

Corpus Christi Catholic Community Confirmation Program 2019-2020

- ❖ Our Confirmation program is a two year program.
- ❖ The first year of the program, otherwise known as Confirmation Phase I, is ordinarily to be accomplished by attendance in an eighth grade program either in the Religious Education program of the candidate's parish or in parochial school.
 - The eighth grade program for the Corpus Christi parish meets on Sunday mornings at St. Joseph School from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. The classes follow the parish's Religious Education calendar, English Track. The program uses the catechetical program *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation*.
- ❖ The second year of the program, otherwise known as Confirmation Phase II, has three parts none of which is optional:
 - A classroom component to be accomplished by attendance in the second year class facilitated by Fr. Jon — OR — An online component to be completed in conversation with a confirmed adult, respected by the candidate.
 - A daylong retreat. Please refer to the Confirmation Phase II calendar for the date and time of the retreat.
 - A capstone project demonstrating the candidate's knowledge of the Faith and commitment to serve the parish and/or the community
- ❖ Ordinarily Confirmation will take place at the end of the two year preparation and ordinarily in the spring of the candidates' ninth grade year.
- ❖ The Community welcomes older High School age students to complete the program. While it too will be a two year program the first year will be customized for their age and level of understanding the Faith. The second year will be the same as above.
- ❖ The program's intent is to facilitate communication between candidates and committed adults on topics of the Faith, to encourage personal reflection in the process of preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and to seek a personal connection between knowledge and action.

Classroom component —OR— Online component:

- ❖ Candidates who choose the classroom component will meet for twelve 90 minute sessions on Sunday afternoons in St. Joseph's Church Hall from 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Please refer to the Confirmation Phase II calendar for the specific dates of these sessions. The program will follow the *Decision Point* Confirmation program.

- Candidates who have chosen the classroom component, but are, for whatever reason, absent from class in a given week, are expected to make-up the session that they missed by completing the session online and fulfilling the work requirements asked of students who have chosen the online component.
- In the case of inclement weather and class is canceled, the candidates who have chosen the classroom component are expected to complete the session online and fulfill the same work requirements as the students who have chosen the online component.
- ❖ Candidates who choose the online component will follow the online equivalent of the *Decision Point* Confirmation program on their own time table, which is found at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/>.
 - Candidates who have chosen the online component are required to write a 250-word response to each of the twelve online sessions. The responses should reflect what they've learned, what inspired them, and how the teachings apply to their life. The twelve sessions may be completed on the candidate's own time table so long as responses to Sessions 1-4 are completed and sent to Fr. Jon at confirmation.corpuschristi@gmail.com by **December 15**, responses to Sessions 5-8 are completed and sent to the above email address by **February 16**, responses to Sessions 9-12 are completed and sent to the above email address by **May 3**.

Capstone Project:

- ❖ The "Capstone Project" (CP) may be satisfied by a community service project required by some other institution (school, scouts, etc.) so long as the candidate will write up a personal reflection on the effect of the activity on their faith life and/or the Gospel motive for engaging in it. It may also be satisfied by participation in the Corpus Christi Catholic Community Youth Group.
- ❖ Ordinarily the CP will be performed in conjunction with programs in their own parish, (Vacation Bible School counselors, choir members or musicians, lectors, altar servers, visiting the sick or elderly, etc.). The candidates may have some idea of a ministry that will appeal to a group of friends and that will enrich the church and the wider community as well.

Choosing Your Sponsor:

- ❖ Part of preparation for Confirmation is selecting a sponsor. Since your sponsor will support you in your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, choosing your sponsor is an important choice. Select someone whose Catholic faith you admire, who is willing and able to become personally involved in your preparation, and who will model a strong

Catholic life for you. For detailed information about choosing your sponsor, please see attached document "Choosing Your Sponsor".

Saint Report:

- ❖ Regardless of your decision to choose to affirm your Baptismal name or to choose a new name for Confirmation you should really know something about the saint whose name you have or have chosen. Some of you will find out that your name is not a saint's name... yet. Now the pressure is on you to become one.

- ❖ You may also wish to do research at:

<http://saints.sqpn.com/>

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

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/ByName.aspx>

- ❖ I suggest that you read the lives of the saints first, identify some saint or Old Testament hero's life that you admire and that will guide you to the name that's "just right" for you. Please don't try to find the most unusual name in the list or the name of your favorite celebrity, unless that happens to be Pope Francis. Enclosed you will find an information sheet, which you are asked to complete in order to become more familiar with your chosen saint.

