

Dear Parents,

The sacrament of Confirmation is an important step in our faith journey. It is essential that we are committed to the profession of faith we make during this sacrament. The candidates must attend class each week. They also must demonstrate their commitment to their faith by attending Mass each Sunday. An understanding and knowledge of our faith is of utmost importance. In order to acquire this, the candidates must be practicing their faith.

We are waiting for the date of Confirmation. It will be announced as soon as the Bishop's calendar is available.

**Classes :** Confirmation classes are scheduled for Sundays from 9:15-11:15. Candidates are required to attend Mass with their class and/or families. We will attend 11:30 Mass as a group. If you cannot attend this Mass please be sure that your candidates attends one weekend Mass and any Holy Days of Obligation.

**Baptism and Birth Certificates:** Please submit your child's Baptismal and Birth Certificate to the parish office with the registration form. We must have a copy of each on file.

**Parent meetings:** A calendar is attached with meeting dates for parents. Attendance at these meetings is required. There are two Parent-Candidates workshops.

**Sponsors:** A sponsor form is attached with this letter. A sponsor must be a practicing, baptized Catholic. A letter from the sponsor's parish indicating that they are active members of the parish is necessary.

**Service Hours:** Confirmation candidates are asked to do 20 hours of community service prior to their Confirmation. A service hour record sheet is also attached with this letter.

**Retreat:** All candidates are required to participate in a Confirmation retreat. As soon as we have the date we will let you know.

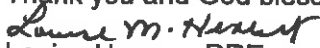
**Names:** Confirmation candidates may choose a saint name as their Confirmation name. All candidates must write an essay discussing their choice—who the saint is—what their life was like and why the candidate feels he/she is someone they would like to emulate. If the candidate chooses to use their Baptism name they must research the saint they are named for.

**Letters to the Bishop:** All candidates will write a letter to the Bishop. An outline will be given to each candidate to help them through the process. We will review the letters in class.

**Attire:** Confirmation is a very special day for the candidates. We encourage the boys to be dressed in blazers or suits, dress shirts, trousers and ties. The girls should wear dresses, which cover the shoulders, and are an appropriate length, in either white or pastel colors. Candidates should wear something **red** with their outfits. No sneakers or flip flops please!

**And please remind everyone to think RED when choosing their outfits for the evening to support our Confirmation class.**

Thank you and God bless,

  
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ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Registration 2019-2020
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2019—2020

Family Name Home Phone
Mother's Full Name Cell Phone
Address Email
City/Zip Code Subdivision
Father's Full Name Cell Phone
Address Email
City/Zip Code Subdivision
Emergency Contact Phone #
Preferred Email Preferred Phone

CHILD'S FULL NAME GRADE/SCHOOL DATE OF BIRTH

1.

2.

Special Conditions (learning disabilities, allergies etc)

I give permission for my child(ren)'s photo and name to be used in Parish publications—Y/N

I give my permission for my child(ren)'s name and phone number to be published on a class list Y/N

PLEASE SUBMIT BAPTISM CERTIFICATE and BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH REGISTRATION

FEES — for active, registered parishioners

Confirmation Fee : \$90.00 this includes :

Registration Fee - \$20.00

Book Fee — \$15.00

Retreat Fee— \$25.00

Sacrament Prep - \$30.00

Please return this form along with your fees:

By May 31, 2019

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

Office of Religious Education

950 Darrell Creek Trail

Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

Classes will be held at:

Place : Saint Benedict

Day : Sundays

Time : 9:15—11:15



## 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

Classes meet on Sundays from 9:15-11:15 in the Saint Scholastica Room. Candidates and families will attend 11:30 Mass as part of the class. Candidates are required to attend all classes, Mass and the Retreat. Candidates are encouraged to attend Youth Group on Sundays following Mass.

### CLASS DATES:

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| <b>AUGUST 24</b>                         | 12:00-4:45 Parent/ Candidate Workshop                                     |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 8</b><br>forms are due.     | Class <b>All Candidates meet Baptismal Certificates and Sponsor</b>       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>                      | Class <b>Male Candidates meet</b>   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>                      | Class <b>Female Candidates meet</b>                                       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 29</b><br>before this date) | Class <b>Male Candidates meet Saint essay is due ( please email on or</b> |
| <b>OCTOBER 6</b>                         | Class <b>Female Candidates meet</b>                                       |
| <b>OCTOBER 13</b>                        | Class <b>All Candidates meet</b>  |
| <b>OCTOBER 20</b>                        | Class <b>Male Candidates meet</b>   |
| <b>OCTOBER 27</b>                        | Class <b>Female Candidates meet</b>                                       |
| <b>NOVEMBER 3</b>                        | No Class  |
| <b>NOVEMBER 10</b>                       | Class <b>Parent and or Sponsors attend with all candidates</b>            |
| <b>NOVEMBER 17</b>                       | Class <b>Male Candidates meet service hours due</b>                       |
| <b>DECEMBER 1</b>                        | Class <b>Female Candidates meet service hours due</b>                     |
| <b>DECEMBER 8</b>                        | Class <b>Male Candidates meet BISHOP LETTER DUE</b>                       |
| <b>DECEMBER 15</b>                       | Class <b>Female Candidates meet BISHOP LETTER DUE</b>                     |
| <b>JANUARY 5</b>                         | Class <b>All Candidates meet</b>  |
| <b>JANUARY 11</b>                        | <b>RETREAT</b> tentative Date   |
| <b>JANUARY 12</b>                        | Class   |
| <b>JANUARY 19</b>                        |   |
| <b>JANUARY 25</b>                        |   |

