

**St. Bernard's/St. Mary's Religious Education
425 West Blackwell St., Dover, NJ
973-366-0184, ext. 21**

**Confirmation 2017/2018
Information for Diocese and Church Records**

Candidate's Name _____
(PRINT as it should appear on Certificate, include Confirmation name)

Address _____ City/State _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Candidate's Age as of September 2017/2018 _____

Confirmation Name _____

Church of Baptism and Address: _____

Sponsor Information – Sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic

Sponsor Name _____

Parish Currently Attending/Address _____

Church of Baptism/Address _____

Church of Confirmation/Address _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY January 1, 2017.

Confirmation Sponsor Verification

To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor of a person must:

1. Be appointed by the candidate for Confirmation, or by the parent or who ever stands in their place
2. Be at least 16 years old and of sufficient maturity to fulfill their function.
3. Be an active member of the Catholic Church and have full reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which benefits the role of sponsor.
4. Be free from any impediment of law to their fulfilling the office of sponsor.

This form is to be completed and returned by January 1, 2017.

Only this form is accepted as verification of a sponsor

Name of sponsor _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Email address _____

Confirmation Student's Name _____

Church to which the sponsor is attending _____

Where is the Church _____

If the sponsor is not from the parish of St. Bernard's or St. Mary's, this form must be presented to your parish priest.

Dear Father,

Your cooperation in completing this form as honestly as possible will help us to more accurately evaluate Sponsorship for our Parish Confirmation Program. The candidate for sponsorship should at least meet the expectations that are outlined above. Thank you for your time and effort in meeting with this candidate for Sponsorship in this significant Sacrament.

Steven Serafin, DRE
Director of Faith Formation, St. Mary's Church, Dover

This person attends Mass weekly Yes _____ No _____

This person demonstrates the traits desirable as a Christian Yes _____ No _____

I would recommend this sponsor for Confirmation Yes _____ No _____

(Church Seal)

(Signature of priest)

(Name of Parish)

Confirmation Name

Importance of the NAME

Confirmation is the next step of the candidate to think and chose a name that has meaning as she/he goes forward in the journey of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Choosing a name can take some reflection and there are various meanings as to why they would select one or the other.

Baptismal name: This is often used as a continuation of their Baptismal call.

Saint name: This is an opportunity for the candidate to read and chose a saint that has some special meaning for them.

Perhaps St. Therese, the Little Flower; a youth who did small things in a great way for God: or St. Francis, who loved and respected nature and the ecology way before his time.

Searching for a saint and the connection they might have with that saint can be a beautiful and fulfilling assignment that they will remember.

Or they may choose someone who has led them in their faith and that they can talk to and relate to in life's events. In any case it still has to be the name of a saint.

The students will be asked to write an essay on this saint, but you can talk to them about what and why they will be choosing a particular saint's name.

Name of Candidate _____

Choice of Confirmation name _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY APRIL 1, 2017

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There are two primary goals with regard to the preparation of the candidate for Confirmation:

1. To enable our candidates to make informed decisions as to the meaning of being members of the Catholic Church.
2. To foster the development of candidates' relationship between their faith in Christ and their personal lives, in the hope that these young people will knowingly and freely choose to be confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Requirements to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

- ❖ Receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation
- ❖ Weekly participation in Eucharist
- ❖ Regular attendance at Faith Formation classes
- ❖ Provide 20 hours of service to the Church.
- ❖ Participate in the retreats throughout the year to deepen their life in the Spirit.
- ❖ Choose a sponsor who is fully initiated in the Church by Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. This person should NOT be the parent. It can be the sponsor from baptism.
- ❖ Choose a name for Confirmation

As a parish, we are concerned with the formation of a person's faith and want to help each person develop a relationship with God. This formation is truly the work of the Spirit. We assist in that activity by presenting the tenets of faith and the gospel values in a clear, relevant and understandable catechesis. Experience shows that with the help of the Holy Spirit and the invaluable participation of our teachers and volunteers, the candidates are given the opportunity to explore their faith in a way that is very real to their lives. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that candidates live out their faith during the preparation process. The most important aspect of this faith development is coming to the Lord weekly to be nourished by the Eucharist.

The commitment to prepare for and receive the Sacrament is intended to be free, conscious, individual and personal. We seriously question the value of a sacrament celebrated merely as a matter of routine or merely because the family insist that their child participate; it means so much more than that.