

Seton Youth
2011-12
Confirmation
Packet

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

A popular author once wrote, "God's gift to you is your life. Your gift to God is how you use it."

The time has arrived for you to begin your formal preparation for the Sacrament for Confirmation. This time of preparation will require a commitment of your time, energy and openness to what God has in store for your future. With this Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts God has given you will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and your life will be forever changed.

This time of preparation is also a great opportunity for you to focus on your faith and your future as a full member of the Catholic Church. If you have any questions, concerns, doubts... please contact the Youth Office. We will be there to support you during your process as a candidate for Confirmation.

Please read all of the information in the 2011-12 Confirmation Packet. It includes all of the important dates, forms, letters, and commitments that are needed during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Office at 972-596-5505.

God Bless You,

Bruce R. Baumann
Director of Youth Ministry

P.S. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Get Away Retreat on March 2nd-4th. All Confirmation Candidates need to attend. Flyers will come out in December.

Confirmation Day

Saturday, May 19TH, 2012

In order to accommodate the families of our Confirmation Candidates, we will be having 2 Confirmation Liturgies on May 19th. Your Small Group Meeting Room and Class Time will determine which Confirmation Liturgy you will participate in. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following each Liturgy. **Be sure to attend the Candidate/Sponsor Rehearsal the night before Confirmation on Friday, May 18th.** Rehearsal will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church. If a sponsor cannot attend the Friday night session, the candidate should still come by themselves, or with a parent.

All 4:30 p.m. classes will be designated to receive Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Liturgy.

7:15 p.m. classes that are in Rooms 110 and 116 will be designated to receive Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Liturgy.

7:15 p.m. classes that are in Rooms 101, 107, 108, 109, 112 and 114 will be designated to receive Confirmation at the 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Liturgy.

DRESS CODE FOR CONFIRMATION

Sunday Dress for Gentlemen

- * Shirt, Slacks
- * Tie or Sweater optional
- * Suit, Tie
- * No shorts, No T-shirts, No Jeans

Sunday Dress for Ladies

- * Dress
- * Suit
- * Skirt, Blouse
- * No Shorts, Short Skirts, Backless Dresses...
- * Tops should cover shoulders, (sleeveless dresses are okay)...

Parents can be a stand-in proxy for Sponsors who are unable to attend the Confirmation Liturgy.

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January 15 th	Letters of Recommendation Due	<input type="checkbox"/>
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January 15 th	Saints Report Due	<input type="checkbox"/>
January 15 th	50 Questions Due	<input type="checkbox"/>
March 2 th – 4 th	Attend Getaway Retreat	<input type="checkbox"/>
May 18 th	Candidate/Sponsor Rehearsal Night	
May 19 th	Confirmation Day!	

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

A COPY of your BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE is DUE
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15TH, 2012.

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, all candidates **MUST** turn in a **COPY** of their Baptismal Certificate. If you were baptized or had 1st Communion at Seton, you do not need to provide this. However, if you were baptized at another church and did not receive 1st Communion at Seton, you must turn in a copy of your Baptismal Certificate. If you do not have a copy at home, contact the Church where you were baptized to obtain a copy and they can send you one. Please turn in the baptismal certificate along with the completed “**CONFIRMATION FORM**” from the packet.

**DO NOT TURN IN YOUR
ORIGINAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.**

CERTIFICATE COPIES DUE ON/BEFORE
JANUARY 15TH, 2012.

BE SURE THAT YOU TURN IN A COPY
OF YOUR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

Interviews

The One on One Faith Sharing (Confirmation Interview) process will take place with the small group leader. We initiated this process nine years ago and it has worked out really well.

In your red folder, you will find a blue Journey of Faith document. This document is to be completed by the Confirmation candidate and brought back to their small group leaders (teachers) within the next three weeks (due in class on November 6th). It is an open ended questionnaire designed to get the students to reflect on their own personal faith journey – where it is now and where it is headed. This will form the basis for the One on One Faith Sharing. When the students hand in their completed Journey of Faith Documents, they will schedule a One on One Time with their leader, to be done outside of class-time. These sessions will occur from November 7th-22nd. Typically, they last about 30 minutes, but could last 45 minutes to an hour depending on the leader and what is shared.

Our mission is to challenge our students to reflect upon their lives in a deeper way as they journey toward Confirmation and to inspire them to truly live out their faith as Catholic Christians.

Saints

Saints are a very important part of our Catholic heritage, family and faith.

Therefore, we will ask all students to pick a saint's name for Confirmation (it can even be their own name as long as it is a saint's name). Students should know that our saints are role models for us and should choose a saint that will inspire them.

Maybe this saint accomplished something they believe in, or lived a life that they really admire.

Once a candidate has chosen a saint's name, they should complete the following written saint's report (see next page). This will be due with the other information.

