

St. Mark's PSR
Confirmation Requirements
2020-2021

Letter to Father Rubin Reynolds

You are required to write a letter to Father Rubin requesting to be a candidate for Confirmation. It can be either typed or handwritten.

- 1) State that you are requesting Confirmation.
- 2) Describe your PSR background (Tell how many years you have attended PSR and explain a little of what you have learned).
- 3) Tell why you want to be confirmed. Give at least 2 reasons.
- 4) Thank Father for considering you for Confirmation.

Confirmation (Saint) Name and Saint Report

You are to choose a saint name as your Confirmation name. (You may use your baptismal name). The saint that you choose is to serve as a role model. Look up information about this saint (Internet, Ascension Parish Library) and write a one-page report (typed or handwritten) about this particular saint. Describe the saint that you have chosen and state **WHY** you have chosen him/her. Check with your teacher to make sure that your chosen saint is Catholic. **If you use the internet as your resource, the website must be included.**

Sponsor

Each Confirmation candidate needs a sponsor. (S)he must be a role model and be a practicing Catholic (attends Mass). A sponsor must be confirmed and if married, must have been married in the Catholic Church. If (s)he is from another parish, (s)he must get a letter from the pastor stating that (s)he qualifies to be a Confirmation sponsor. Godparents and grandparents **MAY** be sponsors, but parents may **NOT** serve as sponsors. You will be given a form for your sponsor to complete and return.

Service Hours

Just as Christ taught his disciples to serve others, we are called as followers of Christ to do the same. In preparation for Confirmation, you are required to do a total of 30 service hours. Fifteen of your service hours must be offered to the church and 15 must be offered to the school and/or the community. (See the "Examples of Service Hours" sheet). Use the service hour sheet to document your hours. If you need an additional one, please ask. You must have the hours verified by a responsible adult, including his/her phone number.. All of them are due by December 15.

Retreats

Three retreats are mandatory---9th, 10th grade and 11th grade retreats. If you missed the 9th and/or 10th grade retreats over the past two years, you must make them up this year. You can attend the 9th and/or 10th grade retreats this year at St. Mark's or call other parishes (St. Theresa, Holy Rosary, St. John, etc.) and register to attend their retreats. If you work, you

are expected to make arrangements ahead of time to be off. If your retreat is scheduled on a Saturday, you must stay for the 4:00 P.M. Mass at the end of the retreat.

Interviews

Each Confirmation candidate will have a personal interview with Father Rubin to discuss basic doctrine and to reflect on his/her Christian life. The teachers will prepare you for this prior to interview time.

Disabilities

Any learning disabilities that a student may have should be brought to the teacher's attention immediately.