



St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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Confirmation Parents,

Greetings! It does not seem possible but it is time to get ready for Confirmation! I want you to know that I am ready to go and am looking forward to working with your children, helping them grow in our Catholic faith, and to begin discerning the kind of disciples they feel God is calling them to be as well as taking seriously the commitment we are all called to make as confirmed Catholic Christians!

As stated in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “**Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place of the catechesis of children and parents**” (CCC, 2226).

What does this mean? The Church is very clear that the primary catechists in a child’s life **are always the parents**. However, the parish plays an important role in helping the parents achieve this and we do this by providing religious education and sacramental programs for your children. This is to say that even though you are bringing your students to us for catechesis, you need to engage them on what they are doing in class. Look at what they bring home. Talk about what they experienced. Help them understand the role that God has in their lives.

This is all the more important when we talk about Confirmation. At its most basic, Confirmation is just what the name says – a confirmation of baptismal promises by the candidates for the sacrament made for them at the time of their Baptism. More significantly, however, by Confirmation we the baptized “are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 1285). The *Catechism* goes further: “**Hence [we] are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed**” (CCC, 1285).

Confirmation is in essence a sacrament of commitment. It is a sacrament of responsibility. It is a sacrament of priorities. How can it not be these things when our Church teaches that, as baptized Christians, we are to be the face, the feet, and the hands of our Savior in the world? Let us be clear. This process is not easy. Being a Christian is not easy. Our savior himself said, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

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Because of this, we are asking the parents to take this teaching of our Church to heart. Constantly pray about it and reflect on it. We are asking that you and your candidate make God a priority. Commit yourselves to weave the love of Christ into your lives so that you can be aware of His call to discipleship for yourself and, more importantly, your child.

It is expected that all requirements be met and deadlines be kept. Failure to do so will prohibit your child from receiving the sacrament of Confirmation – remember that Confirmation is a sacrament of commitment and responsibility.

I encourage all parents that during this process of discernment, you constantly talk to your child. It may be that you both come to feel that it is not the right time for Confirmation. This is okay. By being confirmed, the candidate is saying, “I am ready to become a mature Christian adult.” The candidate is saying, “I am ready to use my time, talent and treasure to aid the Church in her mission on earth.” The candidate is saying, “I am ready to take my place as a disciple of Christ to God’s people.” The candidate is saying, “I am ready to be the face, feet and hands of Christ to the world.”

Two things of important note: First, please be aware of the two beginning of the year parent meetings – one for freshmen and one for sophomores. The freshman meeting is on **Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm** and the sophomore meeting is on **Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00 pm**. Both meetings are in the **church**. These meetings will go over the program, calendars, and the expectations for each group. Parents and students are highly encouraged to attend. Second, please remember **that Confirmation at SJB is a two-year process. Catholic school freshmen are required to register, complete service hour requirements, and the retreat requirement.** Signature and public school freshmen are required to participate in the religious education class provided by the parish and meet service hour and retreat obligations. Since Catholic school freshmen take religious education classes as part of their curriculum, they do not have to participate in the class given by the parish. **All sophomores – Catholic, Signature, and public – are required to participate in the program provided by the parish.**

Again, I look forward to working with you this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime. My contact information is below.

Your Brother In Christ,



Deacon Jay W. VanHoosier,
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St. John the Baptist Parish
Religious Education Enrollment
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - SOPHOMORE
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION DATE REG. FORM REC. (OFFICE ONLY) _____

Student's Name (as you wish it to appear on certificate) _____

Student's Email Address (required if student has) _____

_____ Address _____ Cell # _____
 (Father's Name)

_____ Address _____ Cell # _____
 (Mother's Name)

If separated or divorced, with whom is the child living with? _____

Parents Email Address: _____

Is your family registered with the parish? _____ YES _____ NO

If NO, would you like a registration form? _____

Please choose class time preference:

CLASS TIMES ARE ON DESIGNATED SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

CHILD'S NAME	GRADE	DATE OF BIRTH	SCHOOL ATTENDING
	10		
	10		
	10		

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

Proof of baptism by an original certificate with church seal is required and is the responsibility of the candidate and family to provide. Certificate is not needed if candidate was baptized or received 1st Eucharist at St. John the Baptist

but please give year of candidate's baptism: _____ Year of baptism at St. John the Baptist.

or please give year of candidate's 1st Eucharist _____ Year of baptism at St. John the Baptist.

