

Confirmation Preparation Requirements

The following pages contain information specific to the youths in their final year of Confirmation preparation and the registration paperwork.

You will receive all dates at the parent meeting or on the website when PREP starts.

The mandatory Confirmation Retreat is November 3-5, 2017.

**Our Confirmation date is April 28, 2018 at 10:00am
at St. John Neumann in Annapolis.**

- Regular attendance at weekend Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation
- Regular attendance at PREP Sessions (maximum 3 excused absences)
- Complete Service Requirements by March 30, 2018. Service Hours form can be found on the last page of this packet or the website. Minimum of one service project from each Service Category:
 - 1) Service to the Parish Community,
 - 2) Service to the poor or disadvantaged,
 - 3) Service to the sick or elderly,
 - 4) Service to the civic community or environment.
- Attendance at three off-site Confirmation Preparation Sessions (one per month January 8, 9, 10 or 11 February 5, 6, 7 or 8 and March 12, 13, 14, 15 (a Sign Up Genius will be sent out)
- Attendance at Confirmation Retreat (November 3-5), Camp Wabanna, Edgewater)
- Complete Confirmation Readiness Interview with Youth Minister or Staff Member— Saturday, February 24 between 9:30am-12:00pm (a Sign Up Genius will be sent out)
- Attendance at Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Retreat (SABB, Upper Hall) - **Sunday, January 28 from 9:30am-12:30pm (rescheduled from previous Nov. date)**
- Formal letter written to the bishop (more information to come)
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal (Friday, April 27th from 6:00-7:30pm at St. John Neumann) and Confirmation Mass (Saturday, April 28th at 10:00am)

Please turn in the Confirmation Registration form, baptismal certificate (if not baptized here at SABB), Retreat permission slip and Retreat fee of \$185 along with your PREP registration no later than September 29, 2017.

The Sponsor Covenant is due back to the parish office no later than October 31, 2017.

Before choosing a Confirmation sponsor please read “Choosing Your Sponsor” carefully.

This form is due in the Parish Office by September 29, 2017 with Confirmation fee of \$185. This fee includes the retreat & all materials.

Confirmation 2018

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

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| Candidate's Baptismal Name: <i>(First, Middle & Last Name)</i> | |
| Confirmation Name (Optional): <i>(See information in this packet.)</i> | |
| Date of Birth: | |
| Date of Baptism: | |
| Complete Name of Church where you were Baptized: | |
| Complete Address of the Baptismal Church: | |
| Copy of Baptismal Certificate to Parish Office (if not baptized at St. Andrew): | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Certificate Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Baptized at St. Andrew by the Bay |
| Your Father's Complete Name: <i>(First, Middle & Last)</i> | |
| Your Mother's Complete MAIDEN Name: <i>(First, Middle & Last)</i> | |
| Your Sponsor's Complete Name <i>(Please reference "Finding a Sponsor" on page 4):</i> | |
| Church & Date where candidate received 1st Eucharist: <i>(MUST FILL IN IF NOT HERE AT SABB)</i> | |
| T-shirt size (S, M, L in adult sizing): | |

******In accordance with Canon Law, proof of the candidate's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism must be provided. Please submit a copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate if your child was NOT baptized at St. Andrew by the Bay Parish.***

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2017
Permission Form and Release
ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE
DIVISION OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

This form is due to the Parish Office by September 29, 2017 for the Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wabanna from November 3-5, 2017.

Youth Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

Work Phone: _____

Other number where Parent can be reached: _____

In consideration of the wholesome recreational and learning experience in which my son/daughter will participate, I as parent or guardian of my son/daughter, do hereby agree to allow my son/daughter to accompany the youth ministry group of their parish to: Camp Wabanna in Edgewater, MD from November 3-5, 2017.

I/we acknowledge receipt of the attached information sheet describing the planned activities.

In consideration of the opportunity for my son/daughter to participate in the Program, I agree to RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY **St. Andrew by the Bay**, the Division of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Baltimore and his successors, a Corporate Sole, and all their agents, servants and employees from any liability, claims, demands and causes of action arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury sustained in connection with or arising out of my son/daughter's participation in the Program.

I hereby grant permission to any staff person to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that I cannot be reached.

I am covered by hospitalization and medical insurance under policy # _____ issued by _____.

I do not have medical coverage and assume responsibility for the cost of hospitalization and Medical care for my son/daughter.

I hereby grant permission to any staff person to provide the following over-the-counter drugs to my son/daughter if requested by my son/daughter (Check all that apply:)

Tylenol Benadryl Advil Sudafed Midol Kaopectate Neosporin

ADD any other medical information concerning medication, allergies, illness, etc.

ADD any dietary restrictions:

Parents/guardians of participants are advised that photographs or videotape of participants may be used in publications, websites or other materials produced from time to time by the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry or the Archdiocese of Baltimore. (Participants would not be identified, however, without specific written consent.) Parents/guardians who do not wish their child(ren) to be photographed or filmed should so notify the Division in writing. Please note that the Division has no control over the use of photographs or film taken by media that may be covering the event in which your child(ren) participate(s).

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Choosing Your Sponsor

What does the word “sponsor” mean?

The word “sponsor” comes from the Latin word *spondere*, which means to "give assurance, promise solemnly". The word “sponsor” also comes from the same root word as the word “responsible.”

