

COH Confirmation Requirements 2007-2008

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.

2007-2008 Session Dates: 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/5, 4/16, 5/9

Parents, Students and Sponsors 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 2, 2008 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 2, 2008 at 5:30 Vigil Mass,
Sunday, February 3, 2008 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, January 16, 2008



Attend Confirmation Interview

Confirmation Candidates Only
Tentative Date Saturday, February 16, 2008 (afternoon)



Attend Confirmation Retreat, Spring 2008

Confirmation Candidates Only
Confirmation Retreat Date: Friday - Saturday, March 7-8, 2008



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, April 27, 2008 at 11:00 AM Mass



Attendance at the Confirmation Practice/ Rehearsal

Candidates, Sponsors and Parents (Parent/Student Session for May)
Date: Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM



Attendance at Confirmation

Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM (Arrive at Church by 9:15 AM)

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, December 2, 2007
Sponsor Certification Form turned in completed to Ms. De Bow: Sunday, January 27, 2008



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: December 16, 2007



Write a Saint Paper

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. You must include a cover, picture of the saint. The report should be at least two pages, double spaced. Print and on disk or CD. Give your references used (Bibliography)

Due Sunday, January 27, 2008



Write a letter to the Bishop and Pastor

Requesting Confirmation and explaining why you want to be confirmed.

Draft due: March 9, 2008

Final copy due: March 30, 2008



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 September until the end of April or equivalent, (one hour once a week, 2 hours bi-weekly, or four hours once a month). This totals 40 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 16, 2008 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 created during retreat.

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, April 27, 2008. Will be presented at reception.

Active Participation in Confirmation Mass

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

Make Up Assignments for Missed Classes

If a student can not attend class, please let one of the catechists know in advance please. When the student returns to class, they are to provide a written letter (forms available on the web) signed by their parent/guardian regarding the absence. The student will receive make-up assignments.

Parents



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.

2007-2008 Session Dates: 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/5, 4/16, 5/9

Parents, students and sponsors 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.
Scheduled Dates: Monthly on the third Wednesday of the month following the 7:00 PM Mass.



Provide Snacks for Class (optional and discretionary)

Students expressed the desire to have snacks during class on Sundays.



Keep Abreast of Class Instruction via Web, Email & Phone

Parents have access to information regarding class via the web at <http://www.christourhopeatl.org>

It is their responsibility to keep abreast of assignments, instruction, projects, community service activities and other due dates. Parents are not to rely solely on material brought home by the student.



Provide Catechists with Information Regarding Student Absence in a Timely Manner

If a student can not attend class, please let one of the catechists know in advance please. When the student returns to class, they are to provide a written letter (forms available on the web) signed by their parent/guardian regarding the absence. The student will receive make-up assignments.



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 NOVEMBER 14, 2007.



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.



Attendance at the Reconciliation Service

Candidates, Parents & Sponsors

Scheduled Date: Saturday, February 2, 2008 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 2, 2008 at 5:30 Vigil Mass,
Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses



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, April 27, 2008 at 11:00 AM Mass



Attendance at the Confirmation Practice/ Rehearsal

Candidates, Sponsors and Parents (Parent/Student Session for May)

Date: Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM



Attendance at Confirmation

Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM (Arrive at Church by 9:15 AM)

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.



Participate in Community Service Activity with Candidate

Candidates and sponsors are expected to complete at minimum of one community service project together. (Minimum 2.0 hrs of the required 40.0 hrs)



Attendance at Presentation of Candidates Ceremony

Candidates, Parents & Sponsors

Scheduled Date: Saturday, February 2 at 5:30 Vigil Mass. (Optional attendance at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses on Sunday, February 3, 2008)



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.

Sponsor Certification Form turned in completed to Ms. De Bow: Sunday, January 27, 2008



Attend Parent/Sponsor/Candidate Session

Candidates and Sponsors (Parents are welcome and encouraged to be present)

Scheduled Dates: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 immediately following 7:00 PM Mass.
Sponsors are encouraged to attend the remainder of the evening sessions.



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, April 27, 2008 at 11:00 AM Mass



Attendance at the Confirmation Practice/ Rehearsal

Candidates, Sponsors and Parents (Parent/Student Session for May)

Date: Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM

 **Attendance at Confirmation**

Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM (Arrive at Church by 9:15 AM)