

29 June 2023

Dear Parents:

This year, your child is a candidate to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation for students from the LaSalle Catholic Parishes will take place at **the Cathedral in Peoria on Sunday, October 29th, 2023 at 4:00pm**. We are asking parents to especially be involved in your child's preparation as they ready themselves for this important day. Please review the program notes below. More information will be given to your student during the Religious Education classes. But it is certainly not too early to get started! Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns. I pray this year is one of tremendous blessing for your whole family!

In the joy of Our Risen Savior,



Confirmation Program 2023

- **Sunday Mass Attendance.** Just like our bodies, our souls also need to be fed and nourished. Sunday Mass is the primary way that God nourishes us with the Scriptures and the Eucharist. Also, worshiping God together as a parish family gives us new strength and joy. Those preparing for Confirmation need to keep Sunday as a day of rest and prayer. We also need to be consistent. *Those not regularly attending Mass make themselves ineligible for Confirmation.*
- **Application for Confirmation and the Sponsor Form. (DUE August 31st)** These forms need to be completed and returned to the parish office. Additional copies of these forms are available on the parish website. They are important for adding the necessary annotations to your child's baptism certificate. Please fill them out completely. Remember, the sponsor must be an actively practicing Catholic who has received Confirmation. Consult the sponsor form very carefully before choosing a sponsor. The specific requirements for sponsors are set by Canon Law and we cannot make exceptions. Sponsors are guides; they cannot lead our young Catholics if they are not themselves walking the path.
- **Service Program. (DUE 2 weeks before the Confirmation date)** Rather than requiring a set number of hours, we will focus especially on the spiritual works of service that we can do for people in our community. Please see the Service Program sheet for information and requirements for the project and reflection paper.
- **Confirmation Retreat.** Our retreat will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Attendance is required and takes precedence over sports and other activities, which makes for a good teaching moment to help our students order their priorities and their lives in a healthy way. More details will be shared as the retreat date approaches.
- **Catechetical Program.** Classes will be on Wednesdays at 4pm beginning on August 23. Because this course is abbreviated in length, full attendance is required. (TCA students receive this instruction in regular class.)
 - The program includes writing a **Saint report, DUE September 30th**.
- **Confirmation Day.** The students should ride to the Cathedral in Peoria with their families, arriving 45 minutes early (by 3:15pm). There will be a group photo with the Bishop. After the ceremony, our newly confirmed will be available for more photos and then released to celebrate with their families and will return home with them.

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Estimados padres:

Este año, su hijo es candidato a recibir la plenitud del Espíritu Santo en el Sacramento de la Confirmación. El Sacramento de la Confirmación para los estudiantes de las parroquias católicas de LaSalle se llevará a cabo en la Catedral de Peoria el domingo 29 de octubre de 2023 a las 4:00pm. Les pedimos a los padres que se involucren en la preparación de su hijo mientras se preparan para este día tan importante. Por favor revise las notas del programa a continuación. Se le dará más información a su estudiante durante las clases de Educación Religiosa. ¡Pero ciertamente no es demasiado pronto para empezar! Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud. ¡Espero que este año sea de tremendas bendiciones para toda su familia!