"What being confirmed means to me...":

- ❖ The candidates are asked to write a two-three paragraph response as to "What being confirmed means to me and why I want to be confirmed.

The date and place of this year's Confirmation ceremony is **May 29 at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church.**

The rehearsal with sponsors and candidates will take place on **May 24 from 3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church.**

Questions on all this and anything else relating to the Confirmation Prep may be directed to confirmation.corpuschristi@gmail.com

Comunidad Católica Corpus Cristi Programa de Confirmación 2019-2020

- ❖ Nuestro programa de Confirmación es de dos años.
- ❖ En el primer año del programa normalmente se obtiene solo asistiendo a las clases para los de grado octavo, ya sea en el Programa de Educación Religiosa de la parroquia del candidato o en una escuela parroquial.
 - El programa de octavo grado para la parroquia de Corpus Christi se reúne los domingos por la mañana en la escuela St. Joseph de 9:00 a.m. a 10:00 a.m. Las clases siguen el calendario de educación religiosa de la parroquia, English Track. El programa utiliza el programa catequético *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation*.
- ❖ El segundo año del programa tiene tres partes y ninguna es opcional:
 - Un componente de aula que se logrará mediante la asistencia a la clase de segundo año facilitado por el p. Jon — **O** — *en-Línea* y es en comunicación con un adulto confirmado y estimado/elegido por el candidato.
 - Un día de retiro.
 - Un *proyecto principal (PP)* donde demuestra el candidato el conocimiento de su fe y su compromiso para servir a su parroquia y/o la comunidad.
- ❖ Generalmente la Confirmación ocurre al fin de la preparación de los dos años y normalmente es en la primavera del año del grado noveno del candidato.
- ❖ La Comunidad les da la bienvenida a los estudiantes mayores de edad que se encuentran en la secundaria para completar el programa. También es un programa de dos años. El primer año será capacitado según su edad y el nivel del entendimiento de la Fe. El segundo año será normal a lo anterior mencionado.
- ❖ El programa tiene como objetivo facilitar la finalización del programa en gran parte mediante la asesoría de un familiar para nuestros jóvenes, así aumentara la comunicación entre el candidato y el adulto envuelto en la fe, esto fomentara la reflexión personal para recibir el sacramento de Confirmación y buscar una conexión personal entre el conocimiento y la acción.

El programa de aula — **O** — en-línea:

- ❖ Los candidatos que elijan el componente del aula se reunirán durante doce sesiones de 90 minutos los domingos por la tarde en el Salón de la Iglesia de San José de 3:00 p.m. a 4:30 p.m. Consulte el calendario de la Fase II de Confirmación para conocer las fechas específicas de estas sesiones. El programa seguirá el programa *Decision Point Confirmation* program.

- Se espera que los candidatos que hayan elegido el componente de aula, pero que, por cualquier motivo, estén ausentes de la clase en una semana determinada, recuperen la sesión que perdieron al completar la sesión en línea y cumplir con los requisitos de trabajo solicitados a los estudiantes que han elegido El componente en línea.
- En caso de mal tiempo y la clase se cancela, se espera que los candidatos que hayan elegido el componente de aula completen la sesión en línea y cumplan con los mismos requisitos de trabajo que los estudiantes que han elegido el componente en línea.
- ❖ Los candidatos que elijan el componente en línea seguirán el equivalente en línea del programa Decision Point Confirmation Program en su propio tiempo, que se encuentra en <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/>.
 - Se les pide a los candidatos que escriban una respuesta de 250 palabras a cada una de las doce sesiones en-línea. La respuesta debe reflejar lo que han aprendido, que los inspiró, y cómo la enseñanza se aplica a su vida. Las 12 sesiones pueden ser completadas en su propio tiempo pero las sesiones 1-4 deben ser completadas y enviados a confirmation.corpuschristi@gmail.com para el **15 de diciembre**, las sesiones del 5-8 serán completadas para el **16 de febrero**, las sesiones del 9-12 deben ser completadas para el **3 de mayo**.

