

## 2020-2021 Confirmation Program



### Agenda

- ✓ Discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation – Preparation Program Description
  - ✓ Review Sunday Night Confirmation Schedule/Safety Procedures
  - ✓ Identify Requirements for the Confirmation Program

### Confirmation Checklist

	Due
○ Sign Prince of Peace Family Covenant	9/13/20
○ Complete and Turn in Field Trip Permission Slip	9/13/20
○ Attend Classes (September to February)	
○ Learn Contents of Bishop's Confirmation Guide	
○ Turn in Baptismal Certificate	10/25/20
○ Choose a Sponsor	
○ Confirmation Information Form	10/25/20
○ Confirmation Sponsor Commitment Form	10/25/20
○ Saint Biography (format provided)	11/15/20
○ Participate a Confirmation Interview	January
○ Write a Letter to the Bishop (format provided)	1/10/21*
○ Complete Service Hours/Turn in Service Requirement Form	1/10/21
○ Participate in a Retreat	1/31/21

*“...the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name,  
he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”  
-John 14:26*

*\*Note to Green Bay School District students:*

*Plan ahead as high school semester exams are scheduled for January 13 and 14.*



## Confirmation Schedule 2020/2021

*Classes run anywhere between 6-8 pm. Please check the schedule carefully for times.*

Date	Time	Topic
Sun, Sept 13	6-7 pm	Parent/Student Informational Meeting <i>Prince of Peace Family Covenant, Confirmation Pledge of Commitment, Field Trip Permission Slip Due</i>
Sun, Sept 27	6:30-8 pm	What is Confirmation & why should I participate in it?/ The 7 Sacraments/Ignatian Prayer
Sun, Oct 4	5-7 pm	Trip to Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion/ The Rosary
Sun, Oct 11	6-8 pm	6pm Mass/7pm Class – The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Deacon Jeff
Sun, Oct 18	6:30-8 pm	What does it mean to be a Disciple of Christ?/Precepts of the Church/Lectio Divina
Sun, Oct 25	6:30-8 pm	The Liturgical Year/Holy Days of Obligation/Adoration <i>Baptismal Certificate, Confirmation Information Form, and Sponsor Commitment Form Due</i>
Sun, Nov 1	6-8 pm	6 pm Mass/7pm Class – All Saints Day/Parts of the Mass/Protecting God’s Children
Sun, Nov 8	6:30-8 pm	Social Justice, Speaker
Sun, Nov 15	6:30-8 pm	Does God Exist? Debate/Guided Imagery Prayer <i>Saint Biography Due</i>
Sun, Dec 13	6-8 pm	6 pm Mass/7pm Class-Service/Taize Prayer
Sun, Jan 10	6:30-8 pm	Virtues & Beatitudes/What will my role be as an adult in the Church?/ Pray with Music <i>Letter to the Bishop and Service Hours Form Due</i>
Sun, Jan 17	6:30-8 pm	Reconciliation Preparation/What is a sin?/Capital Sins/ The 10 Commandments
Sun, Jan 24	6:30-8pm	Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation Prayer Service w/Confession
Sun, Jan 31	10am-5 pm	Mass followed by Confirmation Retreat at Prince of Peace with Spiritus Group
Sun, Feb 7	10-12 pm	Pre-Super Bowl Mass followed by Confirmation Practice <i>(Sponsor to Attend)</i>
<b>Wed, Feb 10</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass (Arrive by 5pm)</b>

*“And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit **enabled them to proclaim.**” -Acts 2:4*

### Holy Days of Obligation

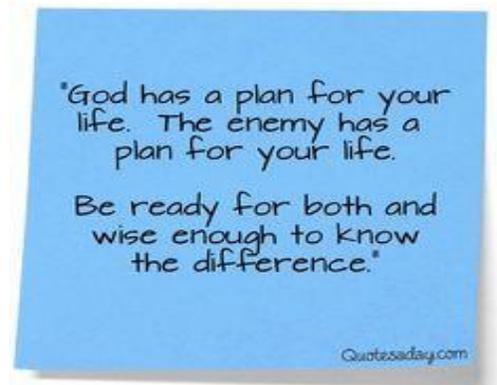
Dec 8: Immaculate Conception of Mary	Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary	Feb 17: Ash Wednesday Mass
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# Sacrament of Confirmation – Preparation Program Description

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.



## COVID-19 Safety Procedures

For the safety of all, we have implemented the following procedures for this year. These procedures will occur for all Confirmation classes and activities to help ensure a healthy year for our families.

All candidates, volunteers, and catechists are required to wear masks while in the church or at activities for Confirmation. A face shield is not an appropriate substitute for a mask, as it does not provide adequate protection against the spread of infected droplets in the air.

As candidates enter the building, they will have their temperature taken. Candidates with a temperature of 100.4 or higher or begin to feel sick during class will have their parents called and will be sent home. If a candidate has seasonal allergies or other medical reasons for exhibiting COVID-like symptoms other than being sick, please notify Amy Ertman. You may be asked to provide a doctor's note.

Students' hands will be spritzed with hand sanitizer as they enter the building. Disinfectant spray will be provided to all Catechists and all touched surfaces including bathrooms, door handles, tables, and chairs will be disinfected after class. Water Fountains will be closed and bathrooms will be available only for emergencies.

Families will be notified if someone attending Confirmation classes tests positive for COVID.