En la alegría de Nuestro Salvador Resucitado,



Programa de Confirmación 2023

- **Asistencia a Misa dominical.** Al igual que nuestros cuerpos, nuestras almas también necesitan ser alimentadas y nutridas. La Misa dominical es la forma principal en que Dios nos nutre con las Escrituras y la Eucaristía. Además, adorar a Dios juntos como familia parroquial nos da nuevas fuerzas y alegría. Los que se preparan para la Confirmación deben guardar el domingo como un día de descanso y oración. También tenemos que ser constantes. *Aquellos que no asisten a Misa regularmente no son elegibles para la Confirmación.*
- **Solicitud de Confirmación y Formulario del padrino. (VENCIMIENTO 31 de agosto)** Estos formularios deben completarse y devolverse a la oficina parroquial. Copias adicionales de estos formularios están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia. Son importantes para agregar las anotaciones necesarias al certificado de bautismo de su hijo. Por favor complételos completamente. Recuerde, el padrino debe ser un católico practicante activo que haya recibido la Confirmación. Consulte el formulario de patrocinio con mucho cuidado antes de elegir un padrino. Los requisitos específicos para los padrinos están establecidos por la Ley del canon y no podemos hacer excepciones. Los padrinos son guías; no pueden guiar a nuestros jóvenes católicos si ellos mismos no están recorriendo el camino.
- **Programa de Servicio. (VENCIMIENTO 2 semanas antes de la fecha de Confirmación)** En lugar de requerir un número determinado de horas, nos centraremos especialmente en las obras espirituales de servicio que podemos hacer por las personas de nuestra comunidad. Consulte la hoja del Programa de servicio para obtener información y requisitos para el proyecto y el documento de reflexión.
- **Retiro de Confirmación.** El retiro tendrá lugar el martes 24 de octubre. La asistencia es obligatoria y prevalece sobre el deporte y otras actividades, lo que lo convierte en un buen momento didáctico para ayudar a nuestros alumnos a ordenar sus prioridades y su vida de forma saludable. Se compartirán más detalles a medida que se acerque la fecha del retiro.
- **Programa de Catequesis.** Las clases serán los miércoles a las 4:00 p. m. a partir del 23 de agosto. Debido a que este curso tiene una duración breve, se requiere la asistencia completa. (Los estudiantes de TCA reciben esta instrucción en la clase regular). El programa incluye un informe escrito de un santo, VENCE el 30 de septiembre.
- **Día de la Confirmación.** Los estudiantes viajarán con sus familias a la Catedral en Peoria, llegando por lo menos 45 minutos antes de la misa. Habrá una foto formal con el Obispo. Después de la ceremonia, los recién confirmados estarán disponibles para más fotos y podrán regresar a casa con sus familias y celebrar.



Confirmation Sponsor Form

Please return this completed form to the LaSalle Catholic Parishes Office
725 Fourth Street, LaSalle, IL 61301 • Tel: 815-223-6041 • Fax: 815-223-0523

The Role of the Confirmation Sponsor

Candidates for Confirmation fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. Sponsors "must be firm believers, able and ready to help the confirmed on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function....bearing some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism." (CCC 1255) Like parents and godparents, the sponsor shares in the responsibility for the salvation of the young soul entrusted to them.

The sponsor should be a Catholic who loves and lives his or her faith and is committed to continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. A sponsor encourages the candidate for Confirmation by word and example to contemplate the divine mysteries in daily prayer, receive frequently the sacraments of Holy Communion and Sacramental Confession, and live a life of virtue and integrity. A sponsor's heart reflects the tender and affectionate love of the hearts of Jesus and Mary and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, providing a living model of a joyful Christian life.

Sponsor Certification

This is to certify that I, _____
Printed Name of Sponsor

a registered member of _____
Parish Name, City, and State

accept the invitation to be the sponsor at the Confirmation of _____
Name of Candidate

In accepting this responsibility, I solemnly affirm the following:

- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- I am not married outside the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance regularly.
- I am not a parent of the Confirmation candidate.

I understand and accept the responsibility which I undertake as a Sponsor and I promise to be a support and example that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and I am prepared to assist the Candidate by my support, encouragement and prayer.

Signature of Sponsor

Sponsor Street Address, City, State

Sponsor Telephone

Certification of the sponsor's parish priest

This is to certify that this sponsor candidate is a registered member of this parish in good standing and to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Sponsor.

Signature of Pastor

Date and Parish Seal

Parish Name



FORMULARIO PARA PADRINO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Por favor, complete y regrese este registro a LaSalle Catholic Parishes Office
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Rol del Padrino de Confirmación

Los candidatos a Confirmación, buscan apropiadamente la ayuda espiritual de un Padrino. Los padrinos "deben ser creyentes firmes, dispuestos y capaces de ayudar al Confirmando en su trayecto de vida Cristiana. Su tarea es una verdadera función eclesial... asumiendo su responsabilidad en el desarrollo y la salvaguarda de la gracia recibida en el Bautismo". CCC 1255. Como los papás y padrinos de Bautismo, los de Confirmación comparten la responsabilidad en la salvación del alma del joven a ellos encomendada.

El padrino de Confirmación debe ser un Católico que ame y viva su fe y esté comprometido a continuar creciendo en conocimiento y amor a Cristo y a su Iglesia. El Padrino animará a su ahijado con la palabra y ejemplo a contemplar los divinos misterios en la oración diaria, frecuentar los Sacramentos de la Reconciliación y Eucaristía, y en vivir una vida de virtud e integridad. El corazón del padrino, refleja la ternura y el amor afectuoso de los corazones de Jesús y de María y los dones del Espíritu Santo, proporcionando un modelo viviente de gozosa vida Cristiana.