There will be a special saints presentation in 2 weeks (during class). This will help the students in this whole process.

Saints Report

Due on or before January 15th, 2012

Name

—

What saint did you pick for your Confirmation name?

Write a brief description of this saint's life (when they lived, their family situation, occupation, etc.)

What inspires you about this saint?

How will you emulate this saint in your own day to day life?

LETTERS of RECOMMENDATION

LETTERS DUE TO THE SETON YOUTH OFFICE

ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15TH, 2012

There are two letters of recommendation required.

1. One letter comes from the Sponsor
2. One letter comes from one person listed in the group below
(Candidate's choice)
 - a) Catholic Friend (peer)
 - b) Small Group Leader
 - c) Parent or other family member
 - d) Catholic Adult Friend

Both Letters need to include and/or address the following items:

1. Name of the Candidate
2. Relationship to the Candidate
3. Length of time the writer has know the Candidate
4. In what ways do you see this Candidate living out her/his Christian faith?
5. Why do you think the Candidate should be Confirmed?

Recommendation letters should be addressed to Bishop Farrell or "Your Excellency".

A mailing address is not necessary. All letters should be turned in to the Seton Youth Office. However, these letters are not a secret so make sure the Confirmation Candidate receives a copy of the letters so they are able to read what others see in them (it is great affirmation for them)

LETTER TO THE BISHOP

LETTER DUE TO THE SETON YOUTH OFFICE

ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15TH, 2012

Do Not Use This Form For Your Letter

TYPE out a letter following the format outlined below. Do not handwrite this letter. It needs to be typed. We will forward these letters to the Bishop from the Seton Youth Office.

Your Excellency,

I _____, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Plano, TX, ask you Bishop Farrell, to confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

I would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation because _____

My preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been _____

I have chosen _____ (sponsor) to present me to you on the day of my Confirmation and to witness my commitment. I made this choice because

You will seal my commitment to Jesus and his Church by anointing me with oil and by calling me by name. The name I wish to be called at my Confirmation is _____ . I have chosen that name because _____

I understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help me build up the Church, and I wish to share in building up the Church by _____

Sincerely,

Sponsor & Parent Roles

Call the Seton Youth Office with any question at 972-596-5505

Sponsor Requirements

- * Must be at least 16 years old
- * Must be fully initiated in the Church: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation...
- * Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing
- * Must sign and submit Sponsor Certification (see next page).
- * Parents cannot be sponsors.
- * Godparents are encouraged to serve as sponsors because of their intimate connection with the Sacrament of Baptism.

Role of the Sponsor

- * Be a model of your Catholic faith
- * Make yourself available to the candidate; time, questions, prayer, conversations...
- * Attend the sponsor/candidate rehearsal
- * Plan time with the candidate discussing the sessions in the Confirmation Sponsor Guidebook

Role of the Parents

- * Be involved with your child in the process leading up to Confirmation
- * Have weekly conversation, pray, evaluate progress...
- * Be a model of your Catholic Faith

Sponsor Certification

NAME OF SPONSOR

_____.
print

I plan to be a sponsor for _____ (name of Confirmation candidate).
print

As a participating member of _____ parish, I solemnly affirm that:
Print

- ◆ I have received the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- ◆ I participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and regularly receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation.
- ◆ I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact daily.
- ◆ I am living my Christian vocation as a single person or I am validly married in the Catholic Church.
- ◆ I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life. I will help him/her to live his/her faith in the Catholic Church.

Sponsor's

Signature

_____.

Date _____

Confirmation Form

Form due to the Seton Youth Office on or before
January 15th, 2012

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN INK AND BE ACCURATE. THIS INFORMATION IS RECORDED IN OUR CHURCH REGISTER.

**STUDENT
NAME** _____

(first)

(middle)

(last)

HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ **CLASSROOM #** _____

**HOME
ADDRESS** _____

(street number)

(street name)

(city)

(state / zip)

CONFIRMATION SAINTS NAME _____ **AGE AT**
CONFIRMATION _____

**PLACE OF
BAPTISM** _____

(Name of the Church where you were Baptized)

**MAILING ADDRESS
OF** _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM

(street number)

(street name)

(city)

(state / zip)

(country if not USA)

FIRST COMMUNION AT SETON _____ **DATE** _____
(mm/yr)

DATE OF BAPTISM ____ / ____ / ____ **DATE OF BIRTH** ____ / ____ / ____
(mm / day / yr) (mm / day / yr)

**FATHER'S
NAME** _____

(first)

(middle)

(last)

**MOTHER'S MAIDEN
NAME** _____

(first)

(middle)

(maiden)

**PARENT
EMAIL**

**SPONSOR
NAME**

(first)

(last)