By definition “sponsor” means:

1. one who presents a candidate for baptism or confirmation and undertakes responsibility for the person's religious education or spiritual welfare
2. one who assumes responsibility for some other person or thing

Basic Church requirements to be considered as a sponsor:

To be qualified to be chosen as a Confirmation sponsor an individual must:

1. Be at least sixteen years old (by date of Confirmation) and sufficient maturity to fulfill their function
2. Have been initiated in the Catholic Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist and be in good standing with the Church
3. Display a visible commitment to living out the Catholic faith and have the freedom of impediment of law, the ability and the intention to carry out his/her responsibility as a spiritual guide in your life
4. Lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken

Other considerations when selecting a Confirmation sponsor:

- ◇ A sponsor **CANNOT** be a parent of the one to be confirmed.
- ◇ Each Confirmation candidate may only choose one sponsor.
- ◇ Because the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are so closely connected, Church teaching states that it is “desirable that the godparent at Baptism also be the sponsor at Confirmation”, however the selection of a special sponsor is also permitted.
- ◇ **IDEALLY** – your sponsor should attend the Candidate/Sponsor Retreat! (Parent can sub if needed)
- ◇ If your sponsor is unable to attend the actual Sacrament of Confirmation, another adult (including a parent), may stand in his/her place as a proxy. The name of your sponsor will still be noted in the official Church record of your Confirmation.
- ◇ The choice of who should be your sponsor is YOUR decision!

Things to think about before you ask someone to be your sponsor:

- ◇ Your sponsor should be willing and able to participate in your formation for Confirmation.
- ◇ The person you choose as your sponsor should be someone that you admire and respect and who actively lives out the beliefs of our Catholic faith.
- ◇ Your sponsor should be someone that you trust and feel comfortable turning to for help, advice and guidance, especially in regard to your spiritual life.
- ◇ Your sponsor should be someone who, through his/her example, shows you what it means to be Catholic and who will take an **active** role in your preparation for Confirmation.
- ◇ Being a sponsor is not a “one and done” event. Your sponsor should be someone who will walk the faith journey with you after you have received the sacrament. You are both being called to lead each other closer to God, to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith, and to challenge one another to lead lives of holiness and service.
- ◇ **PRAY!** Spend some time asking God for guidance on who to choose as your sponsor.



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***This form is due in the Parish Office by
October 31, 2017.
(Candidate/Sponsor Retreat is November 19th from 9:30am-12:30pm)***

Confirmation 2018 SPONSOR COVENANT

Name of Candidate: _____

Full Name of Sponsor: _____

Name of Sponsor's Parish: _____

Address of Parish: _____

As a ***registered and participating member*** of the Catholic community identified above, I affirm that:

I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

I regularly participate in the Sunday Liturgy and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by regularly receiving Him in the Eucharist.

I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to His Church, and endeavor to grow in the knowledge and understanding of my Catholic faith.

I promise that I will give support to the Confirmation Candidate named above by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

If you are not a member of St. Andrew by the Bay Parish, please obtain the pastor's signature and seal of the church from your parish.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Pastor's Signature

Date

Please complete this form and return to St. Andrew by the Bay parish office,
Attn: Meredith Powell, no later than **October 31, 2017.**

Choosing a Confirmation Name

"I will give them an everlasting name." ~ Isaiah 56

What's in a name?

When you were born, your parents chose your name. They may have chosen your name in honor of a special person in their lives: a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or close friend. They may have chosen your name for the meaning behind it. Perhaps they chose your name because they felt a close connection to a holy man or woman of our faith - one of the saints. Maybe they just really liked your name! Most likely, it was a combination of many factors. (If you do not know why your parents chose the name they did for you, why not ask them about it?)

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. Throughout our lives, we will identify ourselves with many names- the name of the mascot of our high school or college; the name of the region of the country we live in; the title of the career we choose.

However, there is a name above all names that, through our Baptism, we should strive to be known to the world by- and that name is Catholic Christian. At your Baptism, you were called by name, and christened to become a child of God. You entered into the Catholic community by name.

Now it is your turn!

As part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have the privilege and responsibility, just like your parents did when you were born, to choose a name. According to Canon Law (CF Canon #855), "In order to manifest the close relationship of Confirmation to Baptism, the candidates, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, may retain their baptismal name. However, a special name may be chosen if desired, in which case it should be that of a recognized saint of the Church, or a person from scripture."

- ◇ You can choose your baptismal name (Church recommends) or you can choose a new name. If you choose a new name, it must be the name of a saint!
- ◇ The name you select can be associated with someone in your life, your parish, or your community whom you respect and admire. Many Confirmation candidates select a name from a parent or grandparent, honoring them for their example of love and holiness.
- ◇ Your Confirmation name follows your middle name, i.e. "Christine Ann Catherine Lamolinara"
- ◇ PRAY! Just as you should pray about any decision you have to make, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you choose a saint as your patron, or to choose your baptismal name.

Where should I begin to choose a Confirmation name?

The internet is a great place to find info about Catholic saints, but not all sites are reliable. Lifeteen is a great place to start:

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>.

You can also find some info about American saints from this link at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' website:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/saints/american-saints-and-blesseds.cfm>.

There are a variety of books depicting the lives of the saints so check out your local library or feel free to contact Christine if you would like to borrow one of ours!