

Confirmation Contract: Spring 2018 Due November 10, 2016

Following are the requirements for the two year Confirmation Program at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

Mass Attendance, Participation in Parish Events, and Religious Education Class Attendance

The family of the candidate are registered members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Triangle, VA, actively worshipping and participating in the life of the parish and currently enrolled in the religious education formation process at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Regular attendance and participation at weekly liturgies and scheduled formation activities, i.e. classes, retreats, Sunday Mass, is required. **Religious Education Students are required to attend 85% of their classes during each year of this 2-year process.**

Completed Application for Confirmation and Signed Confirmation Contract: Due November 10, 2016

Candidates are required to turn into the Faith Formation office the completed Application for Confirmation and the Signed Confirmation Contract. No person will be considered a candidate for Confirmation without these completed forms.

Copy of Baptismal Certificate: Due November 10, 2016

The Diocese requires a copy of the baptismal certificate to be on file prior to the reception of all sacraments. This should be attached to the Application for Confirmation. Certificates can be obtained by contacting the parish office where the candidate was baptized. If the candidate was baptized at St. Francis of Assisi, please note on the registration form. If the candidate was baptized at a military chapel, you may call the Archdiocese for the Military Services for a copy of the certificate. (202-269-9100)

Completed Sponsor Form: Due February 5, 2017

This is a time in your spiritual development for you to mature in your faith and to begin making important religious decisions for yourself. Consider choosing a person that lives the spirit, as you would like to live the spirit. He/she should be someone who is over 16, is someone that you trust and respect, and is in good standing with the Church. This person will attend a few meetings with you as you prepare for your Confirmation. He/she will be by your side as you are confirmed by the Bishop. You are encouraged to choose a friend or a relative who will be part of your life for more than just a few meetings. Invite him/her early to be part of the process. Let them know ahead of meeting dates. Please note: parents cannot be sponsors.

Completed Saint Name Form: Due February 5, 2017

A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name.

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Commitment to Service: Service and Essay due January 7, 2018

Candidates are required to complete community service before celebrating the sacrament of confirmation. All students are required 20 hours of service: 10 hours of service to our partner organizations, Special Olympics and Bread for Life and 10 hours of additional individual service, either church or community. When service is completed, the candidate must write a reflective essay. Please see the Reflective Essay Form for information on how to complete the essay.

Letter of Intent: Due February 4, 2018

Each candidate is required to write a **Letter of Intent**. This letter will be addressed to the pastor of the parish and contain the candidate's reasons why he/she wishes to be confirmed and how he/she will live out their faith as a confirmed disciple.

Encouragement of Journal Writing

Candidates are encouraged to maintain a journal throughout the confirmation preparation process. This journal should contain their personal thoughts and reflections regarding their faith journey. The journal experience is to allow the candidate to reflect on their daily lives in light of the Gospel message to "love and serve God and one another".

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By signing this contract, both the candidate and the parent understand and agree to the requirements for the Confirmation process at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Failure to meet or complete these requirements may result in a statement of non-readiness for year II of preparation and/or the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date