

Confirmation Schedule and Requirements

1. Confirmation Saint, Saint Report, Saint Presentation, and Icon

Each student will choose a Confirmation or Patron Saint. You might choose a saint to whom your family has a particular devotion. You might choose a saint whose feast day is on your birthday. You might choose your name saint or a saint whose patronage is of interest to you. For example, St. Cecilia is the patroness of music or St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes. They may share certain qualities, talents or traits with you or maybe their life and example stand out as particularly impressive in your mind. There are many reasons to choose a particular saint, but it shouldn't be just because their name sounds funny or cool.

Due Date: You must choose your saint and turn in your form by Sunday, October 6th.

Saint Report

Each student needs to write a paper on the life of the saint and the reasons you chose that saint. The paper must be:

- * typed, double spaces in 12pt font, with 1 inch margins
- *at least 3 pages in length
- *include a full color, originally illustrated cover—(that means you draw it)
- *include a two page biography of the saint (NO plagiarism)
- *include 1 page stating the reason why you chose this particular saint

Again, if you are not Roman Catholic you may want to choose a role model from your own faith. This should be a person you admire because of the incredible example their life of good works has set for you. All of the other requirements are the same!

Due Date: You must turn in your completed Saint Report no later than Sunday, November 17th.

Saint Presentation

Each student will give an oral presentation on their Confirmation saint.

Due Date: Presentations will take place from January 5th and 12th.

2. Community Service Hours

Each student will perform a minimum of 30 hours of community service as a requirement for Confirmation and Graduation. Possible volunteer activities include helping with parish projects, working at a food bank, helping a neighbor, family member, etc. Please note: at least **5 hours** of your service needs to benefit CCEEP (**St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga, or St. James**) (or if you belong to another church, your home parish). These 5 hours need to be in service to the church, not the school. Read the bulletin and think about it, there are plenty of opportunities to take advantage of during the year. You must keep a record of your service hours and you must have each activity verified by the signature of the adult who was supervising you during the activity. Your record sheet should be kept in your folder. At least 15 service hours must be completed by Sunday, December 8th and ALL service hours need to be completed by Sunday, April 5th.

3. Sponsors

Each Confirmation candidate must choose a sponsor. The sponsors should be people who are faith filled and faithful Catholics. They **MUST** be 16 years of age or older, they must be baptized and confirmed, and they must feel comfortable talking with you about your faith. They might be a family friend, relative, neighbor teacher, former teacher, parent of a friend, etc; but parents cannot be their child's sponsor. Your sponsor will need to have a Letter of Verification sent to us from the parish where they are currently registered. This letter states that they meet all of the above requirements and that they are eligible to be a sponsor. Each sponsor is asked to have four discussions with their candidate—suggestions will be provided.

Due Date:

You need to choose your sponsor and return your completed sponsor form by Sunday, October 13th.

4. Bishop Zubik's Confirmation Videos

Prior to Confirmation we will watch and answer questions on Bishop Zubik's videos. The Bishop made these videos specifically for Confirmation candidates in the Pittsburgh Diocese and they are a very valuable part of our Confirmation curriculum.

5. Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting in order for your parents to better understand the Confirmation process. Fr. Burke, Fr. Taylor, Mrs. Maynor, Mrs. Sullivan and Sister

Daniella will be present to answer any questions.

Date: Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

6. Confirmation Retreat

You will go on a class Confirmation retreat on a date TBA sometime in early 2020. It will be a one day retreat at the Martina Center. Permission slips will be sent home a week or so before the retreat.

7. Confirmation!

When we find out the date we will pass it on to you 📧

***Each student has been given a red Confirmation folder. You should keep ALL of your Confirmation related materials in this folder which will be turned in 1 to 2 weeks prior to Confirmation. The completed folder must contain your graded Saint Report, and your approved Service Hour Sheet.

****Also, please remember if you are being confirmed this year and were **not** baptized at CCEEP (St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga and St. James) **we will need a copy of your baptismal certificate NO later than Sunday, November 17th**. If you don't have the certificate, you just need to call the church where you were baptized and ask them to send us the certificate. If you were baptized at CCEEP (St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga and St. James) ignore this as we already have your paperwork.

*****Also, please remember that **we will need your sponsor's verification letter NO later than Sunday, December 15th**. Your sponsor just needs to call the parish where they are registered, tell them they are sponsoring a Confirmation candidate and request letter of verification that they are a catholic in good standing be sent to St. Bede Church 509 South Dallas Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15208.