Certificación del Padrino

Por la presente certifico que yo _____
Nombre del Padrino / Madrina

Soy un miembro registrado de _____
Nombre de la Parroquia, Ciudad y Estado

Acepto la invitación a ser Padrino/Madrina de _____
Nombre del Candidato

Aceptando esta responsabilidad, Yo solemnemente afirmo lo siguiente:

- Tengo 16 años o mas de edad.
- He recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Primera Comuni3n y Confirmaci3n en la Iglesia Cat3lica.
- No estoy casado fuera de la Iglesia Cat3lica.
- Acudo regularmente a la Santa Misa y a los Sacramentos de la Confesi3n y Eucaristía.
- No soy padre del Confirmando.

Entiendo y acepto la responsabilidad que emprendo como padrino y prometo ser apoyo y ejemplo que refleje el espíritu y la enseñaanza de la Iglesia Cat3lica Romana y estoy preparado para asistir al Confirmando con mi apoyo, estímulo y oraci3n.

Firma del Padrino

Direcci3n, Ciudad, Estado del Padrino

Teléfono del Padrino

Certificaci3n de la parroquia del padrino

Por el presente queda certificado que este candidato a padrino es un miembro registrado de esta Parroquia en buen estado, y plenamente identificado, esta habilitado para asumir los deberes y responsabilidades del Rol de Padrino de Confirmaci3n.

Firma del Párroco

Fecha y Sello de la Parroquia

Nombre de la Parroquia



Confirmation Application

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Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the sacraments of Christian initiation, whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. (CCC 1285)

Confirmation Candidate

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

Home Address City State Zip Code

Email Main Phone Number ()

Date of Baptism (MM/DD/YYYY) / / Registered Parish: St. Hyacinth St. Patrick

Church of Baptism

Mailing Address of Baptismal Church City State Zip Code

All candidates must be of a registered family in a LaSalle Parish. Non-parishioners will need prior approval and a letter of permission from their home pastor. Because Sacramental notations are sent to be made on the original baptismal entry, we require the place and date of baptism.

Candidate Statement of Intention

In presenting myself freely and willingly as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I affirm my intention of living the fullness of the Christian life at all times. Specifically in this time of preparation, I commit myself to the following:

- ◆ I will include prayer and meditation as an integral part of my day.
- ◆ I will attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- ◆ I will make regular Sacramental Confessions (beyond regular TCA or CCD Confession).
- ◆ I will cultivate a spiritual relationship with my chosen Confirmation Saint through prayer and study.
- ◆ I will frequently and devoutly receive Holy Communion in the State of Grace.
- ◆ I will engage fully in the Confirmation Preparation Program, including regular class attendance, retreat participation, and the completion of my Christian Service Hours.

I understand that failure to undertake this commitment with sincerity and determination will make me ill-prepared to receive the Sacrament and may even delay the reception of Confirmation until next year.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Office Use

Pre-Confirmation Checklist

- TCA / RE attendance
- Retreat participation

- Service Program Verified
- Sponsor form completed with letter if applicable
- Certificate completed

Post-Confirmation Checklist

- Confirmation recorded in parish registry

- Confirmation recorded in Parish Census Book
- Confirmation notification sent to baptismal parish

The Candidate's Parents (for minors)

Father

Mother

Please note: At least one parent of the candidate must be registered as a parishioner in a LaSalle parish and the candidate must be registered as a member of that household. If the candidate is not a registered member of a LaSalle parish, we must have a letter of permission from the candidate's home pastor. Please call the parish office for more information.

Parental Statement of Agreement

The Church teaches that the Sacrament of Confirmation completes and fulfills the grace received in the Sacrament of Baptism. Candidates for Confirmation must be actively living the faith that was first professed in their name at their baptism. It is the responsibility of the parents and godparents who made witness to this faith and are recorded in the baptismal register to be certain that the candidate is prepared to receive the indelible mark of Confirmation.

Such preparedness requires that the parents of the candidate are committed to the following:

- ◆ to accept and fulfill their role as the primary educators of their son/daughter in the faith
- ◆ to defend the faith and answer questions and doubts that arise in adolescence (parents should possess at least a Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church for this task)
- ◆ to model prayer, virtue, and holiness in all aspects of personal and family life
- ◆ to participate as a family in Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation
- ◆ to receive the Sacrament of Confession regularly and to be certain the candidate does the same
- ◆ to ensure faithful completion of all Confirmation program requirements
- ◆ to be a living witness of Christian joy, patience, and courage

If you, the parent(s) of this candidate, are willing to renew this commitment first made at your child's baptism, or to support your Catholic spouse as he/she fulfills them, please sign and place today's date in the spaces below.

