

# 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 a minimum of 2 weeks 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Communion (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preferred Confirmation Mass Liturgical Role: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 Requirements**

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. Attendance of all classes and CYM functions is required. **Faith Formation classes** are designed to prepare the hearts and minds of our young people to receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. **CYM activities** are designed to help young people discern their gifts, practice social justice, demonstrate how we live out the Gospel message in our daily lives and to encourage them to become active members of the parish community.
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. The choice of Saint's name should be a prayerful and thoughtful process that includes quiet mediation on the reason for the choice. The Saint should be one that the student relates to or whose words and/or actions have touched their life in some way. (**Please Note: It's a good idea to know something about the Saint of choice because the Bishop will ask.**)
5. The choice of sponsor should be treated as reverently as the choice of Saint's 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*

## **Retreat Requirement**

The Diocese of Grand Island requires attendance of at least one retreat prior to Confirmation. The retreat must be designed to enhance self-reflection, cultivate a closer relationship with God, and encourage a life of discipleship and service to others. Teens Encounter Christ and Higher Ground (excluding Higher Ground for Middle School), meet these requirements. 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.

## **Letter to Bishop**

1. Letters should be written when Confirmation Preparation studies are nearly complete. Not more than 90 days prior to Confirmation.
2. Letters should be addressed to Most Reverend Bishop Hanefeldt and should include all the information requested in the section below entitled "*Confirmation Letter Requirements*".
3. Bishop letters are due in the Faith Formation office 60 days prior to the Confirmation date – they will be mailed all together 2-3 weeks prior to Confirmation. This allows the Bishop time to read and re-read each letter.

## **Confirmation Worksheet**

1. The Confirmation worksheet needs to be completed and returned to the Faith Formation office no later than the last day of spring classes.
  - a. A baptismal certificate **must be included** with the worksheet unless the student was baptized and/or received First Communion at St. Luke's.
  - b. If the student was baptized and/or received First Communion at St. Luke's, a date for both are helpful but not required, we would be happy to look up this information for you – just indicate "on record" on the worksheet.

- c. The candidates chosen saint name ***must be included***. 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).

## **Confirmation Liturgy**

1. Confirmands 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 you are interested in participating in this capacity, we need to know 6 weeks prior to Confirmation.

## **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?