El proyecto principal:

- ❖ El proyecto principal puede ser satisfecho por horas de comunidad requeridas por una institución (escuela, scouts, etc.) también el candidato tiene que escribir una reflexión personal sobre el efecto de la actividad en su vida de fe y/o si el Evangelio motivo a participar en dicha actividad. También puede ser satisfecho por la participación en el Corpus Christi Catholic Community Youth Group.
- ❖ Ordinariamente el PP se hace en conjunto del programa de su parroquia, (Escuelita Bíblica, coro, lector, monaguillo, visitando al enfermo o a los mayores de edad, etc.) El candidato más o menos tiene una idea del ministerio para su grupo o amigos en el cual le gustaría hacer y así enriquecer más a la iglesia y en su totalidad a la comunidad misma.

Elegir tu padrino/madrina

- ❖ Los padrinos son figura muy importante en el proceso de Confirmación. Los Padrinos son representantes de la comunidad de la Iglesia y ayudan a guiar y animan al joven en su camino. Devén ser un modelo de fe y supervisor la conversión y el crecimiento del joven en su camino a la Confirmación. Sean cautelosos escogiendo al sus Padrinos. Los padrinos serán discutidos con el director. Estos son los requisitos para los Padrinos.

- Debe tener al menos 16 años de edad.
- Deben ser iniciados en la Iglesia Católica (celebrado los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación) y que guie su vida con armonía y fe.
- Padrinos no deben tener ninguna falta/pena en la Iglesia.
- Padrinos no pueden ser los mismos padres del candidato.

Reporte del santo que usted debe elegir:

- ❖ Independientemente de su decisión de elegir su nombre de bautismo o elegir un nuevo nombre para la Confirmación, usted realmente debe saber algo acerca del santo. Algunos de ustedes se enteran de que su nombre no es el nombre de un santo.... ahora. La idea es que usted pueda convertirse en uno. Usted puede investigar en:

<http://saints.sqpn.com/>

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

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/ByName.aspx>

- ❖ Le sugiero que lea las vidas de los santos en primer lugar, identifica algún santo o un héroe del Antiguo Testamento que admiras y que va a guiar al nombre que es "justo" para usted. Por favor, evita elegir el nombre más inusual en la lista o el nombre de su celebridad favorita, al menos que el Papa Francisco sea esta celebridad. Adjunto encontrará una hoja de información, se les solicita completar esta con el fin de familiarizarse con el santo que usted eligió.

"Para mi el ser confirmado significa..."

- ❖ Se le pedirá a los estudiantes que escriban una respuesta de 2 o 3 párrafos a la pregunta, "¿Qué significa para mi el ser confirmado?"

La ceremonia para la Confirmación de este año será **el 29 de mayo a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia Saint Mary.**

El ensayo con los padrinos se llevará a cabo **en la iglesia Saint Mary el 24 de mayo a las 3:00 p.m.**

Si tienen algunas preguntas en todo esto o relacionado a la Preparación de la Confirmación pueden hacer las directamente a: confirmation.corpuschristi@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PHASE II CALENDAR

2019																				
OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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2020																				
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Oct. 6 — Info Session for Phases I & II. 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Saint Joseph Church Hall // **Sunday Mass.** 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Saint Joseph Church.

Phase II Confirmation Class. 3:00pm. - 4:30pm. (Arrive between 2:45pm. – 2:55pm.). Saint Joseph Church Hall // **Sunday Mass.** 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Saint Joseph Church.

May 10 — Phase II Confirmation Retreat. 12:30pm - 4:30pm. Saint Joseph Church Hall // **Sunday Mass.** 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Saint Joseph Church.

May 24 — Phase II Confirmation Rehearsal. 3:00pm - 4:15pm. Saint Mary Church.

May 29 — Confirmation. 7:00pm. Saint Mary Church.

Monthly Youth Group Events. First Friday Prayer, Praise and Ice Cream. 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Saint Joseph Church // Third Sunday in the Gym. 3:00pm - 4:30pm. SMSJ School Gym.

Name of Candidate _____

Papers requiring a response:

All of these papers must be returned by Sunday May 3rd, 2020

1. _____ Sponsor certificate from parish of sponsor, signed by his/her pastor.
2. _____ A two-three paragraph response as to "What being confirmed means to me and why I want to be confirmed."
3. _____ Saint report (template enclosed)
4. _____ "Capstone Project" reflection (two-three paragraphs) on the effect of the activity on your faith life and/or the Gospel motive for engaging in it.