Father's signature/date

Mother's signature/date

The Candidate's Sponsor

First Name

Last Name

Please note: The Confirmation sponsor must be an active member of the church in good standing. He or she must be registered in a parish, have received the Sacraments of Initiation, be at least 16 years of age, and not married outside the Catholic Church. Parents are not able to be sponsors. Each sponsor must complete the Confirmation Sponsor Form and have his/her home pastor certify it.

The Candidate's Choice of Name

Confirmation Name

It is the longstanding custom in the Church for confirmation candidates to take on an additional Christian name at their confirmation. This name is generally that of a saint that they wish to invoke as a special heavenly patron and as a role model to imitate on earth. The process of choosing a confirmation name requires prayer and reflection and perhaps even some research. Each candidate should know about the life, spirituality, and particular virtues of their chosen patron. If the candidate's baptismal name is that of a recognized saint, he or she may also choose to reclaim that name for use at confirmation.

LaSalle Catholic Confirmation Service Project

Service Rationale

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” St. James 2:14-18

Service to others and the community is an essential part of the Christian’s life. The service project’s aim is to encourage our young Confirmandi to explore first-hand the different ways they are able to help others in the name of Christ. The project should not be seen as gaining hours as points toward a goal, but rather as an internship wherein a variety of service opportunities are explored as a beginning to a lifestyle of Christian service.

The service project this year is focused more heavily on the spiritual works of mercy. These kind spiritual actions can truly be more beneficial than physical assistance. Please review the following points toward the completion of your written service project.

Service Requirements

1. Five unique activities and a well-written reflection paper must be completed before the end of September.
2. The projects must be discussed and witnessed by a parent or guardian.
3. Choose a variety of activities, you may certainly do more than five.
4. Service must be offered freely and joyfully - even when we don't initially feel excited about the activity. (The maturity to set aside our own inclinations in service to others is a prerequisite for the service program.)

Reflection Paper

Students are asked to prepare a 3-4 page paper (1" margins, Times New Roman, double spaced, size 12 font) reflecting on their experiences. The reflection paper might consider these questions:

- What did I do? When did I do it? For whom? Why did I choose this work?
- How did I feel doing the work or activity? What impact did it have on me?
- How did my project benefit others?
- How did I experience God in the work?
- Which of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy were involved in my service?
- How did my service connect to what Jesus asks of us in Matthew 25:31-46?
- How does charitable prayer and work relate to being a Confirmed Catholic?

Confirmation Service Options

In place of service hours, Confirmation candidates should complete at least five of the following. Enter into the work, not as a task to complete, but as an experience to explore and a service to offer. If completed with an open heart, writing the reflection paper will be quick and easy!

1. Visit a cemetery, and read the names on 25 tombstones, pausing and praying a Hail Mary for the repose of each person's soul, remembering also that we will one day be called from this world.
2. Write a letter (an actual pen and paper letter...people like to receive those!) to a family member or friend (perhaps someone who lives far away), tell them how you're doing, being sure to mention that you are preparing for Confirmation and asking them to pray for you.
3. Come to one of the three Marian grottos outside the LaSalle Churches, spend 5 minutes in silence asking Mary to pray for something or someone specific for you, offer a decade of the Rosary, then take a photo and share it on your (or your parents') social media account.
4. Make a phone call (or even better, video chat) to one of your godparents, and ask them what they remember from your Baptism day. Try to find out the date of your baptism and the details of that day you were first made a child of God.
5. Make a list of at least 3 blessings that you've received during the past school year, thank God for the blessings, and then share them with your family.
6. Pray a rosary with your Confirmation sponsor (usually takes about 17 minutes). It can be done over the phone or via video chat if need be.
7. Make cards or write letters to residents in the Veterans' Home or local nursing homes.
8. Record yourself reading a book for the students at Lighted Way and send it to Mrs. Baker to be shared on the PALS portion of their website.
9. Research about Eucharistic Adoration on the internet. Write what you learned about Jesus' presence with us in the Sacred Host.
10. Stop by Holy Rosary during Adoration for at least a quarter-hour of prayer before the Lord. Describe the experience of being in his actual presence.
11. Prepare a large paper grocery bag of nonperishable food for the parish food pantry. Think about the items that people would really appreciate (not just a bunch of canned goods). Pray for the family that will receive your bag and bring it to the parish office.
12. Interview someone that you know is a good example of a faithful Catholic Christian. Ask them, when they became Catholic, why they are Catholic, and how their faith influences their life.
13. Help maintain the parish grounds and gardens. Meditate on the beauty of life and the creative genius of God. Contact Sr. Norberta at srnoberta@lasallecatholic.org to get started.
14. Care for the lawns or rake leaves for elderly or sick neighbors free of charge. Give thanks for your health and strength and grow in empathy for those who are physically impaired.
15. Create and deliver care packages to the homebound, missionaries, or military personnel. Reflect on what it would be like to be away from your home, family or the lifestyle you are accustomed to.

