



CONFIRMATION

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

The **Confirmation Retreat** will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 9 AM until 2 PM. This retreat is **mandatory** for Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent or grandparent can come in their place. Please get this date on your calendar now!

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, March 4 at 3 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo, OH**. We are excited that Bishop Thomas invited us to celebrate this sacrament at the Cathedral this year, along with students from St. Nicholas in Miller City, Holy Family in New Cleveland, and St. Pius X in Toledo. The Bishop asks every parish to celebrate their Confirmation at the Cathedral every few years and this worked out wonderfully for us this year since we have such a large Confirmation class that we would no be able to fit in any of our church locations.

DRESS CODE FOR THE CONFIRMATION MASS

The following guidelines for appropriate attire come from the document “Sacramental and Liturgical Planning” from the Diocese of Toledo.

For the Liturgy of Confirmation the candidates and their sponsors should wear “appropriate attire.” Contemporary society does not provide much guidance as to what is truly “appropriate,” so some specific direction needs to be given.

The U. S. Bishops state that “as Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another” (Happy Are Those Who are Called to His Supper, p 15).

Jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, and flip-flops are not appropriate. Girls’ shoulders should be covered. If they wear sleeveless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses, then they are to wear a sweater or shawl as well.



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CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT FORM

“A candidate for Confirmation . . . must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the [church] community and in [everyday life].”

-- Catechism of the Catholic Church #1319

As a candidate for Confirmation, I recognize the following requirements:

I will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation

I will attend all Confirmation sessions and turn in all required work on time

I will live my life in service to others by living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy

I will memorize the required common Catholic prayers

I will attend the Confirmation Retreat

I will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation

I commit myself to daily personal prayer

I will continue to live my life as a witness to Jesus Christ through prayer, service, and worship long after my Confirmation.

I understand that these requirements help me to assume the role of “disciple and witness to Christ.” I understand that the Sacrament of Confirmation is a GIFT from God, rather than a requirement to get out of the way. Therefore, I take this step freely and without reservation.

Candidate’s signature

Date

As the primary educator of my child, I pledge to make my best effort to prayerfully support my child in this endeavor, and I will work with my child to successfully meet these requirements in preparation for his/her Confirmation.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date



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INFORMATION FOR PERMANENT RECORDS

The following information is needed for our permanent record books.
Please fill out the form completely.

Student's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address P.O. Box/Apt #

City State Zip

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____
Please include only if you wish to be contacted this way

E-mail Address: _____
Please include an email address only if you wish to receive updates this way

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____
City State

Date of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: _____
Name of Church City State

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____
Maiden Name

Does the student have any allergies or special needs? _____



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SPONSOR INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

To most Catholics, being asked to serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a real honor! Please do not feel like you are asking too much of a person by asking them to take on this important role. In selecting your sponsor, please consider the following guidelines:

- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor **MUST** be a fully initiated Catholic who has celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and who practices their faith.
- Whenever possible, a baptismal godparent serves as sponsor to the Confirmation candidate.
- A sponsor may not be the mother or father of the candidate.
- A sponsor must demonstrate a willingness and capacity to engage in the Confirmation process as a means of enhancing his or her own growth as a Catholic adult.
- A sponsor will be willing to provide spiritual guidance and prayerful support. He or she serves as a companion and mentor to the candidate and will be expected to communicate openly with the candidate, helping the candidate with questions and concerns that may arise as a result of the Confirmation process.
- It is important that sponsors be active, participating members of their parishes in order to model the expectations we have of the candidates. Therefore, we require each sponsor to turn in a “Sponsor Eligibility Form” to verify active membership.





Divine Mercy Catholic Parish

Sponsor Eligibility Form

Please return to the parish office
417 N Main St.
Paulding, OH 45879

Please complete this top portion.

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Mailing Address _____

Sponsor's Email Address _____

Sponsor will act as a Sponsor for Confirmation

For _____

Candidate's Name

I understand and accept the responsibility of being a sponsor. I promise to be a support and example by living a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teachings of the Catholic Church. I am prepared to assist by my presence, encouragement, and prayers.

Sponsor's signature _____



The bottom portion is to be completed by the sponsor's home parish.

This sponsor is:

- An active member of this parish
- At least 16 years of age
- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- Leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role of sponsor
- Not the parent or guardian of the candidate

Priest's signature _____ Date: _____

Parish name _____

Parish address _____



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COMMON CATHOLIC PRAYERS

Students are required to have the following prayers memorized before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Act of Contrition

(You may memorize any version of the Act of Contrition. There are many versions. Here is one example:)

O My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you!
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