Enrollment Fees

	Registered Parishioner	Non-Registered parishioner
By 8/01/2018	-\$45 per child -- \$120 max for 3+	\$60 per child -- \$165 max for 3+
After 8/01/2018	-\$55 per child -- \$150 max for 3+	\$70 per child -- \$195 max for 3+

Diocesan Use of Image/Media Recording Policy

The Diocese of Evansville and its affiliated parishes and schools may wish to use an image of your child in both print and electronic publicity. It is the practice of the Diocese of Evansville to protect all children at all times including the public use of their images.

By signing the Diocesan Event Waiver, parents/guardians give consent and agree that the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, its employees, or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of their child(ren)/ward(s) exclusively for the purpose of event/program promotion. Permission to use any videotape, photograph, slide, audiotape, or any other visual or audio reproduction in which your child may appear may include promotional activities such as, but not limited to, websites, social media sites, newsprint, flyers, or brochures. The Diocese of Evansville reserves the right to determine which images and likenesses are used and how long these will remain on the site or used in media materials.

The Catholic Diocese of Evansville its agents, and employees are given all rights to exhibit images, likenesses, or recordings of youth participants in print and electronic form. No financial or other remuneration will be provided for the use of any images, likenesses, or recordings, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.

The Diocese of Evansville will never sell the image, likeness, or other recording/rendering of participants at any diocesan event. Given the large number of youth participants at several diocesan events, individuals may not opt-out of the Diocesan Use of Image/Media Recording policy as we are not able to determine whether an individual who has chosen to opt-out is present in large group photos. Again, it is important to state that the Diocese of Evansville will never sell images, likenesses, renderings, or other recordings for any purpose, and every effort is made to protect the identities of young people (e.g., their full names are never published along with photos on our website or promotional materials).

The Diocese of Evansville is not responsible for third-party recordings made at events in which we participate but of which the Diocese of Evansville is not the primary planner or executor. Similarly, the Diocese of Evansville assumes no responsibility for unauthorized pictures, videos, or other recordings made via personal cellular phones or similar devices.

DIOCESAN EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE (REV. 7/14)

Youth's Name: _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parish/School/Program: St. John the Baptist City: Newburgh

Event: SJB Confirmation Program Date(s): 2018-2019

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named youth, hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in the above event. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the event. I/We do further hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Tom Kessler Pastor, and any of their respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and representatives, adult sponsors, and other volunteers involved in the activities and transportation associated with the event from any and all claims, including claims of personal injury to my/our youth or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence, but not reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in connection with the activities and/or transportation to and from the event.

It is understood and agreed that neither the Parish, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, any respective affiliate, successor, agent, employee, member, representative, adult sponsor, nor other volunteer is the insurer of my child's health and safety while he/she is at youth functions, engaged in supervised activities, including sports, or being transported in association with the event. I/We understand it to be my/our obligation to provide such insurance as I/we may desire to purchase to protect myself/ourselves and my/our child against the costs of sickness or injury.

In case of emergency or serious illness, should the above named child require medical treatment, and neither a parent nor the designated family physician can be contacted, consent is hereby granted for such medical treatment as may be considered necessary in the opinion of the attending physician.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE RELIEVES DIOCESAN AND/OR PARISH PERSONNEL OF ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION LISTED ON THE DIOCESAN MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM (INCLUDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS).

Further, I/We acknowledge having read, or been made aware of the Diocesan Youth and/or Adult Codes of Conduct, the Diocesan Release for Media Recording, and the Diocesan Off-site Transportation Policy, and I/We agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in those documents (copies available via www.evdiocese.org/diocesan-forms-for-oyaya.html). I acknowledge and understand that any action on behalf of my/our child/dependent that is inconsistent with the Diocesan Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in those documents.

