



## ***Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church***

Religious Education Program  
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Dear Candidate,

You are journeying towards Confirmation, the third sacrament of initiation in the Catholic Church. The parish eagerly awaits your answer to God's call to discover your special talents and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for your personal spiritual growth and the building up of the Catholic Church.

Your parents, godparents, teachers, priests and members of the parish support you and pray for you that you will grow and bloom in the spiritual life. The ongoing power of the Holy Spirit will make you a better person. What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.

This packet of materials will assist you in your preparation. Please review it carefully and contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

***Aura Zelaya***

Religious Education Coordinator



**The Sacrament of Confirmation  
will be conferred on  
Saturday, June 18, 2022  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
Celebrant: Most Rev. Gerald T. Walsh, D.D.**

## CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT DATES AND CHECKLIST

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>October 5, 2021</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. - Parent/Guardian Information Session</b>
<b>March 11, 2022</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. - Confirmation Retreat</b>
<b>April 27-28, 2022</b>	<b>Final Assessment</b>
<b>June 17, 2022</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. - Candidate/Sponsor Confirmation Practice in Church</b>
<b>June 18, 2022</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Confirmation</b>

### FORMS AND REPORTS

Return completed forms and reports *on or before due dates* to the Religious Education Office.

<b>October 27-28, 2021</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Candidates Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Permission Form
<b>December 8-9, 2021</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Report <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Report
<b>March 25, 2022</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Service Hours (12 hours) Report Forms
<b>March 30-31, 2022</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Information Card <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Certificate

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AGREEMENT

**DUE: October 27-28, 2021**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to complete the following  
(Student Name)  
requirements necessary to be suitably prepared to receive the Holy Spirit freely and knowingly in  
the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Mass:**

Attend and complete the following:

- Complete Final Assessment
- Attend Confirmation Retreat
- Participate in Candidate/Sponsor Confirmation Practice

Return and complete the following by due dates outlined in this packet:

- Confirmation Candidates Agreement
- Saint Report
- Sponsor Report
- Confirmation Information Card
- Sponsor Certificate
- Confirmation Service Hours (15 hours) Report Forms

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have seen, read and understand what is  
(Parent Name)  
expected of my child. I will make sure my child attends and or completes what is expected.

We also understand by not completing and or attending the requirements, it may postpone the  
Sacrament of Confirmation to a future date.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**  
(MANDATORY)

We have planned a retreat day at Holy Rosary Church for students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This retreat is an opportunity for the candidates to reflect upon the sacrament they are planning to receive.

**DATE:** Friday, March 11, 2022  
(Westlake & Valhalla Middle Schools have been notified)

**LOCATION:** Holy Rosary Church

**DROP OFF:** 10:30 a.m.

**PICK UP:** 3:00 p.m.

The cost for this retreat is already included in the Confirmation Expense Fee of **\$75.00**. Lunch will be provided. If you have a food allergy, please let the office know. You may brown bag your lunch.

More details will be shared closer to the retreat date.

# REPORTS

**DUE: December 8-9, 2021**

The reports may be typed or handwritten; should not be longer than two paragraphs.

## 1. SAINT REPORT

Each candidate is required to write a report on the Saint whose name you selected for Confirmation. You may select the name given at Baptism or pick a new name.

Saints are people who loved God and one another very much. They did what God wanted them to do during their life on earth. Saints are examples of us.

You should give thought to your selection; the Saint you choose should be seen as a protector and role model; someone you would like to imitate. The Saint's name you choose to write your report on will appear on the Confirmation Information card and will be the name used on Confirmation Day.

**The report should include the following:**

- The Confirmation name you have chosen
- Why you have chosen this name
- The meaning of your Confirmation name
- Why you chose this saint and why s/he is important to you.
- Explain why s/he was canonized

Here are some resources to help you get started:

[www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

[www.ewtn.com/saintsholy](http://www.ewtn.com/saintsholy)

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## 2. SPONSOR REPORT

We journey in our faith together as a community. A Sponsor has the special ministry of helping and supporting a candidate for Confirmation. In a one-page essay, please write:

- Why your sponsor was chosen
- How your sponsor is a good Catholic role model
- How your sponsor can best help you in your faith journey beyond Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS - DESCRIPTION

All Confirmation Candidates are required to perform a minimum of 15 hours of service by volunteering their time to help others.

- Verification and description of services performed helping a person, and the hours completed, must be signed by a supervising adult.
- Report Forms (detailing the hours of service) are **due March 25, 2022**.

You may choose some of the examples provided below from the categories listed and complete the number of hours in each category.

**If the service is not on this list, but you believe it may be appropriate, please call the Religious Education office to confirm the service meets the requirements. We encourage students to be creative and think of other ways to provide service**



### **FAMILY/NEIGHBOR - 5 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Assist a relative or neighbor in need, such as helping to rake leaves, shovel snow, cleaning, babysitting
- Spend time visiting a relative/friend in person or virtual, such as Zoom, Facetime and other technology
- Assist or tutor siblings with religious education studies
- Assist with household chores and duties



### **CHURCH - 5 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Volunteer for the Holy Rosary Religious Education Program, such as set ups, classroom clean up, assist with special events and fundraisers
- Volunteer for projects at Holy Rosary Church, such as event, fairs, fundraisers, Midnight Run
- Volunteer as a Catechist aide



### **COMMUNITY - 5 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Assist a child with homework or special projects
- Volunteer at a local food pantry
- Volunteer with Knights of Columbus
- Volunteer for American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Blythedale Children's Hospital, or other similar organizations









## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION CARD

(PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS)

**DUE: March 30-31, 2022**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write your first, middle and last name)

Candidate's Name Selected for confirmation from Saint Report:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTIFICATION FORM TO CHURCH OF BAPTISM

Church of Confirmation: Holy Rosary Parish  
170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, NY 10532

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

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

Candidate's Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmed by: Most Rev. Gerald T. Walsh, D.D. - June 18, 2022*

## THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR

### Sponsors:

- Know and support the person to be confirmed in their commitment to be active witnesses to Christ in the world.
- Be willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Christian influence on the candidate.
- Must be a registered member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out the role and be fully initiated themselves, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. May be either male or female for any candidate.
- Should be sufficiently mature in their own faith commitment, a model on how a person of faith lives in today's world.
- Share with the parents the responsibility of handing on the faith.
- Must be reasonably informed on current church teachings. A continuous learner who is interested in her/his faith development as she/he walks in the faith journey of the candidate.
- May not be the parents of the one being Confirmed.  
A mentor who will continue after the day of Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the confirmed into fuller participation in parish life and service to all God's people.

*Candidates, please give a copy of this document to your Sponsor.*

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATE  
FOR CONFIRMATION TESTIMONIAL STATEMENT**

**DUE: March 30-31, 2022**

TO: Holy Rosary Parish  
170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, New York 10532

Dear Pastor:

I have been asked to accept the responsibility of being a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I know that, together with the parents, I am to profess the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in order to carry out by proper liturgical function, I understand that a sponsor needs:

1. to be a registered member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this role; a practicing Roman Catholic registered in his/her local parish when they no longer live full time at home; college students should register at the chapel on their college campus.
2. to be a mature enough to undertake this responsibility, Church law specifies a sponsor should be sixteen years old;
3. to have received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation;
4. to be someone who can share with the parents the task of handing on the Faith;
5. to be someone other than the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed.

**This Is To Certify**

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
is a member of this parish and to my knowledge is a Catholic qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation and as a Witness for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

I wish to be a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_ who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Full Name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Church Seal**