

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION PACKET 2021-2022

***Please return this completed packet and
Retreat fee by November 1 to the parish office.**

COST: \$50

This includes
Sacrament Prep
Materials Fee and the
Confirmation Retreat

Please fill out this form completely, even if you were baptized at St. Joseph Church, Erie. It is necessary to have this information before you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

***Please provide all/complete information for recording purposes.**

*Candidate's Name: _____ *DOB _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

*Church of Baptism: _____ *Date of Baptism: _____

Church Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

*Candidate's Parents' Full Names:

*Mother: _____ *Maiden Name: _____

*Father: _____

Confirmation is the completion of the Sacrament of Baptism. Therefore it is not necessary to select another name. The baptismal name may be used or you may choose the name of a Saint that you admire. **PLEASE PRINT BELOW EITHER YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME OR THE SAINT NAME YOU HAVE CHOSEN. THIS IS THE NAME THE BISHOP WILL ADDRESS YOU BY AT THE CONFIRMATION MASS. ALSO, PLEASE PRINT THE NAME OF YOUR SPONSOR.**

*Confirmation Name: _____

*Confirmation Sponsor: _____

(If the Confirmation Sponsor is not a member of this parish, please have him/her request a letter from their parish stating that they are liturgically practicing.)

Confirmation Sponsors.....

- Should be sufficiently mature and at least 16 years or older to fulfill the role
- Should be an active member of the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Can be a Godparent
- Need not be the same gender as the candidate
- ***PARENTS CANNOT BE A SPONSOR FOR THEIR OWN CHILD***

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

1. The Confirmation program is open to all who have completed the required Religious Education classes. Your commitment to participate in the program does not mean you are committing to receive the Sacrament, however, when the time comes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidate should *freely desire* the sacrament and *freely commit* themselves to follow the life of Christ and become actively involved in the church.
2. A candidate must provide a photocopy of their certificate of baptism, if not already on file at the parish.
3. The family of the candidate must be registered at the parish or the candidate can register independently.
4. All candidates must attend the Confirmation Sessions with their sponsor or a parent. *Missing three or more sessions may result in additional coursework required.
5. All candidates must attend a Confirmation retreat.
6. Each candidate is interviewed by the pastor or designee during the course of study.
8. A candidate must choose a sponsor. The sponsor must be a *Confirmed, practicing Catholic* who is at least **16 years of age**. It should be a person to whom the candidate can look for a model of Christian faith, and to provide spiritual support during preparation and in the coming years.
9. A candidate may choose a Confirmation name. This is the name the Bishop will address you by during the Confirmation Liturgy. This name may be the name of a canonized saint or the candidate may choose one of his/her own baptismal names. The candidate must read about his or her saint and write about what they discovered, and why they have chosen that name.
10. A candidate must attend the rehearsal for the Confirmation ceremony with his/her sponsor (or a parent substitute).

Candidate Commitment-Return with Registration by November 1

I agree to the above stated expectations and I promise to pray, attend Mass regularly, attend sessions and all other events in the program and, most important, to open my mind and heart to the movement of the Holy Spirit in my life. I will learn all I can about my faith and do my best to live out what I believe, to grow closer to God and my fellow Christians, and to prepare myself spiritually for the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Sponsor for Confirmation

Child's Name _____

Requirements to be a Sponsor

As a Sponsor you will present the child for the sacrament of confirmation and help him/her to live the life of a baptized, confirmed Catholic. Only one Sponsor is permitted. The Sponsor may be either male or female.

Please check the appropriate responses to these requirements to be a Sponsor.

- Yes No I am at least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
- Yes No I have received the sacraments of initiation, namely, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Yes No I know the fundamental truths of the faith. I am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, receives the sacraments regularly.
- Yes No I am canonically free to take on this office. If I am married, the marriage is recognized in the Church.
- Yes No I am not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

I declare that I am a participating member of _____ Parish and I fulfill the requirements to be a Sponsor. I promise to faithfully assist this child to lead a Christian life.

Sponsor's Name: (please print) _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parish where sponsor is registered: _____

Signature of Pastor verifying above requirements: _____

Date: _____

Return to St. Joseph Church, Attn: Religious Education, 2214 Manhattan Street, Erie, MI 48133, 734-848-6125

No later than November 1