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE (REV. 7/12)

Youth's Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State, Zip)

Parent/Guardian
to Call in Emergency: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

If Parent/Guardian
CANNOT be reached: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Family Physician: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Family Insurance Carrier: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Are parents living together: Yes. No.

With whom does child live? Mother. Father. Other: _____

Is anyone, by court order or decree, designated as the sole, custodial parent? If so, list:

List anyone restrained from picking up child: _____

I understand it is my responsibility to keep the youth minister informed about such matters and to provide copies of relevant court orders and decrees to officials.

List any chronic or existing disease or medical problems (e.g. diabetes, asthma, epilepsy):

List any medications your child is taking on a regular basis:

Should it become necessary, please list any instructions for care of the above:

Place "X" in box if it is **NOT** acceptable for your child to be provided over-the-counter medications (e.g., commonly used pain, allergy, or nausea medications).

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH-SCHOOL
(DIOCESAN/DIOCESAN-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH)**



The Catholic Diocese of Evansville, through its Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYAYA), provides opportunities for the young Church to meet Jesus Christ, grow their relationship with Him, answer His call to ministry and service, meet and grow friendships with other disciples of Christ, and learn about the mission and teaching of the Catholic Church. These opportunities occur in a variety of events and settings, and each requires that specific rules and regulations be followed; however, informed by the moral teaching of the Catholic Church, certain over-arching rules of conduct must be followed by all participants of any diocesan event. The following Code of Conduct is not exhaustive, and it may be changed and updated as the need arises.

In order to ensure that each participant has equal access to safety and enjoyment, the following polices must be observed and followed at all youth and/or young adult events of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville:

- ✦ I will treat everyone with respect, courtesy, dignity, patience, loyalty and integrity. I will behave in a way that respects the rights of all.
- ✦ If I am being hurt (verbally or physically), harassed, or “bullied”, or if I become aware that another participant is being hurt verbally/physically, I will notify a supervising adult.
- ✦ I will treat property with care. If I break something, I will tell my supervising adult.
- ✦ I will avoid posing any health risk to others (i.e. fevers or other contagious situations).
- ✦ I understand the use of cell phones and other electronic equipment is highly discouraged, unless a supervising adult grants permission.
- ✦ I will not possess/use/purchase tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, inappropriate videos, inappropriate reading materials, or other objects.
- ✦ I understand in extreme cases of misconduct, my parents/legal guardian and legal authorities will be notified, regardless of the time. In these cases parents/ legal guardians will be financially and/or physically responsible for participant’s transportation home from school/event. I understand I am subject to search and seizure policies.
- ✦ If I become aware of any violation of this Code of Conduct by anyone, it is my responsibility to notify my supervising adult as soon as possible.

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YOUTH PARTICIPANT/STUDENT (Printed Name):

I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action:

X _____
(Signature of Participant/Student Date)

X _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian Date)

NOTE TO PARENTS ON SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Diocesan Policy states the following:

Two approved ("approved" means that the Pastor knows the person and approves him or her AND the person has submitted to a criminal history background check) adult leaders or one approved leader and a parent of a participant, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all parish sponsored youth activities.... One-on-one contact between adults and youth is not permitted.

Please ensure your child understands the above guidelines. Any questions on this policy should be directed to Steve Dabrowski, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, (812) 424-5536.

To avoid violation of diocesan safe environment policy, it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians that youth arrive and are picked up at designated times. The same also applies to teens driving themselves to/from any diocesan event.



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To receive text messages or emails for youth programs, religious education programs, or emergencies, please provide the following information:

Text Message and Email Permission Form

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Student Name: _____ Email _____

Student Grade: _____ School: _____ Age: _____

Parent Cell Phone Number: (____)____-____ Cell Phone Provider: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: (____)____-____ Cell Phone Provider: _____

____ I agree to allow St. John the Baptist to contact me by text message on my cell phone (Standard charges may apply to receive messages) or email:

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions please contact:

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