First Communion/Confirmation Packet

Thank you for registering your child for First Communion or Confirmation this year. Please read this packet thoroughly to avoid missing crucial information and deadlines.

Expectations

- ❏ **Attend weekly Mass.** Since children are preparing to receive the Sacraments, they should be attending Mass (in person or virtually) every Sunday. Weekly Mass (and the Holy Eucharist) is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. If a child is preparing for Sacraments but not participating in weekly Mass, it is very difficult for the child to understand the importance of worshipping God consistently. Since children can't drive themselves to Mass, this responsibility and obligation falls upon the parents.
- ❏ Regular participation and completion of our Family Catechesis Program: A Family of Faith

Retreats:

To help prepare your child to receive Sacraments this Spring, they will need to participate in 4 Retreats. Parents need to attend virtual retreats with children but do NOT need to attend in person retreats.

- ❏ Retreat 1: January 30 (Virtual via Zoom)
- ❏ Retreat 2: February 27 (Virtual via Zoom)
- ❏ Retreat 3: March 20 OR 27 (In person*)
    - ❏ **Sign up here**
- ❏ Retreat 4: April 17 OR May 1 (In Person*)
    - ❏ **Sign up here**

***If your family is not comfortable attending in person due to COVID-19, please contact Mary Molina at mary@smarymag.org.**

Service Project

As the children learn about being a disciple for Christ in the world, they need to put that into practice. Beginning immediately, we would encourage families to volunteer at one of the organizations listed here. If you have another organization or place you volunteer, that is fine as well. If you are unable to volunteer at one of these locations

due to Covid, please plan a service project that you can do at home or in your neighborhood.

- ❏ Please complete the Service Project Completion Form by **FEBRUARY 13, 2021**.

Confirmation Sponsors

A Sponsor assists the parents of this child in their Christian duty and will help this person, by example, word, and action to live as a faithful Christian in communion with, and according to, the teachings of the holy, Catholic Church.

- ❏ Please have your sponsor complete and return the Sponsor Eligibility Form **by FEBRUARY 13, 2021.**
- ❏ Once a Sponsor has been chosen, please have your child (the candidate) fill out the form – *My Models in Faith* – found here by **February 13, 2021.**

Sponsor Booklet

Please download the sponsor booklet, which is to be given to the person you and your child have chosen to be their sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This booklet will assist to facilitate conversations between the candidate and their sponsor. These conversations can be in person, over the phone (video chats), via Skype, or whatever means convenient for the sponsor and the candidate. Candidates are encouraged to talk to their Sponsor on a regular basis. This is a very important part of the Confirmation preparation process so please prioritize it!

- ❏ Deliver the Sponsor booklet to the sponsor and set up conversations with your child beginning now

Selecting a New Name for Confirmation

- ❏ **Choose a Confirmation Saint and Name and prepare a poster (Click for description)**
- ❏ **Complete the My Models of Faith form (also listed above)**

Websites that will assist you:

Catholic Online: https://www.catholic.org/saints/

EWTN: https://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/

My Catholic Life: https://mycatholic.life/saints/

Catholic Icing: http://www.catholicicing.com/category/saints/

Franciscan Media: https://info.franciscanmedia.org/saints

USCCB: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/saints/index.cfm

Sacramental Masses

- ❏ If you have not signed up for a Sacrament Mass, please sign up here as soon as possible.
- ❏ If you need help finding a sponsor or proxy, contact mary@smarymag.org.