

St. Peter High School Ministry

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To Parents and Candidates:

This is an exciting time for you, your child and the Church. In less than a year, you will stand before the Bishop and say YES to the mission of the Catholic Church. At that moment, everything that the Holy Spirit began at your Baptism will be sealed, and you receive the gifts needed for you to live out the Church's mission.

Attached is your Confirmation Packet. In this packet, you will find the Schedule of Luncheons that each Candidate must attend; four will be attended by his/her Sponsor as well. There are four (4) Luncheons per semester, eight (8) total. If for some reason a Sponsor is not able to attend a Luncheon, then a parent or someone who is Confirmed must be in attendance with the Candidate. Each Luncheon takes place between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. In addition to the Luncheons, each Candidate must attend one (1) LIFE Night per semester, two (2) total. The Sponsor is not required to attend the LIFE Nights. If a Candidate must miss a Luncheon, then he/she MUST go to our website (www.carencroyouth.org), and there, they will find instructions on how to make up the Luncheon they missed.

Also, you will find in the packet a Confirmation Record Information Sheet, A Candidate/Sponsor Information Sheet, a sheet on Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor, and a Confirmation Service Hour Sheet. All of the forms should be completed by each Candidate and turned in at the first Luncheon on September, 20, 2009, except the Service Hour Sheet, that must be turned in no later than the Confirmation Practice.

Each Candidate is required to complete fifteen (15) hours of Community Service before their Confirmation Practice (August 8, 2010). Each Candidate must attend one (1) Service opportunity, listed on the schedule. The hours received at the Service opportunity will count toward the fifteen (15) hours.

When choosing a sponsor, the Candidate should keep in mind that a Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who is able to receive the Sacraments. Included in the Packet is a handout on Choosing a Sponsor.

The Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 20, 2010 is a mandatory Retreat. If there is a reason the Candidate must be absent from this Retreat, they will be required to make up the Retreat before they are allowed to Confirm. Arrangements for missing the Retreat need to be made before September 20, 2009 (six months prior to the retreat). After the September 20, 2009, if arrangements have not been made, then the Candidate will be required to be in attendance or they will not be allowed to Confirm next August.

Know that we are praying for each Candidate and we are here as a support in this final stage of Confirmation Preparation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact feel free to contact me. Thanks and God Bless. I remain always

In Christ through Mary



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Confirmation Record Information

For ROC Candidates

Please Print

Full Baptismal Name:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Confirmation Name (Saint Name):

Saint Name

Age At the Time of Confirmation:

Age

DOB:

Date of Birth

Place of Baptism:

Place of Baptism (Parish, City & State)

Father's Full Baptismal Name:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Mother's Full Baptismal Name:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name (Maiden)

Sponsor's Full Baptismal Name:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name (Maiden)

Phone #:

Candidate's

Cell #:

Candidate's

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The Sponsor should be someone whom the Candidate knows, without a doubt, will mentor and guide them in being faithful to Jesus and the Catholic Church. The Sponsor should also be someone whom the Candidate knows will challenge them to be holy and active in the faith.

Sponsors are called to represent what ought to be the concern of the whole Church – that the Candidate to be Confirmed is taught the ways of the faith – and so are rightly called Sponsors.

Before someone can be considered for the role of the Sponsor, the Church is obligated to determine whether or not that person is truly ready and capable of mentoring the Candidate and assisting the parents in their own responsibilities. To be a Sponsor, one must be sixteen years of age and Confirmed in the Catholic Church, have already received the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, if married, following the marriage laws of the Catholic Church, and leading a life of faith. A Baptized person who is not a Catholic is unable to participate as a Sponsor. Likewise, a Baptized person who is Catholic, but not yet Confirmed is unable to participate as a Sponsor. A parent or stepparent cannot Sponsor their own child or stepchild, and furthermore, it is encouraged that the Sponsor not be a grandparent. This is because a parent, step-parent and the grandparent has already assumed the role of the Sponsor to the candidate.

Sponsors should live the Catholic Faith in a visible fashion by faithfully attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, regular use of the Sacrament of Confession, and calling on a Priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when seriously/gravely ill and before any surgery. If married, the Sponsor is to be in a valid sacramental marriage witnessed by a priest or a deacon.

The Church encourages the Candidate to choose one of the Baptismal sponsors, Godparents, especially if that person has played a significant role in the child's growth in the faith. However, it is not necessary to choose one of the Godparents.

Each Sponsor must be in attendance at the Sponsor Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6 pm in the Church.

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Confirmation Hours:

Each candidate is required to complete 15 hours of community service before the confirmation practice. Each candidate must also attend one (1) Service opportunity on the schedule. The hours for that Service opportunity count toward the 15 hours.

Place Worked	# of hours	Supervisor Signature

Date Hours were completed _____

CORE Signature _____

Candidate Information:

Full Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

Phone #(s): Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: Male -or- Female

School _____

Why do you want to confirm?

What Saint Name are you leaning toward choosing and why?

Confirmation Sponsor Information

Name of Candidate _____

Name of Sponsor _____

First

MI

Last

Sponsor's mailing address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Phone # _____

Email _____

How do you know this person?

Why did you choose this person?