— Choosing Your Sponsor —

What does the word “sponsor” mean?

The word “sponsor” comes from the Latin word *spondere*, which means to “give assurance, promise solemnly”. By definition “sponsor” means:

1. one who presents a candidate for baptism or confirmation and undertakes responsibility for the person's religious education or spiritual welfare.
2. one who assumes responsibility for some other person or thing

The word “sponsor” also comes from the same root word as the word “responsible.”

Basic Church requirements to be considered as a sponsor:

To be qualified to be chosen as a Confirmation sponsor an individual must:

1. Be at least sixteen years old (by date of Confirmation)
2. Have been initiated in the Catholic Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist and be in good standing with the Church
3. Display a visible commitment to living out the Catholic faith and have the ability and intention to carry out his/her responsibility as a spiritual guide in your life.

Other considerations when selecting a Confirmation sponsor:

1. A sponsor CANNOT be a parent of the one to be confirmed.
2. Each Confirmation candidate may only choose ONE sponsor
3. If your sponsor is unable to attend the actual Sacrament of Confirmation, another adult (including a parent), may stand in his/her place as a proxy. The name of your sponsor will still be noted in the official Church record of your Confirmation
4. The choice of who should be your sponsor is YOUR decision!

Things to think about before you ask someone to be your sponsor:

1. Your sponsor should be willing and able to participate in your formation for Confirmation.
2. The person you choose as your sponsor should be someone that you admire and respect and who actively lives out the beliefs of our Catholic faith.
3. Your sponsor should be someone that you trust and feel comfortable turning to for help, advice and guidance, especially in regard to your spiritual life.
4. Your sponsor should be someone who, through his/her example, shows you what it means to be Catholic and who will take an active role in your preparation for Confirmation.
5. After you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation your relationship with your sponsor DOES NOT END! You both are called to lead each other closer to God, to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith, and to challenge one another to lead lives of holiness and service.
6. PRAY! Spend some time asking God for guidance on who to choose as your sponsor.

SPONSOR INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN DEL PADRINO

Confirmation Candidate's name_____

Sponsor's Name_____

Sponsor's address_____

Sponsor's phone number and/or e-mail address_____

Sponsor's place and date of Baptism_____

Sponsor's place and date of Confirmation_____

Sponsor's Parish of registration_____

Attach sponsor certificate from current parish if not Saint Mary, Saint Joseph or Sagrado Corazón.

Adjuntar certificado patrocinador de parroquia actual si no Santa María, San José o Sagrado Corazón.

**SAINT REPORT
CONFIRMATION NAME**

The Rite of Confirmation says nothing about taking a new name at Confirmation. Therefore, candidates may retain their baptismal name rather than take a new one. This is desirable because it demonstrates an understanding of the fact that Confirmation "completes the grace of Baptism."

However, a special Confirmation name may be taken if desired. Since biblical times a new name has marked a great spiritual event in a person's life. In this case the name should be that of a saint whose life or virtues the candidate wishes to emulate and upon whom the candidate can call for intercession.

El rito de la Confirmación no dice nada acerca de elegir un nuevo nombre en la Confirmación. Por lo tanto, los candidatos podrán conservar su nombre de pila en lugar de tomar uno nuevo. Esto es deseable, ya que demuestra una comprensión del hecho de que la Confirmación "completa la gracia del Bautismo."

Sin embargo, el nombre de Confirmación se puede tomar si se desea. Desde los tiempos bíblicos un nuevo nombre ha marcado un gran acontecimiento espiritual en la vida de una persona. En este caso, el nombre debe ser el de un santo cuya vida o virtudes el candidato desea emular y sobre las cuales el candidato puede pedir la intercesión.

Full Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____

Confirmation name: _____

Reason for choosing this name _____

Brief Biography of this Saint—

Date of birth and death of chosen patron saint _____

Feast day in the calendar of saints (if applicable) _____

Country of Birth of the chosen patron saint _____

Country where he/she lived most of his/her life or where heroic work was done _____

What heroic deeds did this saint perform to be considered a saint?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Name two or three virtues in the life of this saint that are worth imitating in your own life.

List two new things that you learned when you researched this saint, not included in your responses above.

1) _____

2) _____