

CONFIRMATION Record Form

**Due On or Before: January 8, 2019*

Name as shown on Baptismal Certificate:

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| <i>Last</i> | <i>First</i> | <i>M.I.</i> |
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Address: _____

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| <i>Number & Street</i> | <i>City</i> | <i>Zip Code</i> |
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| <i>Phone Number</i> | <i>Date of Birth</i> | <i>Place of Birth (City, State)</i> |
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Father: _____ *Mother:* _____

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| <i>First Name, M.I., Last Name</i> | <i>First Name, M.I., Maiden Name</i> |
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| <i>Church of Baptism:</i> <i>Please Circle</i> | <i>Saint Rose of Lima Parish</i> <i>Topsfield, MA</i> | <i>Saint Agnes Parish</i> <i>Middleton, MA</i> |
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Other: _____

(Please print full name of church)

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| <i>Full Street Address of Church of Baptism</i> <i>Country</i> | <i>City</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Zip Code</i> |
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*Date of Baptism**

**Please attach a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate to this form. Candidates who were baptized at Saint Rose of Lima Parish or Saint Agnes Parish need not provide a copy of their certificate. If baptized at Saint Rose of Lima Parish or Saint Agnes Parish, please check here: _____*

Please Note: *If the Baptismal Certificate is printed in a language other than English, please have the form translated prior to submission.*

The Christ Initiative Service Form

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?”

And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

-Matthew 25: 37-40

Christian service should be for the benefit of those in need or the building up of the Church in some other way. All Catholics are urged to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Name: _____

Project description: _____

Dates: _____ **Total hours served:** _____

Project supervisor's signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Questions for Reflection

Whom did you serve in this project? Were you able to meet them?

Does this service change how you see yourself as a follower of Jesus? Explain.

St. Francis of Assisi tells us “It is in giving that we receive.” What gift were you able to give others through your service, and what gift do you think you received from God?

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & SPONSOR FORM

Please provide the following information (Please Print)

Candidate's full name: Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ (no nicknames)
Middle Name: _____

NAME CHOSEN FOR CONFIRMATION: PLEASE COMPLETE EVEN IF USING YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME.

The candidate's Confirmation name maybe his/her baptismal name, the name of a saint, or the name of a person who has demonstrated a commitment to fully living the Christian faith. One website with a listing of recognized saints is: **catholic.org/saints**

Please print CONFIRMATION NAME:

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address:

Street: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's Parish:

Parish Name: _____

City, State: _____

Homily Reflection
The Christ Initiative - Confirmation Preparation

Candidate's Name: _____ Date of Liturgy: _____

What is the main point of the Old Testament OR New Testament reading?

What is the main point of the Gospel?

What is the main point of the homily?

APPLICATION to my daily living: (How can this homily help me this week?)

*The Celebrant for this Liturgy OR a parish staff member must sign the blank form after the Mass on which you intend to base your reflection.
It must be turned in to the Confirmation Coordinator at the next session.*

Priest/Staff Signature: _____

"The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."

-St. Padre Pio

THE CHRIST INITIATIVE: CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Parents: _____ Year in school: _____

Following are the questions which will be asked during the Confirmation Interview. Please answer the following questions as thoroughly and truthfully as possible. If you wish, you may write down your answers.

- 1) What activities are you involved in: at school? At Church? In the community?
- 2) How have you grown during these months of Confirmation preparation?
- 3) Has your relationship with God changed? In what ways?
- 4) If you were to meet someone who had never heard of Jesus, what would you say?
- 5) How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
- 6) What are some things you like about being Catholic?
- 7) Are there things about the Church that you find challenging or difficult?
- 8) Are there things about the Church that you find inspiring?
- 9) What name did you choose for Confirmation? Why?
- 10) Who is your Confirmation sponsor? Why did you choose him or her?
- 11) Pick which Gift of the Holy Spirit you feel is your strength? Explain.
- 12) Which Gift of the Holy Spirit do you feel you need to grow in? Why?
- 13) Tell me about your prayer life? How frequently do you pray, go to Mass?
- 14) How do you plan on carrying out your faith once you are Confirmed?
- 15) Do you want to be Confirmed? Why?
- 16) Do you have any questions before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

THE CHRIST INITIATIVE: Confirmation Preparation Program

YEAR 1

ALPHA YOUTH SERIES gives young people a **solid faith foundation** on which to build while they progress toward sacramental preparation.

