



St. Hyacinth Parish

927 Tenth Street

LaSalle  
Catholic Parishes

St. Patrick Parish

725 Fourth Street

8 July 2020

Dear Parents:

This year, your child is a candidate to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It's certainly a year in which we need the Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit! The preparation for the sacrament will be one of trust, because we don't yet have a date or time for celebrating Confirmation. As you know, we would typically go down to the Cathedral and celebrate the Mass with Bishop Jenky in early October. With the uncertainty involving public gatherings, we can't plan ahead that far.

But we are still going to prepare! Because one way or another, we will be celebrating Confirmation this fall in October or November. The preparation will obviously need to be done differently this year to accommodate our way of life under the pandemic. We will be 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. Thank you for your cooperation and prayers.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish families,

### Confirmation Program 2020

- **Sunday Mass Attendance.** While we are under the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days does not apply. But the Lord's day still needs to be honored. Those preparing for Confirmation need to keep Sunday as a day of rest and prayer. We also need to be consistent. If we are leaving our houses for other activities, we should at least be attending the weekend in-car Holy Communion services at St. Patrick. Confessions are also available outdoors.
- **Application for Confirmation and the Sponsor Form.** 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 themselves received Confirmation. Consult the sponsor form very carefully before choosing a sponsor.
- **Service Program.** With the restrictions of the pandemic, 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.
- **Confirmation Retreat.** Our typical retreat, the Saturday before the Confirmation, will be announced when we have a final date. The details of the retreat will, of course, depend on the current pandemic restrictions in place at the time.
- **Catechetical Program.** This year we will not be able to offer the usual summer class options. Instead, we will have weekly Wednesday night classes beginning August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the school, just like regular RE classes. Our school has developed a rigorous safety protocol to implement precautions against the spread of Coronavirus. Students enrolled in TCA as fulltime students complete the catechetical program as part of their regular curriculum.



# 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
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Home Address		City	State    Zip Code
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Email		Main Phone Number	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Date of Baptism (MM/DD/YYYY)	Registered Parish:		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.
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Hyacinth <input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick		
Church of Baptism	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Mailing Address of Baptismal Church		City	State    Zip Code
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>

## 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.

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Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

<b>Office Use</b>	<b>Pre-Confirmation Checklist</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Program Verified <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor form completed with letter if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate completed	<b>Post-Confirmation Checklist</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation recorded in Parish Census Book <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation notification sent to baptismal parish
	<input type="checkbox"/> TCA / RE attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat participation	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation recorded in parish registry		

## 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.



# Confirmation Sponsor Form

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## 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

## Pastor Certification

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



# REGISTRO 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 al menos 16 años de edad.
- He recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación en la Iglesia Católica.
- No estoy casado fuera de la Iglesia Católica.
- Acudo regularmente a la Santa Misa y a los Sacramentos de la Confesión y Eucaristía.
- No soy padre del Canfirmando.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma del Padrino

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dirección, Ciudad, Estado del Padrino

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teléfono del Padrino

## Certificación del Párroco

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 Confirmación.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma del Párroco

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha y Sello de la Parroquia

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de la Parroquia

# LaSalle Catholic Confirmation Catechetical Program For TCA Religious Education Students 2020

## Prerequisites

The confirmation program presumes the candidate is a baptized, registered parishioner who has made his or her First Communion, and has successfully completed the seventh grade religious education program with a passing grade.

Those who took but did not pass the seventh grade program must either repeat the grade and delay their confirmation or complete an online video study course which will be given to them as part of the catechetical program.

Those who have not taken the seventh grade religious education program must do so before beginning the catechetical program for confirmation.

## Class Options

Our Confirmation date will probably be in October. That doesn't give us a lot of class time to prepare for the reception of the sacrament. This means that every minute counts! While we typically try to offer some summer course options, our current situation requires us to meet during the traditional RE class times. The first class will be August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4pm at TCA school. We will meet weekly until the date of Confirmation (probably at least 7 classes).

Classes include prayer, reading, and discussions as well as help with the two short written assignments. Because of the abbreviated length, the course is assessed as Pass/Fail.

## Religious Education & Sacramental Fee

The standard tuition for Trinity Catholic Academy Religious Education is \$100 per semester per family. There is also \$35 fee for those in sacramental years.

If the confirmation candidate is the only student, they are responsible for one quarter fee (\$50) and the sacramental fee (\$35) for a total due of \$85 at the time of the catechetical program.

If there are other siblings attending classes, the regular rate of \$100 per semester per family applies with the addition of the \$35 sacramental fee. The total due at the start of the catechetical program will be \$135, which includes the first semester fee for the other children.

Please note: many of our families have a credit on their account because RE classes did not meet last quarter due to the Coronavirus.

Our parishes do not make any money from these fees. They only partially cover the cost of the RE program which, for Confirmation, also includes the retreat, two meals, transportation to the Cathedral, and professional photos. Financial assistance is available, please see the request form on the website.

## Registration

Please review the registration materials for your entire family. All Catholic students grades 1 through 8 should to be registered for Religious Education classes.

Registration information for returning families will be mailed before the end of July.

# 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.

Because of our unique situation in this time of pandemic, 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 in to 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 pandemic, 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 St. Hyacinth during Adoration (during the summer months or at Holy Rosary Shrine during the school year) 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 [srnorberta@lasallescatholic.org](mailto:srnorberta@lasallescatholic.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.

# LaSalle Catholic Confirmation Service Project

Parent Witness Affidavit for:

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**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.

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**Parent Signature**

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**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. Please make sure its minimum length is at least 1.5-pages, double-spaced, 1” margins, 12-pt font, Times New Roman if typed or 4-pages handwritten. 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 copy and paste!).

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  
Bl. 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

## 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. Genesis  
St. Vladimir of Kiev  
St. Moses the Black  
St. Longinus  
Bl. Imelda Lambertini

## Saints Before Age 25

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