

Baptismal Promises

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: The Bishop will come forth and ask you to affirm your faith. Please respond **I do** to the following questions.

Bishop: Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

Candidates: **I Do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: **I Do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: **I Do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates: **I Do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: **I Do.**

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it through Christ our Lord.

Everyone: **Amen.**

Choosing a Confirmation Name

Each Confirmation Candidate is required to choose the name of a Saint for their Confirmation name. You may choose your baptismal name as your Confirmation name if it is a saint name.

Here are some questions to help you choose a Patron Saint that is right for you.

1. Who was the Saint?
2. What did he or she do to become a Saint?
3. What do you admire about the Saint you have chosen?
4. Why did you choose this Saint?
5. What is the symbol for the Saint?

Some guidelines you might want to follow.

Choose a Saint that you want to be like.

Choose a Saint that may have experienced similar struggles to you.

Choose a Saint that you admire.

There are books on saints available in the youth room and book shelf in Seton Hall. You may also look up Catholic Saints on line at:

www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.asp

Candidate's Letter of Intent

As part of your preparation, you will write a letter to the Pastor, letting him know that you intend to receive Confirmation

It is due to Amy Schroeder no later than March 22. Send the letter to Amy Schroeder, who will then forward it to Father Mark Joppa after recording that it has been turned in. Do not give or send it directly to Father!

Below is a sample outline for your letter. Please type your letter & print on white paper.
*DO NOT USE BULLET POINTS IN YOUR LETTER – WRITE IN PARAGRAPHS

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To Father Mark Joppa,

- Introduce yourself, being sure to include why you are writing the letter (because you are asking his prayers as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation) and telling a few things about yourself.
- Talk about what you did to prepare for this sacrament. What were your favorite pieces of the process? What was your sponsor like? What did you learn about God, the Church, and yourself throughout this year?
- Discuss why do you look forward to receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Is there a gift you're particularly looking forward to? What difference will this make in your life? How do you think you will serve God, the Church, and the world after receiving Confirmation?
- Are there people for whom you wish to express gratitude in this letter, such as your sponsor, family, etc.?
- Finally, express gratitude to Father for his time reading your letter and his prayer as you receive this sacrament this Spring.

Sincerely, [or] Peace, [or] Gratefully, (or something similar)

YOUR NAME – signed by hand

YOUR NAME – typed below your signature