

St. Mark's PSR
Confirmation Requirements
2019-2020

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 - Use form provided when submitting

How to Choose a Sponsor

Reflect on who has nurtured your faith. Think of someone in your life at home, work, or socially who is a model of how a person of faith lives in the world today. Think of someone who is a guide, a confidant, a listener. And most importantly, think of someone who will walk the faith journey with you after you have received the sacrament. Being a sponsor is not a "one and done" event. A sponsor should be someone who can continue to engage with you throughout your lifetime. In order to serve as a sponsor, a person must:

- *Be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (i.e. attending Mass regularly and receiving the Eucharist, married in the Catholic Church, if married)
- *Be at least eighteen years of age
- *Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a sponsor
- *A parent of a candidate may not be chosen as a sponsor

Give your sponsor the Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form so they can fill out. Return it to the Church office or email Mary Kruse at stmarkpsr@eatel.net

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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.

**St. Mark Parish School of Religion
Confirmation Service Hours
(30 total hours required)**

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Note: *A total of 30 service hours is required.* Fifteen hours must be offered to the church and 15 hours must be offered to the school and/or community.

Church Service Hours (15 total)

Date	Description of Service Performed	Hours	Signature and Phone Number

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Community Service Hours (15 total)

Date	Description of Service Performed	Hours	Signature and Phone Number

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Confirmation Candidates Letter to Father Rubin Reynolds

As you begin preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation, you will notice the responsibility of your faith life is vastly shifting from your parents to you. We at St. Mark Parish not only want you here as an active parishioner, but we **NEED YOU!** The buildings on the church campus are just that, buildings. It is us – me and you – that are the church. You are wanted and needed here.

So we ask that you begin this journey by clearly stating your intentions in a letter to Father Rubin Reynolds. **This letter is a requirement that must be met when the official preparations for Confirmation begin.** Your letter may be typed or handwritten in ink on loose leaf paper and should be at least half of a page in length.

Please follow these guidelines when writing your letter:

- 1) State that you are requesting Confirmation**
- 2) How long have you attended PSR or Catholic School**
- 3) Explain a little of what you have learned about the Catholic faith**
- 4) List at least 2 reasons why you are requesting to be Confirmed**
- 5) Thank Father for considering you for Confirmation**

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

1. I declare that I am a **baptized and confirmed Catholic** and (if married) **married in the Catholic Church** and that I am a **registered** member of _____ Parish in the city of _____
(Church Parish)

2. I **believe all** that the Catholic Church believes and teaches and truly make a serious effort to **live a good moral life worthy of imitation.**

3. As a practicing Catholic, I **participate** at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and I **receive** the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation **regularly.**

4. **I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor. I intend to encourage and support my candidate in the practice of the Catholic Faith by word and example.**

I, _____, have read the above, understand the role which I am
(PLEASE PRINT SPONSOR NAME)
undertaking, and promise to live a life worthy of this call.

Signature of Sponsor

Phone Number of Sponsor

Name of person to be confirmed (Please print)

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor

Date

(CHURCH SEAL)

How to Write a Saint Report

All candidates must select a Saint name and write a report, at least on page long, on their chosen Saint.

When selecting a Confirmation name, designate the specific person (e.g., Thomas the Apostle, Thomas of Aquinas). The use of your baptismal name, if already after a Saint, can serve to further emphasize the three-fold process of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The name chosen must be a Blessed or canonized Christian Saint. A canonized Christian Saint is a man or woman who has displayed heroic virtue and has been recognized by the Church. After you have selected the Saint you would like to be named after (and who will continue to pray for you), type a one page report about the Saint's life.

Include the following topics in your report:

- Who is the Saint? (When and where did he or she live, family life, job, etc.)
- What have you learned about this Saint through your research?
- Why did you select this Saint to represent your faith journey?
- How is this person a good role model for you to follow as a Confirmed Catholic?
- Include the resources from which you obtained your information. (Web site, book, etc.)

There are numerous online resources for learning about the lives of the Saints. Each of these sites has a searchable index of saints. Some can be viewed by calendar, alphabetically, or by what they are a patron of. Each has a short description of that saint.

Here are a few:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

www.ewtn.com/saintsholy

If you have any question or need additional resources or suggestions, please ask.