



## Our Lady of Victory Faith Formation Program

### Confirmation Preparation 2018-19

#### Dates to Remember

The program begins September and continues throughout the school year with meetings, for Parent and Candidate, Retreats, and a Christian Service project.

**Confirmation will be March 13 and March 14, 2019. 7:00 p.m. Mass- arrive @6:15 p.m.**

**Confirmation Rehearsal- March 10<sup>th</sup>- Group I (A-L)-5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Group II (M-Z)-6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

***Parent/Candidate Meetings***—Parent and Candidate will reflect upon the faith journey they will take together. Parents will also sign up at the first meeting for their preferred dates for the two Retreats this year.

**Thursday, October 18th, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
What Now? - Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

***Candidate Sponsor Retreat*** - Group activities, reflection for candidates and their sponsors to assist in laying the foundation for the spiritual relationship.

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Group I-9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Or**

**Group II-1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

***Candidate Retreat***— An opportunity for candidates to gather and reflect upon their call to be Jesus in the world and how they can use their own gifts make a difference. Parents will be needed as group monitors.

**Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Or**

**Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

#### ***Material Due Dates***

Confirmation Sponsor Sheet	<b>10/28/2018</b>
Confirmation Name	<b>11/20/2018</b>
Letter to Father Denis	<b>2/12/2019</b>
Service Project & Reflection Form	<b>3/8/2019</b>

# SPONSOR SHEET

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have chosen as my sponsor: Please see attached sheet for guidelines

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I chose him/her to be my sponsor because:

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**THIS SHEET IS DUE ON OCTOBER 28, 2018**

## SPONSOR SHEET

*“As a rule, each of those to be confirmed should be assisted by a sponsor, who will bring them to receive the Sacrament, will present them to the minister of Confirmation for the sacred anointing, and afterwards will help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully in accordance with the Holy Spirit whom they have received.”*  
(OC #5)

The sponsor does not need to be of the same sex as the one being confirmed. There is only one sponsor for each confirmand. It is required that the sponsor be:

- Of sufficient maturity, but sixteen years of age is the minimum (Canon 874, #2)
- A practicing Catholic
- One who has already received all the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist
- Not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

It is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if available, also be the sponsor at Confirmation. However, candidates have the option of choosing a special sponsor for Confirmation. (OC #5)

Sometimes it happens that there is difficulty finding a suitable sponsor. In such a case it is possible for one of the parents to present the child for Confirmation. However, if a parent does present the child it must be noted that the child has no sponsor. No sponsor is listed in the Confirmation Register. Furthermore, the parent only presents the child; does not place a hand on the shoulder during the anointing. This is a ritual gesture of sponsors only.

When a godparent/sponsor cannot be present at a baptism, a proxy can be designated. The godparent/sponsor should write a letter that states he/she is the sponsor but will not be able to be present at the celebration. Therefore, I appoint (name of the proxy to be present in my stead. This letter should be kept in a file at the parish.

In that case both the godparent/sponsor and the proxy's names should appear in the Confirmation register, with the proxy identified as the proxy. Both names will appear on any certificates, with the proxy being identified as such.

**(Reference Guide to Sacramental Records Preservation and Policies, p 15)**

### What's in Your Name?

Confirmation is a sacrament in which you are called by name. Confirmation takes us back to that moment of your baptism and so it is very appropriate to use your baptismal name. Ask your parents or whoever named you how they picked the name you received.

It used to be customary for people to choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation. Here at OLV you may take your given name for your Confirmation name or choose the name of a saint.

Names are significant in every human culture. Names express hopes, dreams, personality, connections, etc. In the Catholic Church, we have a large family that we call the Communion of Saints. It includes those who have gone before us in death and those living still on earth. We each saints in that we are all called to be holy. We call Saints those whose lives have been heroic in living out their faith.

Names of Saints are given in Baptism and Confirmation so that we can honor them and look to them as our models of faith.

This worksheet is to help you find out more about your patron Saint's life. **You may use your baptismal name or, if you wish choose another name for yourself at this time of Confirmation.** You may use this worksheet to guide you in discovering "what's in your name." **The name that you work with on this sheet is the name that the bishop will use when he speaks to you at the time of Confirmation.**

Saint's name you are choosing for Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Feast: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint's place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a few sentences about this saint's:

Family \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Life and Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What makes this Saint a heroic Christian? What makes this Saint appealing to you?  
Why do you want to be like this Saint?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What can other people learn from you or this Saint for life today?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your

# **SERVICE PROJECT REPORT**

Your service project report should be a minimum of three paragraphs:

1. The first paragraph should explain **in detail** what you did for the project. This would include where service was completed and what you did.
2. The second paragraph should explain why you chose to do this particular thing for your project. How did you come to know about it.
3. And, the third paragraph should explain what you learned from doing this project of service. Did it change how you think or feel about others or What does it help you to understand better – about yourself about the people you served. What questions might you still have? How has this changed you? How has this helped you to understand more about being Jesus to others?

**This reflection sheet and the service verification form are due at the latest by**

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Candidates who are seeking to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory are required to participate in at least one service opportunity.

Please complete and submit this form to the Faith Formation office upon completion of service. **Candidates are still required to do the Confirmation Service Reflection sheet which must accompany this form.** This sheet must be submitted by February

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Parents are to verify with the service organization that your child is to be supervised at all times by an adult and that your child knows who is the responsible adult during their service opportunity.

### **For the Confirmation Candidate: In volunteering for this service project I agree to the following:**

- I understand the expectations and duties involved in the service experience selected.
- I will maintain the agreed upon schedule, arrive on time and stay the number of hours established for satisfactory completion of the service experience.
- I or my parent will notify agency/event representative/ service supervisor if a commitment must be broken due to illness or other unavoidable situation.
- I will dress appropriately. If necessary, I will contact the representative before service begins to determine appropriate dress.
- On the day of the event, I will listen to the adult supervisor as to my responsibilities/duties and any other directions especially those that may pertain to my safety. I will make sure that all of my questions have been answered.
- On the day of the event I will learn as much as possible about the agency/service opportunity. I will suspend judgment and enter each experience with an open mind.
- I will have the agency representative or adult supervisor sign the agreement and verification form at the completion of service. Forms should be returned to the Faith Formation Office at OLV.

### **What did this service involve?**

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Number of hours to complete service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of agency representative or supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Permission Slips and any Medical forms are the responsibility of the agency or service organization.**

**Verification sheet and reflection due March 8, 2019**

**Confirmation Letter to Fr. Denis may include some of these points**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Introduce YOURSELF.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Request the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory Church for YOURSELF.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Why do YOU want to be confirmed?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Describe how YOU have prepared for the sacrament, such as prayer, study, classes, service, receiving the other sacraments.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Relate how YOU have accepted the responsibility of living a Christian life through Service to God and to others.**

\_\_\_\_\_ What does being confirmed mean to YOU?

\_\_\_\_\_ What does being a member of this parish community mean to YOU?

\_\_\_\_\_ What difference does being Catholic make in your life?

\_\_\_\_\_ What role does YOUR faith in God play in YOUR **everyday** life?

\_\_\_\_\_ Tell something about your family, YOUR background, YOUR interests, etc., and how YOUR faith might be lived out through your interests.

\_\_\_\_\_ How YOU plan to continue your commitment to *the Catholic Church*, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

\_\_\_\_\_ How will YOU participate in *our parish community* **after** you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Conclude your letter and thank Fr. Denis

Sign your letter.

**Due February 12, 2019**