

# COH Confirmation Requirements

## Candidate



### **Attend Mass each week**

All families are encouraged to worship together at either Saturday Vigil at 5:30 pm or a Sunday Morning Mass at either 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM.



### **Attend Confirmation Classes each week**

Active participation in class each week in accordance with ground rules of the class. Complete assignments in a timely manner. Make up missed work, and exhibit good conduct at all times.

Classes begin immediately following 11:00 AM Mass. (12:45 – 1:45 PM):



### **Attend Monthly Parent/Student Sessions**

Candidates and Parents (Sponsors are welcome and encouraged to be present)  
Scheduled Dates: Monthly on the third Wednesday of the month following the 7:00 PM Mass.

2007 Session Dates: 1/17, 3/21, 4/18, 5/18

Parents and Students are invited to attend the 7:00 PM mass as a way to prepare for the session.



### **Attendance at the Reconciliation Service**

Candidates, Parents & Sponsors  
Scheduled Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 4:00 PM. (Mass at 5:30 will be for the Presentation of Candidates). (Prior to Retreat)



### **Attendance at Presentation of Candidates Ceremony / Service Sunday**

Candidates, Parents & Sponsors  
Scheduled Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 5:30 Vigil Mass,  
Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses



### **Attend Sponsor/Candidate Session**

Candidates and Sponsors (Parents are welcome and encouraged to be present)  
Scheduled Dates: Wednesday, February 21, 2007



## **Attend Confirmation Interview**

Confirmation Candidates Only  
Tentative Date Saturday, March 3, 2007



## **Attend Confirmation Retreat, March 9-10, 2007**

Confirmation Candidates Only  
Confirmation Retreat Date: Friday, March 9, 7 pm – Saturday, March 10, 8 pm



## **Attendance at Confirmation Candidate Mass Celebrating Saint Names**

Confirmation Candidate, Parents, Sponsors and Family are encouraged to attend this mass where the Saint ribbons are blessed. Date: Sunday, May 13, 2007 at 11:00 AM Mass



## **Attendance at the Confirmation Practice**

Candidates, Sponsors and Parents (Parent/Student Session for May)  
Date: Friday, May 18, 2007 at 7:30 PM



## **Attendance at Confirmation**

Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 5:30 PM (Arrive at Church by 4:00 PM)

## **Candidate Assignments**



### **Choose a Confirmation Sponsor**

Select a sponsor who is a Confirmed, practicing Catholic. This person should be an individual who attends Mass and receives Eucharist on a regular basis. You may select a relative, neighbor, family friend, teacher, etc. Girls may choose a female or male sponsor, and boys may choose a male or female sponsor. Parents are not to be chosen as sponsors.

Name due date: Sunday, January 28, 2007



### **Choose a Patron Saint**

You may use your Baptismal name or a name chosen in honor of a special saint you admire. It is required that you select a patron saint.

Patron Saint Name due date: Sunday, February 4, 2007



## **Write A Report on Your Patron Saint**

Upon selecting a Saint's name, each of you will be required to research and write a paper on that Saint and tell why you chose that Saint for your Confirmation name. A web site may be helpful to you in this project.

Due Sunday, February 18, 2007



## **Write a letter to the Bishop and Pastor**

Requesting Confirmation and explaining why you want to be confirmed.

Draft due: February 18, 2007

Final copy due: March 11, 2007



## **Write a Personal Creed**

Stating what you believe about God and your Catholic faith. (Will be done at retreat)



## **Community Service**

Community Service offers an opportunity for the candidate to put their faith into action and to discover the difference that living the Works of Mercy will make in their own lives and in the lives of other people. Students, parents and sponsors need to understand that community service projects are to lead them towards living a life of justice. We do not do service projects to get confirmed. We do service – we do justice – to show that we are ready and willing to live the life of a fully initiated adult Catholic.

### **Community Service Projects:**

1. Community service should be one hour a week from October until the end of April or equivalent, (one hour once a week, 2 hours bi-weekly, or four hours once a month). This totals 32 hours for the duration of the class.
2. There are many opportunities to do community service at home, at school, at church and in the community.

Community service should fall under one of the following Works of Mercy categories: Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Welcome the Stranger, Visit the Imprisoned, Instruct the Ignorant, and Shelter the Homeless.



## **Write a Community Service Reflection**

At the end of the year explaining what your experience was and what skill or knowledge you gained from it.

Due: Wednesday, April 18 at Parent/Student Session. Presentation at Reception.

 **Create a Confirmation ribbon to be used during the Confirmation Mass and at the Mass Celebrating Your Saint's Name.**

Using your Confirmation name and any symbols representing you, your saint, or any interests or hobbies.

Will be started on March 3 and completed on/or before retreat March 10.

 **Write about Your Cause / Present Your Cause**

Students are expected to choose a "cause" in which they personally believe and wish to continue to support in word and action for a significant amount of time. The student will prepare a poster /project board and written paper of two pages on what their cause(s) is and why they chose it.

Also choose what ministry you choose to support going forward.

Due Sunday, May 6, 2007. Will be presented at reception.

 **Active Participation in Confirmation Mass**

Students are expected to participate fully in the mass by serving as Lectors, developing the Petitions, serving as gift bearers, participating in development of music and accompaniments.

## Parents

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Parents and Students are invited to attend the 7:00 PM mass as a way to prepare for the session.

 **Provide Food and Refreshments for at least one Parent/Student Session**

At each monthly meeting parents of two students provide the meal for the session.  
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## **Obtain Proof of Sacraments Documentation**

Original Baptism Certificate must be presented to the Religious Education department. The date of first communion should also be noted on the baptism certificate. If the student received First Communion at Christ Our Hope, please let the Director of Religious Education know.

**CERTIFICATES ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY.**



## **Participation in Instruction and Catechesis**

Parents are expected to support preparation by having their children to Mass and class in a timely manner. They are asked to address any issues presented in a timely manner and remind students of the importance of turning in all assignments and participating in community service.



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## Sponsors



### **Meet Sponsor Requirements**

Meet sponsor requirements. Be free of canonical penalties. Be a practicing Catholic who will be companion on the journey of faith.



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### **Complete Sponsor Certification Form**

Meet sponsor requirements. Be free of canonical penalties. Be a practicing Catholic who will be companion on the journey of faith.

Due: Sunday, February 11, 2007



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