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Parent Witness Affidavit for:

Student's Name Printed Clearly

I have reviewed my student's Confirmation Reflection Paper. We have discussed its content and its meaning. I attest that the activities were completed prayerfully and well as a worthy preparation for the reception of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament.

Parent Signature

Parent's Name Printed Clearly

This page must be submitted with the student's written reflection paper.



Saint Report Overview

Your saint report is a reflection on the significance of your chosen patron for the universal Church and for you personally. The decision of your Confirmation Saint is an important one. This report allows you to more formally and intentionally express the reason for seeking the spiritual friendship and patronage of your new name-sake.

Please spend time and thought in this composition. It should be well-written with good grammar and spelling. It must be handwritten and 4-pages in length. Be careful to use your own words and thoughts. An informal list of sources should be listed on a separate piece of paper. Plagiarized work will not be accepted (no copying!).

The report is due before the end of the Confirmation Class session. It constitutes a necessary and required part of the Class.

Please consider the following prompts as a guide to begin your reflection paper:

- *What is your saint known for or famous for?*
- *Does your saint have a unique iconography? (That is how is he or she usually depicted, what symbols represent your saint in art and why are those symbols significant?)*
- *Are there any particular prayers or devotions to your saint?*
- *Why did you choose your saint?*
- *What virtues did your saint exercise that you wish to emulate?*

Saints You Should Know

... a short list of some great saints

Incredibly Heroic Saints

St. Mary, the Mother of God
St. Peter
Bl. Miguel Pro
St. Maximilian Kolbe
St. Joseph Cupertino
St. George Martyr
St. Joan of Arc
St. Padre Pio
St. Louis IX
St. George
St. Simeon Stylites
St. Quiteria
St. Denis
St. Margaret of Antioch
St. Patrick

Modern Day Saints

St. John Paul II
St. Gianna
Bl. Chiara Badano
St. Josemaria Escriva
St. Mother Teresa
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
St. Katharine Drexel
St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
St. John XXIII
St. Pauline of the Suffering Heart of Jesus
St. Luigi Orione
St. Andre Bessette
St. Jaime Hilario Barbal
St. Riccardo Pampuri
St. Maria Bernard Butler
St. Pius X
St. Mary MacKillop

Saints who are Doctors of the Church

St. Ambrose
St. Jerome
St. Gregory the Great
St. Athanasius
St. John Chrysostom
St. Basil the Great
St. Gregory of Nazianzus
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Bonaventure
St. Anselm of Canterbury
St. Isidore of Seville
St. Peter Chrysologus
St. Leo I, the Great
St. Peter Damian
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Hilary of Poitiers
St. Alphonsus Liguori
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
St. John of Damascus
St. Cyril of Alexandria
St. Bede the Venerable
St. Ephrem the Syrian
St. Peter Canisius
St. John of the Cross
St. Robert Bellarmine
St. Albert the Great
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Francis de Sales
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
St. Catherine of Siena
St. Thérèse of Lisieux
St. Irenaeus
St. Teresa of Avila

Saints with Cool Conversion Stories

St. Ignatius of Loyola
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Mary Magdalene
St. Paul
St. Augustine of Hippo (also a doctor of the Church)
St. Genesisius
St. Vladimir of Kiev
St. Moses the Black
St. Longinus
Bl. Imelda Lambertini

Saints Before Age 25

Bl. José Sánchez del Rio
St. Agnes
St. Dominic Savio
St. Tarcisius
St. Maria Goretti
Bl. Chiara Luce Badano
St. Aquilina
St. Gemma Galgani
St. Lucy
Bl. Pier Georgio Frassati
St. Charles Lwanga
St. Perpetua
Bl. Francisco Marto
Bl. Jacinta Marto
St. Philomena
St. Aloysius Gonzaga