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Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Confirmation Ministry

10TH GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Service	Retreat	Preparation
30 minimum required service hours, which includes 10 hours served with the Confirmation sponsor.	Weekend retreat for the confirmandi: Priest, Prophet, King. Participate in one diocesan or parish sponsored vocations event or activity.	Presence and participation in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation Routine participation in high school youth group (Life Teen) on Sunday nights from 6-8pm. Routine participation in weekly Confirmation preparation classes on Sundays from 5-6pm.

By December of the 10th grade year:

- Submit Baptismal certificate from the Church of record dated within the last six months.

During the months of January and February:

- Schedule a meeting with the pastor.

Within one month prior to the sacrament of Confirmation:

- Submit a letter to the Bishop requesting to be confirmed. See attached for details.
- Turn in appropriate service hour log. See attached.

Before the completion of the three-year program:

- Parent participation in the parish’s “Belonging” sacramental preparation program.

Notes:

- **Service Hour Log:** One month before the scheduled date for Confirmation, each confirmand should turn in their service hour log showing their completion of the minimum number of service hours. The confirmandi are asked to complete 30 service hours during this year of Confirmation preparation. 10 of those 30 service hours need to be completed with their sponsor.
- **Baptismal Certificate:** By December of the 10th Grade year, a formal sacramental certificate issued by the parish where the confirmandi were baptized should be provided to the Confirmation Catechist (Brigette.) If the confirmand was not baptized at Ss. Peter and Paul, then a parent needs to call the Church where the teen was baptized and request an updated sacramental certificate.
- **Interview with Pastor:** During January – February of the 10th Grade year, each confirmand should schedule a 30-minute meeting with the Pastor. During this meeting, the Pastor will review with them their experience of Confirmation preparation and assess with the confirmandi their readiness and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- **Vocation Encounter:** Encountering God's call in our lives and trying to become free enough to respond generously with a life-long "yes" is central to Christian discipleship. We are all called to a life of joyful missionary discipleship and holiness – *God created us all to be saints!* We're all also called to a particular vocation: marriage & family life, priesthood, or religious life. The world teaches us to ask, "*What do I want to do when I grow up?*" – but our greatest happiness lies in asking instead, "*Who does God want me to be?*" A variety of opportunities exist to learn more about discerning whether God is calling the confirmandi to be a husband/father – wife/mother, religious brother or sister, or priest. During the 10th Grade year, confirmandi are required to choose at least one diocesan or parish sponsored event with that focus. Choices include deanery or diocesan vocations dinners, discernment retreats, seminary or religious community visits, etc.
- **"Belonging" program:** Once during the three years of preparation, parents of the confirmandi are required to participate in the parish's **"Belonging" program** as a "refresher" on the role of parents/families in the faith formation of their children. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the intimate connection among the sacraments of initiation, especially Baptism and Confirmation. The Renewal of the Baptismal Promises are a vital and beautiful part of the rite of Confirmation. (This requirement is also being

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extended to families with children preparing for First Communion. If you have participated in our parish’s “Belonging” program in the past 3 years, please let Brigitte know – this will satisfy your requirement in that case.)

- **Mass Participation:** Presence and participation in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation (there are six: The Feast of Mary the Mother of God, The Ascension, The Assumption of Mary into Heaven, All Saints Day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas) need to form the foundation of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- **Life Teen Participation:** Becoming an active, faithful part of the Life Teen discipleship community for middle schoolers is a key part of your youth’s preparation to accept the gifts and responsibilities that come with Confirmation.

LETTER TO BISHOP JOHN

Every Confirmation Candidate must write a letter to the Bishop, requesting to be confirmed. This letter should be in your own words, and should be sincere. It should be typed and returned *one month prior to Confirmation*.

Bishop John reads EVERY SINGLE LETTER written to him, requesting Confirmation, so please be sincere and put thought into what you are writing.

LETTER REQUIREMENTS:

- Your letter must be typed and signed.
- Please address it to: **Dear Bishop John,**
- It should contain the following points:
 1. Request to be confirmed on "...” at Saints Peter and Paul parish in Danville, KY.
 2. Explain why you would like to be confirmed as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. (Please don't just say "to bring me closer to God." Give some thought to your reasons, and let him know what your faith means to you.)
 3. Explain how you have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 4. Discuss your service projects and what you have learned from them.
 5. Tell him whom you chose to be your sponsor, why you chose that person, and how that person has helped you prepare for Confirmation.
 6. Tell him the Saint's name that you chose to take, why you chose him/her, and why that saint is important to you.
 7. Tell him how you plan on staying involved with the Church and your faith. (This should be more than just attending mass on Sunday. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are required.)
 8. You may add any additional information you would like to share about yourself.

Once again, your letter is due one month prior to Confirmation. Please take time and effort when writing your letter and don't wait until the last minute! 😊

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SERVICE HOURS LOG for _____
***** This form should be completed and turned in one month prior to Confirmation *****

CANDIDATE SERVICE (20 Hours Total/At least 5 Out of Comfort Zone)

Type of Service	Hrs.	Contact Person	Telephone	Date	Contact Initials

Total Hours _____

SPONSOR-CANDIDATE TIME (10 Hours Total)

Type of Service	Hrs.	Contact Person	Telephone	Date	Sponsor Initials

Total Hours _____

I have completed the required amount of service hours/credits as indicated in the log above.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____