

# Confirmation Worksheet

**PARENTS NOTE:** If your child was not baptized or did not receive their First Communion at St. Luke's, please furnish a copy of the baptismal record from the church of record no later than one week prior to Confirmation.

Candidate's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized at church of (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of church (address): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of church (city): \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of baptism (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full name (*including maiden name*): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion at church of (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of First Communion (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of church (address): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of church (city): \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation (Saint) name: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Luke's confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY.**

We must have all the above information correctly filled out to complete our records and send out records to parishes where your child was baptized (if not at St. Luke's). We would be happy to look up St. Luke baptismal records if your child was baptized here. However, please have all other information completed before turning this form in to your teacher. ~THANK YOU~

**Attention Catechists:** Please return completed forms to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

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**Office Use Only:**

Entered into Register: \_\_\_\_\_ Register Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptismal Record Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered into Database: \_\_\_\_\_ Notification Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIRMATION GUIDELINES

1. Candidates must attend Mass every Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation. Candidates should also participate in regular confession or Parish Penance Services.
2. Candidates must attend and participate in all Faith Formation classes and Youth Ministry (CYM) meetings. It is also important that candidates participate in youth ministry projects, both as witnesses and as leaders, whenever possible. Youth Ministry helps young people to discern their gifts, practice social justice and understand the importance of stewardship for the glory of God in their daily lives.
3. Candidates should give generously of their time and talents by participating in ministries and service within the parish community, a minimum of 20 hours of service is required. This is a life-long privilege and responsibility of all Catholics.
4. Candidates **must** attend a structured retreat designed to enhance self-reflection, cultivate a closer relationship with God, and encourage a life of discipleship and service to others. Either of the Higher Ground Retreats and/or Teens Encounter Christ will fulfill this requirement. All youth beginning in the second semester of their sophomore year are eligible for these retreats. It is highly recommended that students attend a retreat as soon as they are eligible, before their schedule becomes too busy.
5. Candidates should select the name of a saint who is the patron saint of their chosen profession or whose words and actions have touched their life in some way. The choice of a saint name should be a prayerful and thoughtful process that includes self-reflection and quiet mediation.
6. Candidate's selection of a sponsor should be treated as reverently as the choice of saint name.

"A sponsor is a mature Catholic man or woman, who knows the candidate well, is not the candidate's parent, has been confirmed him/herself, and witnesses to the candidate's morals, faith and intention. The sponsor should be free and willing to undertake the responsibilities of supporting the candidate in his/her life. This person may or may not be the baptismal godparent. It is however, preferable that the sponsor be a member of the immediate church community, making it possible for him/her to attend preparation classes and share closely in the candidates' preparation for confirmation." *Diocese of Grand Island Guidelines for Confirmation*

7. Candidates must write a letter to the Bishop requesting the sacrament of Confirmation and to express his/her personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church, and to the building of the reign of God. ***The letter should be uniquely theirs and not a form letter.*** See the included "*Confirmation Letter Requirements*" for points that need to be included in the letter.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Bishop letters are due in the Faith Formation office no later than 30 days prior to the confirmation date. Bishop letters will be read only by the Bishop. Candidate may place their letter in an envelope and seal it before turning it in if they so choose. All letters will be mailed in together in a single envelope 2-3 weeks prior to the Confirmation date.

8. Candidates must complete and return the Confirmation Worksheet to the Faith Formation office ***no later than the last day of spring classes.*** The worksheet must be complete and include:
  - a. A baptismal certificate from the church of record unless the candidate was baptized and/or received First Holy Communion at St. Luke's. If the candidate was baptized and/or received First Communion at St. Luke's a date for both are helpful but not required.
  - b. The candidates chosen saint name. If there is more than one saint with the same name, make sure that the full correct name is on the worksheet - (i.e., St. Francis of Assisi vs. St. Francis Xavier).
9. Candidates will participate in the Confirmation Liturgy as Readers, Commentators, Gift Bearers, Greeters, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (EM's). Those who choose to be Readers, Commentators, and EM's require training and practice before Confirmation. Therefore, if they are interested in participating in this capacity, we will need to know 6 weeks prior to the Confirmation date.

## **Confirmation Letter Requirements**

### **Writing letters to the Bishop by those who are to be Confirmed**

Bishop Hanefeldt would like you to include the following information in the letter that you write to him after you have completed (or nearly completed) your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will help the bishop know you a bit better and give him a sense of who you are becoming as a follower of Christ.

#### **Contents of your letter should include:**

##### Background

- Your full name, school you attend, your parent's names, number of children in your family and your birth order in the family.
- Briefly list your school activities, personal interests, hobbies and leisure activities.

##### Personal faith

- What has been the most helpful part of your preparation for Confirmation?
- What have you discovered about the Church that stands out for you?
- What have you discovered about yourself through this process of preparation?
- What has happened to your faith through this process of preparation?
- Who has most inspired you in your faith and why?
- Why is it that you have decided to be confirmed?

##### Receiving the Sacrament

- Who have you chosen as your sponsor for Confirmation and why have you chosen this person?
- What saint's name have you chosen as your Confirmation name, and for what reason?

##### Your ongoing life as a disciple of Jesus

- How will you continue to participate in the life of the Church after you are confirmed?
- In what ways do you see yourself putting your faith into practice after you are confirmed?

##### Is there anything else you would like to mention?