands that student behavior reflects the value of living out our Catholic faith and helping students and others to grow as Christians. Our family agrees to follow the rules and guidelines set by the Prince of Peace Religious Education program:

Behaviors that show we are Christians and promote a positive classroom environment:

- ✓ Respecting classmates and adults through attentive listening, valuing others' opinions, keeping hands to self, wearing appropriate clothing to class, and expressing kind words.
- ✓ Participation in class and special events each week through attendance, contributing to class discussions, and maintaining a positive attitude.
- ✓ Keeping focused during class, especially by storing cell phone in pocket. At times, students may be asked to use their phones for research.
- ✓ Knowing that drugs, alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-like products such as e-cigarettes, or any type of weapons are not allowed in the building or on the property. The police will be contacted, should a student be found in possession of any of these items.
- ✓ Respecting the sacredness of the church by entering quietly and walking.

Respect for the church staff, volunteer catechists, and other students is the expectation. However, if students make poor choices, redirection to correct their behavior will help them to grow as a more faithful member of the church community.

Most poor choices can be redirected via a verbal warning from the catechist.

However, if further behavior instruction is needed, a plan will be formed with a religious education coordinator and/or Father. Parents may be called and asked to pick up their child for severe cases.

Note: Further explanations of the Covenant can be found in the 2023-2024 Religious Education Family Handbook.

I understand that the purpose of this covenant is to allow for a positive learning experience to grow deeper in faith. By signing this covenant, I agree to respect and uphold the rules and conditions set forth by the Religious Education staff and Prince of Peace.

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Student signature: _____ Grade: _____



Confirmation Saint Reflection

Saint Reflection Due: Aug 16th, 2023

History behind the Confirmation Name

In Sacred Scripture when one answers God's call, he/she experiences a change of heart. There are several Scripture stories of people whose names changed after they experienced a call from God: Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, Jacob to Israel, Simon to Peter, and Saul to Paul. As you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you seek a new name. A good way to consider this is to recall the basic formula "I was (selfish, lustful, prideful, angry, etc) and then I met Jesus, and now I am (Patient, Chaste, Kind, etc)

You may choose to keep the name given to you at Baptism if it is a saint's name. This shows the sacramental connection to your Baptism and First Communion. To stay with your Baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there is a continual growth in your faith, and you wish to make this formal through Confirmation. You may also select the name of a saint who inspires you. Taking a new name at Confirmation is an expression of a desire to accept a new role in the Church.

The Saint Reflection

- Whatever name you decide on, your own name or that of a favorite saint, we ask that you explore **how this holy person, this saint, offers you witness to walk more closely with Christ.**
- **This is a personal reflection, not a research paper!** However, you are expected to use reliable sources when seeking information.

Confirmation Name

If you intend to take another name for Confirmation, state it explicitly in your reflection:

1. For Confirmation, I am taking the name of...because **OR**
2. For Confirmation, I am affirming my Baptismal name of ... because

Guidelines for writing your Saint Reflection

1. **Paper should be about 2 pages, in a Word or Google Doc** (double spaced, font size 12)
2. Make sure you include your name on the top of the paper.
3. Do your best to write a genuine, reflective, original work – not a cut and paste job off the internet.
4. Please type this reflection so that it is clearly readable.
5. All papers are to be submitted to The Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at nsaendon@popgb.org

What to include:

1. Start with: For Confirmation I am taking/affirming the name...
2. Provide a summary of their life (1 paragraph minimum)
3. Explain why you selected this Catholic saint?
4. How can the life of this saint be a model of faith and commitment to you in your life?
5. How does this saint influence the Church today?



Format for Letter to the Bishop

Due Aug 16th, 2023



Your street address
City, State Zip Code
Today's Date

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
P.O. Box 23825
Green Bay, WI 54305-3825

Dear Bishop Ricken,

In your own words write to the Bishop and share with him:

Something about yourself (school, job, interests, family, etc.), and include that you are a member of the **2023** Prince of Peace Confirmation Class.

Please Request to be confirmed on Oct 7th because: share why your Catholic faith is important to you. It may help you to think about:

1. The ways in which this Sacrament will strengthen your relationship with Jesus
2. The role of faith in your life
3. What it means to you to be a part of our parish community and/or
4. How the Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles to be witnesses for Jesus (read and reflect on the Acts of the Apostles)

Share about your Confirmation commitment and how you have grown: i.e. Mass attendance, meeting with your sponsor, prayer life, participation in class sessions, and morality.

Also share:

1. Something about your service hours and what you gained from the experience.
2. Anything else you have done that demonstrates your willingness to be a disciple of Jesus.
3. Something meaningful about the Retreat.

(Optional) Conclude your letter with a quotation from Scripture which will serve as your inspiration as you move on beyond Confirmation. This can be a sentence or a few sentences. Include an explanation as to why you chose this passage.

Thank the Bishop for taking the time to read your letter and that you are looking forward to meeting him.

Sincerely,

Your Typed Name

Important Notes:

1. Letter must be *at least* 1 page, but it usually takes 2 to 3 to do the subject justice, 12 font, double spaced and forwarded to Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries nsaindon@popgb.org
2. Make sure you include the appropriate headings on your letter (see above).
3. **This letter MUST be turned in on Aug 16th, 2023 as these letters MUST be on the Bishop's desk two weeks before Confirmation!**
4. Please use a computer, write in complete sentences, and proof your letter for spelling and grammar.
5. This letter will be reviewed by Neil Saindon prior to it being submitted to the Bishop, and grammatical corrections will be expected. **Plagiarism is easy to spot and will not be tolerated.**



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Confirmation Information Form

(Please Print)

Student Information

Student Name _____

Date of Baptism _____

City, State and Parish of Baptism _____

City of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent Information

Mothers Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Student has dietary restrictions/allergies? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please offer information regarding the restriction or allergy below:



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Confirmation Information Form

(Please Print)

Sponsor Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Parish Registered _____

Sponsored student name _____

Confirmation Sponsors must complete attached form and return to
Prince of Peace Parish Office.

Due on or before August 16th, 2023

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COMMITMENT

A Confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the Confirmation Candidate is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of Confirmation should select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and the guidelines for the Green Bay diocese.

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not a parent and must be at least 16 years old.
2. The sponsor must be confirmed, practices his/her faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receives the Eucharist. The sponsor leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor will willingly participate in the Confirmation candidates preparation process, by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the Candidate can follow as an example of a person journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord, participates in the liturgies, and will encourage the young candidate to live a Christian life during the preparation period and after Confirmation.

Please have the sponsor read this form and acknowledge the following with their signature.

- I am a Confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.
- I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God's life at Mass on Sundays.
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor for:

(Print Confirmation Candidate's Name)

(Print Sponsor's Name)

(Sponsor's Signature & Date)

Due on or before August 16th, 2023