- Designed to help teens have conversations about faith, life and God.
- Inspires teens to deepen their relationship with God through engaging and relevant content

YEAR 2

CHOSEN by Ascension Press (supplemented with **YOU CAT CONFIRMATION BOOK**) provides young people with the **comprehensive, core preparation** they need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Focuses on the Holy Spirit and prepares teens to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation both intellectually and spiritually
- Promotes Catholic identity and practices
- Encourages teens to become life-long disciples of Christ

Topics include:

1. Life: Is this it?
 2. Jesus: Who is he?
 3. Cross: Why did Jesus die?
 4. Faith: How can I have faith?
 5. Prayer: Why and how do I pray?
 6. Bible: Why and how do I read the Bible?
 7. Fill: How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
 8. Healing: Does God heal today?
 9. Church: What about the Church?
1. The Person and Mission of Christ
 2. Discovering the Church Jesus Founded
 3. A Look at the Four Last Things
 4. The Healing Power of Confession
 5. Who Is the Holy Spirit?
 6. Chosen: Sealed and Sent in Confirmation
 7. Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist
 8. God's Plan for Sex and Marriage
 9. Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment

Requirements:

- Complete the two-year preparation classes
- Attend weekly Mass (with completed Homily Insight Sheet) (Confirmation 1 and 2)
- Attend scheduled classes – with no more than two absences per year (*make-up assignments must be submitted for missed classes*) (*year 2 candidates will attend sessions with one parent*)
- Complete “Engaging Discipleship” service project (20 hours total = 10 hours for Confirmation 1 + 10 hours for Confirmation 2)
- Attend the Confirmation retreat (Confirmation 2)
- Complete the Confirmation Interview (Confirmation 2)
- Complete the “Foundations of Faith” exam (Confirmation 2)
- Complete “saint” research project (based on Confirmation saint name) (Confirmation 1)
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal (Confirmation 2)
- No more than 2 absences. Students can attend another class within the same week if there is a conflict
- Parents: attend 3 parent sessions, during Confirmation II only. Dates to be determined.

Expectations:

- Select a Confirmation sponsor (Confirmation 1)
- Select a Confirmation name (based on saints research project) (Confirmation 1)
- Compose a letter to Bishop Hennessey – including what is it about the faith of your sponsor that inspired you to select him/her AND what is your Confirmation name – and why you chose it (write about saint). (Confirmation 2)
- Celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation (Confirmation 2)

****The Christ Initiative recognizes the parent’s role as primary educators of their children in the faith. We have attempted to create a program designed to best support and assist our parents. We do not want the sacramental preparation program to be a replacement of the parents’ role as primary educator. Instead, we hope to stand beside you and partner with our parents in helping lead your teens closer to Christ.***

CONFIRMATION ROBES:

DRESS: As is the tradition at the Christ Initiative, the Confirmation Candidates will wear white robes for the Confirmation Ceremony. The Rose Theresa Company will supply the robes.

Please provide me with the following information by January 7, 2019.

STUDENT NAME:

HEIGHT OF THE STUDENT – ROUNDED TO THE NEXT WHOLE INCH (Height is from top of head to floor)

WEIGHT:

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL ME THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

THE ROBE FEE IS \$16.00. Checks can be made out to your parish and either mailed to the Christ Initiative office at: Parish Offices, 22 Boston Street, Middleton, MA 01949, or submitted at class on January 7/8/9, 2019.

Additional Dress Code Information:

Females: Dress or skirt and blouse. NO STRAPLESS DRESSES!!

Shoes or dress sandals: NO FLIP FLOPS or SNEAKERS!!

Candidates – do not bring a purse to carry into church.

Males: Collared Dress shirt and tie.

Dress pants, shoes and socks.

NO SNEAKERS, SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS!!

**The Christ Initiative
Confirmation Preparation
Foundational Knowledge of Our Faith**

NAME _____

Location of Preparation Course _____ Day _____

Objectives:

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the Lord's Prayer (Our Father), Hail Mary, and the Act of Contrition
2. Students will list and *explain the Ten Commandments
3. Students will list and *explain the Seven Sacraments (the sign(s) and effect/grace received)
4. Students will demonstrate understanding of why Catholics keep the Lord's Day holy (or what it means to "keep the Lord's Day holy?")

* (explanation should be at least three sentences)

Write out the following prayers.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Act of Contrition

The Ten Commandments

List and provide a short explanation about each of the Ten Commandments.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

The Seven Sacraments

List and provide a short explanation about each sacrament. **Be sure to mention sign/action and what it means/effect.**

Sacraments of Initiation

1.

2.

3.

Sacraments of Healing

4.

5.

Sacraments at the Service of Communion

6.

7. —

Explain why Catholics are obligated to keep the Lord's Day holy?

The Christ Initiative
Confirmation Preparation Year 2
Instructions for Candidate's Letter to Bishop Hennessey

Bishop Hennessey requires that each candidate for Confirmation write him a personal letter containing the following information:

- Your name – with a brief introduction about yourself (your family, your age, school, parish, etc.)
- Your Confirmation name (saint's name) and why you chose it
- What is it about the faith of your sponsor that inspired you to select him/her?

We invite you to compose a personal letter to Bishop Hennessey. This is NOT a form letter. Please refer to the following form of address when writing your letter:

Salutation:

(formal) Your Excellency

(less formal) Dear Bishop Hennessey

Concluding: *Respectfully yours in Christ,*

Letters should be **typed, signed, and proofread** before you submit them to the Confirmation Coordinator.

Please contact the Confirmation Coordinator with any questions at reconf@theci.me.