## Requirements for the 2020-2021 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

Each candidate must attend all of the scheduled classes, there are only 13 sessions. See the calendar for class dates and times (which may vary).

- These hours are required by the Diocese of Green Bay.
- Three classes will include a Sunday evening Mass starting at 6pm (prior to class).
- If you are not able to attend, please call 468-5718 or email at [re@popgb.org](mailto:re@popgb.org).

***Make up work will include a written paper of that evening's topic, and an extra hour of service.***

### 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 October 25. To request a copy of a certificate, call that parish office and ask that a copy of the baptismal certificate be sent to Prince of Peace, Attention: Religious Education. 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 October 25. 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 10 a.m. Mass prior to Confirmation practice on February 7.

## 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 January.

## 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 November 15.

## 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, January 31, 2020 from 10 am to 5 pm.** 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.

## 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 January 10\*.

## Complete Service Hours

Serving others is a critical component of Catholicism. Therefore, all Confirmation candidates are required to complete 8 hours of service outside of the Confirmation program. The requirement is as follows:

- Serving the Church – 4 hours required Ideas during COVID include: pre-Mass temperature taking, sanitizing classrooms or helping in class on Wednesday nights, running A/V equipment during 4:30 pm Mass, at weddings, or funerals, reading at Mass, helping at a church function.
- Serving the Community – 4 hours required Ideas include: volunteering at Paul's Pantry or the Salvation Army, tutoring younger students, serving a meal at the NEW Community Shelter.

There is also an 8-hour, full-day option to fulfill the service requirement. If this option of serving for an entire 8-hours in one day is chosen, this counts as both your Church and community service regardless of which category it falls under. Service hours must be complete and the Service Requirement form must be submitted by January 10. The Service Requirement form is attached, and is also available on the Religious Education page at [popgb.org](http://popgb.org).

Family's last name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Copy for the Family\*\*\*\*

## 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 2020-2021 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:** November 15, 2020

## **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.

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 1 page, typed** (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.

## **What to include:**

1. Start with: For Confirmation I am taking/affirming the name...
2. Provide a brief summary of their life (1 paragraph minimum)
3. Tell why did you select 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?

## **Optional Sources for your research**

<http://saints.sqpn.com/>

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/>

<http://www.theworkofgod.org/Saints/#Canonized Saints>

No Wikipedia sources!

# Format for Letter to the Bishop

*Due 1/10/21*

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 2020-2021 Prince of Peace Confirmation Class.

Please Request to be confirmed on (date to be determined) 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 Signature)  
Your Typed Name

## **Important Notes:**

1. Letter must be *at least* 1 page long or longer, 12 font, double spaced and typed.
2. Make sure you include the appropriate headings on your letter (see above).
3. Use "nice" paper (no notebook or lined please)!
4. **This letter MUST be turned in on January 10<sup>th</sup> as these letters MUST be on the Bishop's desk two weeks before Confirmation!**
5. Please use a computer, write in complete sentences, and proof your letter for spelling and grammar.
6. This letter will be reviewed by Religious Education prior to it being submitted to the Bishop, and grammatical corrections will be expected.



Catholic Community

# 2020-2021 Service Requirement

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## Serving the Church– 4 hours

(Examples: Mass Usher, Parish Picnic, Magi Market, Fish Fry)

Date	Hours Worked	Worked Performed	Supervisor Signature

## Serving the Community- 4 hours

(Examples: Paul’s Pantry, Nursing Home, Salvation Army)

Date	Hours Worked	Worked Performed	Supervisor Signature

**Full Day, 8-Hour Option:** If you choose to complete one, all-day (8-hour) service project, this can count as both your church and community service hours, regardless of which category it falls under.

Date	Hours Worked	Worked Performed	Supervisor Signature

Due January 10, 2021

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**Confirmation Information Form**

*(Please Print)*

Student Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Name of selected Confirmation Saint \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Information

Mothers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Registered \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Due on or before October 25, 2020*

## 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:

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(Print Confirmation Candidate's Name)

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(Print Sponsor's Name)

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(Sponsor's Signature & Date)

*Due on or before October 25, 2020*



# MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM/LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this  
*Parent or guardian's name* *Child's name*  
event that requires transportation to a location away from the parish/school/diocesan site. This activity will  
take place under the guidance and direction of parish/school/diocesan employees and/or volunteers from the  
Diocese of Green Bay.

## A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

PARISH/SCHOOL: Prince of Peace Catholic School  
(PARISH/SCHOOL is understood to include the Diocese of Green Bay)

Type of event: Fieldtrip to the Shrine

Date of event: October 4, 2020

Destination of event: The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Individual in charge: Amy Ertman

Estimated time of departure and return: 5 pm to 7 pm

Mode of transportation to and from event: Bus

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the *Parish/School* its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish/school, its officers, directors and agents, and Diocese of Green Bay its employees and agents and chaperones, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/school or the Diocese of Green Bay.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID 19 Related:** If your child(ren)/dependents or immediate family members exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 (including cold, flu, fever, cough, or allergy symptoms) please refrain from sending allowing them to attend the event (s). You, as the parent/guardian of your child/dependent are freely choosing to allow them to attend the parish/school event(s), knowing the health risks present with the current environment and will hold harmless the parish/school, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any COVID-19 related claim arising from or in connection with your child/dependent attending the event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_