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***Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church***  
***Confirmation Ministry***

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8TH GRADE EXPECTATIONS

<b>Service</b>	<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Preparation</b>
Two required service projects of the confirmand’s choosing—to be discussed as a family	An introductory session to Confirmation preparation for family and confirmandi  A one-day retreat for family and confirmandi at the parish	Presence and participation at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation  Routine participation in the middle school youth group (Edge) on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm

**At the start of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year:**

- Sacramental preparation registration form, which is attached to this document, is to be turned in during registration time in August.

**Before the start of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade school year:**

- Two short reflection papers on the required service projects.
- Choose a Confirmation sponsor and turn in required forms.

**Before the completion of three-year program:**

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

Notes:

- **Where *Family* is noted**, all members of the confirmand’s family are encouraged to participate together; at least one parent is required.
- **“Service Projects”** differ from accumulating service hours independently; they are done in community for the service of others. Several options will be provided each year to choose from. Examples include: Soups On Us meal

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preparation & delivery, Parish Cleanup Days, Arnold Towers Meal Program, Parish Mission Trip, Salvation Army Kettle Bell, Brass Band Festival Outreach, etc. Community-wide service projects are also accepted, and we encourage you to participate with other families and parishioners in those events. If there is a question about whether something is considered a "service project," please discuss it ahead of time with the Confirmation catechist (Brigette Becker).

Following each service project, the confirmand writes and turns in a short reflection paper covering the following topics: *Describe the service project you chose and why you chose it. How did you encounter Jesus in the Christian Service you provided? What did you learn about being a disciple of Jesus through the service you provided? How did you experience being a part of the Church family in the service project?*

- **The one-day retreat** will typically be scheduled in the Fall of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. It is designed for families and confirmandi to enter into the spiritual experience of preparing for Confirmation and begin to unpack the graces God is pouring out on us through prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit, and our call to be priest, prophet and king.
- **"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 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 Brigette know – this will satisfy your requirement in that case.)
- **Your Confirmation sponsor** ought to be someone who you know and trust, and someone who lives and inspires you to live the Catholic faith. Your sponsor should also meet the qualifications listed on the Confirmation Sponsor Form. If you have any questions or need help finding a sponsor, then please ask.
- **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

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of the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas) need to form the foundation of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. (This is an expectation for all Catholics, not just those preparing for Confirmation.)

- **Edge Participation:** Becoming an active, faithful part of the Edge discipleship community for middle schoolers is a key part of your youth's preparation to accept the gifts and responsibilities that come with Confirmation.

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# Sacramental Preparation

## Registration Form

My child is preparing for: First Reconciliation/Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_  
**Confirmation** \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Candidate's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If no, please contact Mary Vonderbrink in the church office.

**PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Father/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birth Mother's Maiden (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: (parent) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISHIONER VALIDATION**

Is the Candidate a registered parishioner of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**BAPTISM & FIRST EUCHARIST VALIDATION**

Was the Candidate baptized at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, what year \_\_\_\_\_  
If No, Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of First Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of OFFICIAL (with church seal) certificates are REQUIRED.

Sacramental Preparation Fee: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Confirmation Sponsor Form

Name of Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsor Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of parish  
you attend: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Are you at least 16 years of age? Yes/No
2. Are you a fully-initiated Catholic? (Having received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) Yes/No
3. If married, were you married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church? Yes/No OR Not Married
4. Are you a Catholic in Good Standing? (Attending Mass at least every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and frequenting the sacrament of reconciliation.) Yes/No
5. Will you do all in your power to be an excellent model of the Christian Faith by participating at Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and by exhibiting your own sense of charity and social justice in how you live and influence others? Yes/No

*\*If you responded "No" to any of the above questions, you are not eligible to be a sponsor at this time.*

### **Responsibilities**

The confirmation sponsor's role is one of a mentor in the Catholic faith. He or she will present the candidate to the Bishop on the day of confirmation and in doing so, states that the candidate is fully prepared to not only receive the sacrament of Confirmation, but also to live the Christian life. The sponsor should continue to support the candidate in his/her Catholic faith in the years ahead. Do you have any questions about your responsibilities?

### **What you can do**

Pray for your candidate daily.

Live an exemplary Catholic lifestyle.

Participate in the required service time with your candidate and spend quality time with him or her.

Go to adoration, confession or Mass together & then go to lunch and share your own faith. Teach your candidate one of your favorite Catholic devotions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **PASTOR CERTIFICATION:**

As Pastor of the above named individual, I certify that he or she is a registered, ACTIVE parishoner of \_\_\_\_\_ parish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH SEAL and DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PASTOR'S SIGNATURE