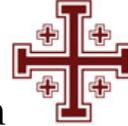




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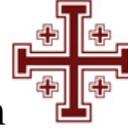
Following is an outline of the 2018-19 Confirmation program requirements here at Saints John and Paul.

- Attend the Confirmation Retreat.
- * Attend Mass each Sunday.
- * Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent
- Attend all classes
- Attend all meetings
 - Monthly Group meetings (TBA)
 - Quarterly Parent / student meetings (TBA)
- Complete and submit all assignments on time
 - Saint report (Saint chosen for the Confirmation Name)
 - Letter to the Confirming Bishop
- Participate in classes and meetings
- Perform 20 hours of community service
 - Participate in the Breakfast Run (5 hours of the 20)

* **NOTE:** Weekly attendance at Mass and at least an annual reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are Precepts (or laws) of the Roman Catholic Church. Candidates for Confirmation are therefore required to get a bulletin “stickered” after Mass on Sundays and also sign in when they receive Reconciliation. The stickers start on the weekend of October 8-9. Bulletins should be brought to class to be collected. This will all be discussed and explained further in the Confirmation Meeting in November.



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Due Dates (all can be submitted at any time before the due date):

Confirmation Retreat Permission letter	October 1, 2018
Confirmation Registration	December 3, 2018
Saint Report & Bishop Letter	February 3, 2019
Sponsor Affidavit	February 3, 2019
Service Hour Report	April 1, 2019

The Confirmation Retreat

The retreat takes place at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison NY (www.cyfm.org). The candidates take the day off from school (this is cleared with the School Districts) to focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation in a quiet spiritual and joyful environment. The Retreat is led by Franciscan Friars and volunteers and has been a real blessing for the candidates over the years that we have been doing this. A permission letter must be signed and submitted. This will be given to the Candidates in class.

Saint Report

Each candidate will compose a 1-2 page essay on the saint whose name she/he has chosen for Confirmation. The essay must contain the history of the saint, what his/her accomplishments were, and the reason why that name was picked. This is the name used by the Bishop when confirming the candidate, and so the candidate should have a solid knowledge of the Saint and why he chose him or her.

Letter to the Bishop

Each candidate is required to write a letter to the Bishop stating what Confirmation means and why he/she wants to be confirmed. They will learn about this in class.

Sponsor Affidavit

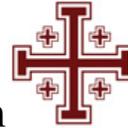
The Sponsor gets this from his/her own parish if not a member of Saints John and Paul Parish. It is a simple statement that the sponsor is a Confirmed and practicing Catholic. If the sponsor is a parishioner here, the form must still be completed and submitted.



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Service Hours

Each student is required to do 20 hours of community service. Parents need to keep track of these hours and send them to us when completed.

- Each 8th grade class will be assigned to a Breakfast Run. These are on the first Sunday of the month.

Candidates are free to choose any other service activity they would like. The basic guidelines are:

- The service must benefit another human being
- No remuneration
- It can be performed with or without parents

Parents are responsible for keeping track and submitting a simple recap by April 15, 2018. Students' experiences will be discussed in the meetings.

The Breakfast Run

This has become a great tradition at Saints John and Paul Parish. The students meet at 7am on a Sunday morning at Nazareth House (convent) and prepare food that is donated by their families. We also collect socks and travel sized toiletries. We then take everything into Manhattan to a location on the West Side where needy people (registered with the Midnight Run Organization) are served a hot and cold breakfast by our students. Parents drive and supervise. It is a wonderful experience in "hands on" Christian Charity. The candidates earn five hours for this service.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confirmation Candidates are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to being confirmed (at least before Easter). The Candidates can come to the church any Saturday at 4 PM to go to Confession.