

Disclaimer: This Petition for the Sacrament of Confirmation cannot and will not **on its own/by itself** be used to turn away any *eligible* candidate from joining *the process* to receive Confirmation as described in the petition below. It may, however, be included as a component among other factors (such as but certainly not limited to the lack of reception of previous sacraments, rejection of the Catholic faith, failure to complete stated requirements and expectation, display of a lack of desire or motivation for the sacrament, expressing no intention to live out the Catholic faith, and/or etc.) to determine if a candidate is indeed ready and able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Petition for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a tool to help you reflect on the serious decision to receive Confirmation. It also help those responsible for preparing candidates for receiving this Sacrament to better understand where they are in their journey of faith and understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Name:

Grade:

Date:

PETITION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the completion of one's initiation into the life of the Catholic Church. It involves a life-long commitment to following Christ. *What's required to be confirmed in Pastorate XXII in the Diocese of Madison, WI?*

- Demonstrate consistent practice of the faith
- Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the faith
- Participate in at least 2 years of religious education
- When ready, manifest a desire to live your life as a Catholic Christian and a desire to be confirmed
- 12 hours of specific Confirmation preparation

The celebration of Confirmation for Pastorate XXII generally takes place in the Springl.

Personal Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Grade:

Current Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Have you received Baptism?

Have you received your First Communion?

Which Church do you regularly attend?

Are you involved in Parish (church) Activities? (i.e.: Altar Server, Lector, Choir, Church Sports team, Bible Studies etc.

If you are not involved what might you be interested in getting involved with/or creating?

Desire to Receive and Understanding of the Sacrament Confirmation:

“Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God’s child and asks for God’s Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God’s love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church. [1285-1314].” (YOUCAT 203)

Do you desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation of your own will and desire?

In your own words, what does it mean to “receive the sacrament of confirmation”?

What significance does the sacrament of Confirmation have in your family/culture? Do you share this value personally? Why or why not?

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1310 *To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace [the state of being free of sin]. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility [meaning humble obedience] and readiness to act.*

YOUCAT 206 *Any Catholic Christian who has received the Sacrament of Baptism and is in the “state of grace” can be admitted to Confirmation.*

How can you/or have you begun preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation? For example: regularly attending mass, participating in religious formation such as youth ministry, going to confession regularly, etc.

Please list three people in your life who exemplify the life of the Catholic faith to you. Explain what about the way they live their lives draws you to the faith.

Reflection on Your Life of Prayer and the Profession of Faith

The Baptismal Promises:

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?

Do you Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you 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?

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Please Circle one that describes your comfort with these questions of our faith.

I believe, I semi-believe, I don't understand, I want to believe, I don't believe

Briefly describe your prayer life by circling one of the following: Very Active, Active, Inactive

If you have any, what are some of your favorite ways to pray? What are some ways you'd like to learn more about?

What are some ways you are already living your Catholic faith?

What are some ways you would like to grow in your faith? What are your goals in faith?

Intimacy/Closeness with Jesus:

On a scale of 1 to 10 how comfortable are you with Jesus? Jesus in the Bible, Jesus in the Eucharist at mass and in adoration? Jesus in your everyday life?

In your own words and experience, who is Jesus to you?

Would you say you experience having a personal relationship with Jesus? What does that look like in your life?

Do you believe that Jesus is active in your life? How have you experienced Him working in your life?

Please turn in your Petition for the Sacrament of Confirmation to the pastorate office (404 E. Main St. Madison, WI 53703), or directly to the Director of Discipleship. You may also scan and email it to: amber.cerrato@goodshepherdmadison.org.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parents Name:

Parent's Signature:

Date:
