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**Rite of Confirmation
2020-2021**

**St. John the Evangelist
Catholic Community**

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism. Baptism is the beginning of new life, and Confirmation is the strengthening of new life. We receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

The Confirmation Preparation process consists of various elements which provide a framework for supporting youth and the parish as they grow as a faith community. The process includes opportunities for learning, service, and worship, which require sufficient time for growth, reflection, and maturation. The preparation time is essential to the process. Confirmation invites youth to life-long faith formation and to service in ministry. It is not a graduation from church! It is a beginning, not an end. We look forward to this journey as we explore and enrich our faith together by following Christ and being open to the Holy Spirit.

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2021

Dear Confirmation Families,

Welcome to the St. John the Evangelist Confirmation Program.

I am excited to journey with your family and your teen towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this registration packet, you will read all about the Confirmation and Youth Ministry Program that St. John the Evangelist provides to your teen and your family. This is truly a special time of spiritual formation for your teen, one that I hope will strengthen your entire family. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be approached with a sincere heart. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes baptismal grace and imprints a spiritual seal on us. This seal can never be removed, and the grace we receive in the sacrament binds us more fully to the mission of the church - which is to share and defend our faith. As you continue ministering to your family, your parish, and the community, I ask you to be especially faithful in these areas:

- Attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Discussing Confirmation preparation with your youth after sessions.
- Praying and exploring Sacred Scripture as a family at home.
- Be true to the biblical call to tithe.

In addition to worshipping at St. John the Evangelist, your family has the opportunity to give your time, talent and treasure to many ministries this faith community has to offer.

Opportunities to participate are not restricted to Youth Ministry and Confirmation but include all parish ministries. Your example will have the greatest impact on the faith formation of your child.

Sincerely,

Tom Buddington

Coordinator of Confirmation

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Online registration for Life Teen & the Confirmation Program is required. Please visit the parish website or copy & paste this link into your web browser:

www.stjohnviera.weshareonline.org/FaithFormation2020

Due to COVID-19, face masks are required for attendance, and no food is permitted in the meeting spaces. Until further notice, we will be following CDC and Diocesan guidelines while meeting in-person for this program.

REQUIREMENTS

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE EVERY WEEK
SJE MASS SCHEDULE, Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM,
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 4:30 PM

SUNDAY EVENING LIFE NIGHTS
5:45 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall
You are only required to attend Life Nights on the
Sundays you do not have a Confirmation Session.
Please see the Life Teen Calendar on the parish website for those dates.

MONTHLY CONFIRMATION SESSIONS
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM Sundays
(Dates on page 5 of this packet)

FOUR LETTERS TO THE PASTOR
Application Letter Due September 20th.
Confirmation Name Letter Due January 17th.
Works of Mercy Letter Due April 18th.
Final “What I have learned” Letter Due May 16th.
All letters must be at least one page, single-spaced, 12pt, typed.

WORKS OF MERCY
Must complete at least 3 acts of service:
one for the church, the community, and your family.
(Forms on page 8 of this packet Due April 18th.)

MEETING WITH THE PASTOR
Sign-up opens on January 17, 2021.
Meetings will be held between February through April.

LIFE TEEN RETREAT
Must attend at least one retreat with Life Teen Viera.
(Dates TBA)

Explanation of REQUIREMENTS

Please note that some events require pre-registration/permission form or additional fees.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE: The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic. At weekly Mass, teens experience the depth of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist.

LIFE NIGHTS: The Life Nights create an environment that meets the spiritual, educational, social and emotional needs of today's teens. Through the Mass and Life Nights, high school teens learn more about their Catholic faith and grow to love the Sacraments and the Word. (Students who do not attend Catholic School are expected to regularly attend Sunday evening Life Nights as part of their ongoing Faith Formation.)

CONFIRMATION SESSIONS: These sessions are held from 2:45 – 4:15 PM on Sundays in the Parish Hall on the scheduled dates. These sessions are mandatory. Confirmation sessions are part large group and part small group. In an effort to keep small group size to 6 – 8 teens, we ask all parents to prayerfully consider co-facilitating a small group.

CHOOSING A NAME: As we go through this sacramental preparation, the teens will choose a Confirmation name. This can be their baptismal name or a saint who models for them what it truly means to pursue and live a life of holiness. Their Confirmation name must be chosen and the form filled out (page 6 of this packet) with the Confirmation Name Letter by January 17th, Session 4. However, it's never too early to choose a name and ask that saint for their intercession.

WORKS OF MERCY: As Christians, we are called to serve one another, to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need. Each teen will be asked to complete AT LEAST THREE Works of Mercy with our church, community, and for their family. These Works of Mercy must be completed and form filled out (page 7 of this packet) and turned in by April 18th, Session 7.

CHOOSING A SPONSOR: The Confirmation Sponsor represents the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. This person will symbolize the support of the entire Body of Christ for the teen in their life as a disciple. The sponsor cannot be a parent and must be at least 16 years old and already Confirmed. The sponsor chosen should spiritually join the teen and their family in this journey through the Confirmation program. The Sponsor must be selected with the form (page 8 of this packet) filled out and turned in by April 18th, Session 7.

LETTERS: Prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, all candidates will write four letters to the Pastor. The first is an Application Letter explaining why they want to be confirmed, the second explains how they chose their Confirmation name, the third explains their Works of Mercy projects, and the fourth explains what they have learned during this Confirmation Program. All letters are to be at least one page, single-spaced, typed, 12pt. Please avoid plagiarism. Due dates are on the following page.

RETREAT: Candidates will be required to attend at least one retreat offered by Life Teen Viera. Retreat options and dates are to be determined due to our obligation to follow CDC and Diocesan guidelines concerning COVID-19.

CONFIRMATION DATES & TIMES

** For the Life Teen Schedule, see our Fall Calendar on the parish website. www.stjohnviera.org/life-teen--9th-12th-grade-*

SEPTEMBER 13th 2020, 3:00 – 4:15 PM

Orientation (Confirmation students and parents must attend)

Online Registration Due. Please type this link into your web browser:

www.stjohnviera.weshareonline.org/FaithFormation2020

SEPTEMBER 20th 2020, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 1: Prayer

(Application Letter Due)

OCTOBER 18th 2020, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 2: The Creed

NOVEMBER 22nd 2020, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 3: The Mass

JANUARY 17th 2021, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 4: Morality

(Confirmation Name Letter & Form Due)

(Sign-ups for meeting with Fr. John opens)

FEBRUARY 21th 2021, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 5: Social Justice & Service

MARCH 21th 2021, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 6: Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit

APRIL 18th 2021, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 7: The Sacraments

(Sponsor Form Due)

(Works of Mercy Projects, Forms, & Letter Due)

MAY 16th 2021, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Session 8: The Sacrament of Confirmation

(“What I Have Learned” Letter Due)

JUNE 3th 2021, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Confirmation Rehearsal & Reconciliation

(Sponsor must attend with Confirmation Student)

JUNE 5th 2021

The Sacrament of Confirmation 10:00 AM Mass (arrive at 9:00 AM)

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CONFIRMATION NAME FORM

*The Confirmation Name Letter attached to this form is due on
Sunday, January 17, 2021, at Session 4.*

As we go through this sacramental preparation, we choose a Confirmation name. It may be your baptismal name or a saint name. Feel free to use books or go online to research the lives of many saints; the saint you choose will serve as one of your role models for how to live as an active and devoted Catholic for the rest of your life, as well as someone who can pray for you from Heaven.

Candidate's Name: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

Please attach a letter to the Pastor explaining why you chose this name. Please be detailed, explaining how you decided on this name and why the person it comes from has resonated with you and your faith journey. Give a short biography of their life. List and elaborate on the character traits and qualities this person possessed that may help you during this journey to Confirmation and beyond. Please use your own words to avoid plagiarism. This letter is to be at least one page, single-spaced, typed, 12pt. Use this link to Life Teen's website to get research started:

www.lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/

Signature of Candidate

Date

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WORKS OF MERCY FORM (1 of 2)

*The Works of Mercy Letter attached to this form is due on
Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Session 7.*

We require AT LEAST THREE Works of Mercy, because Confirmation represents not only an agreement to a body of beliefs but a commitment to a way of life. We want to challenge the you to imagine the life of the parish as you would like it to be and to commit yourselves to helping make that a reality. Participate in a project from each of the three types of service on the next page and have an adult witness at each of the projects sign their name along with a brief description of the project and the date the project was completed. Finally, write ONE letter about all your projects (one paragraph for each project) to the Pastor using the prompts on this page listed below.

For your service project at St. John the Evangelist, ALL Confirmation students 15 years old or older must complete the REQUIRED online Safe Environment Certification to participate in any ministry at the parish. Please go to page 9 of this packet for details.

LETTER PROMPTS:

What did you do? Where? For how long? With whom? Why did you choose this form of service? Was it what you expected? What did you get out of it? Would you do it again? Why or why not? How did performing the service contribute to your understanding of your faith? How did the experience change you? How did it impact your church/family/community?

This letter is to be at least one page, single-spaced, typed, 12pt.

Signature of Candidate

Date

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WORKS OF MERCY FORM (2 of 2)

*The Works of Mercy Letter attached to this form is due on
Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Session 7.*

Service to Your Church

Parish ministries currently interested in recruiting volunteers:

Altar Servers (Mass time of your choice), Scott Mimbs altarservers@stjohnviera.org

Music Ministry (vocal/instrumental at any Mass), Director Heidi Pranzoni hpranzoni@stjohnviera.org

Greeters (Mass time of your choice), Coordinator Emily Kubica (321) 684-0427

Ministers of the Word (Mass time of your choice), Steve O'Connor (321) 254-8413

Students 15 years old or older can help with Faith Formation, Dawn Hurley dhurley@stjohnviera.org

Ushers (Mass time of your choice), Erich Reimann (321) 368-4407

***All students 15 years or older must complete the REQUIRED online Safe Environment Certification to participate in any ministry at the parish. Please see page 9 of this packet.**

Signature of Adult Witness

Date

Briefly describe the project:

Service to Your Family

This would be a project that goes beyond simply doing house chores. Ask your parents/guardians if there is a special project around the house that will genuinely have a lasting positive impact on your home or improve the quality time you spend together (example: set up a prayer space to use together when you pray or read scripture together).

Signature of Adult Witness

Date

Briefly describe the project:

Service to Your Community

Ask your next-door neighbor if there is a special project that they are unable to do around their home or offer them an act of kindness that would improve their quality of life (example: offer to complete yard work or get groceries for someone who is unable to do so). Consider cleaning up your local nature park with your family or joining others at a park/beach cleanup with an organization such as Keep Brevard Beautiful Inc.

(www.keeptbrevardbeautiful.org/events).

Signature of Adult Witness

Date

Briefly describe the project:

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Safe Environment Certification Instructions



Begin by entering the following link into your web browser:

www.orlandodiocese.org/safe-environment/english/

Please read all the instructions carefully below before following them online.

Step 1: Safe Environment Video and Quiz

1. Watch the Safe Environment Certification video. The video is about 25 min long.
2. When the video is complete, read the Diocesan Standards of Conduct and agree to terms. Proceed to quiz.
3. Enter the Entity Code provided by your parish/school office: 87
4. Choose your role/applicant type: volunteer
5. Click “next” to take the 20 question quiz.
6. Passing scores are 80% and above. If you fail the quiz, you will be directed back to the first step. If you pass, you may immediately download your certificate. Please save/print this certificate for your records at home. Results will also be emailed to your diocesan entity and to the office of Human Resources.



All Confirmation students are **REQUIRED**
to do all the instructions above this line to volunteer at the parish.



Confirmation students volunteering for ministries involving youth
14 years old or younger (Faith Formation/Religious Education, Vacation Bible School, or any
seasonal parish events) in the future are
REQUIRED to do all the instructions above and below this line.



Step 2: Fingerprinting

Once the Safe Environment Certification quiz is complete, a Fieldprint code will appear specific to your entity and you will be prompted to schedule fingerprinting, which includes a background check. Please copy or write down this Fieldprint code as you will need to enter it in the next step. You cannot submit fingerprints until you have completed the Safe Environment video and passed the quiz.

1. Visit www.fieldprintflorida.com to register for your fingerprinting appointment. You will need an email address for this part of the process.
2. Please enter the Fieldprint Code on the “Reason for Fingerprinting” screen when prompted. Then complete Fieldprint registration and schedule your appointment.

Field Print Code: FpStJohnEvanChVol

3. Most volunteers who live in the Viera/Melbourne area have been using the Mail Stop & More at the following address: 6300 N Wickham Rd #130, Melbourne, FL 32940 (Hours Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM, Sat 10AM-3PM, Sun CLOSED).
4. Once you have finished your fingerprinting appointment, the Diocese will conduct a background check for their records. The background check results will take approximately 3-4 weeks to be sent to the Orlando Diocese and to our parish office. Once the parish office obtains a cleared background check, the volunteer is cleared to work with youth 14 years old or younger. This certification and background check will expire after 5 years.

These instructions (Step 1 & 2) apply to any parents/adults who wish to join the students in volunteering at the parish! Thank you in advance for your involvement!

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SPONSOR FORM

This form is due on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Session 7.

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, and not the candidate's mother or father. The candidate is encouraged to choose a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and comfortable sharing his or her faith with them.

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Parish: _____

Year & Place of Sponsor's Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this confirmation candidate. I agree to attend the confirmation rehearsal with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule - in which case a family member will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during the preparation of their Confirmation and to serve as spiritual support during this important time in their life, and in the years to come.

Signature of Sponsor

Date