

Name: _____

Confirmation Packet

Due Date: April 17, 2021

"All powerful God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your **Holy Spirit** upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of **wisdom, understanding,** the spirit of **right judgment** and **courage,** the spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence.** Fill them with the spirit of **wonder and awe** in your presence."

Isaiah 11:1-3



Is your packet complete? Do NOT hand in your packet until all documents are complete, but remember the packet is due the first Saturday in February.

Did you pay the \$45.00 Sacramental Fee?

Please sign below once you have reviewed your packet and it is complete.

Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Name: _____

Confirmation Packet

All students must complete packet before making their confirmation.

Please keep all papers together and in order, including the sponsor sheet, and put your name on every sheet of paper. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

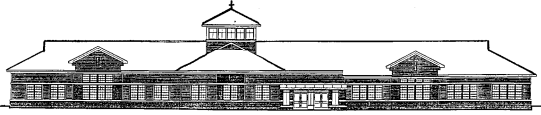
It is the responsibility of the student to complete and **return the packet to the Religious Education office on or before April 17, 2021.**

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the following and hand in your ENTIRE packet:

1. This packet is due on April 17, 2021.
2. Please write your name at the top of **EVERY** page in the packet.
3. Saint Report – (page 5) Give facts & reason you chose this saint as your Confirmation name.
4. Confirmation Candidate Information – (page 6) Please make sure spelling is correct. This will be used for the official Confirmation certificates.
5. Letter to the Father Bob – (page 8) Write a letter to the Father Bob. Please check spelling and grammar. **This letter should be typed.**
6. Community Service Form – (page 12 & 13) All students must complete **5 hours** of community service. Complete service now - Don't wait until April due date.
7. Scripture Reflection – (page 14) After completing community service, please answer questions pertaining to your service.
8. Sponsor Form – (page 15) Please give your sponsor the form to fill out **NOW** Don't wait until due date. **Students are responsible for getting sponsor, signature and parish seal from their chosen sponsor.**
9. Once packet is complete, please sign and have a parent sign front page.
10. \$45.00 sacramental fee - Due on March 20th. Did you pay?
11. Confirmation Retreat – Must attend a retreat - Offered at St. Denis on April 17, 2021 (as assigned).

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Dear Parents and Students of St. Denis,

One special moment for you in the upcoming year is the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since the confirmation program involves an approach requiring prayer and involvement on your part, it is important that you know about it ahead of time. It is our hope that you will read this letter carefully, discuss its contents as a family, and begin preparation for the sacrament of Christian initiation.

What Is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are called the sacraments of initiation. Through these sacraments we become members of the Catholic Church, a community of Spirit-filled people who have been saved by Christ and who witness Christ's love in the world.

As one of the sacraments of initiation, Confirmation impresses the candidates with a special character. Through the sacrament, the candidates are enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are bound more perfectly to the Church, and are strengthened in faith. They are enabled to witness more courageously to Christ and to spread and defend the faith.

The Role of Those to Be Confirmed

Those to be confirmed must be suitably instructed and properly disposed. They must be willing to be involved in the preparation program with the intention of remaining faithful to Christ and his Church.

The Role of Parents

As parents, you play a primary role in the sacramental preparation program. You help your son/daughter grow in faith as you prepare him/her for fruitful reception of the sacrament. Your attendance at required meeting and the Sunday parish celebrations of the Eucharist is vital. There is, and can be, no substitute for your actual presence at such moments. Your interest, involvement and concern make a difference in your son's/daughter's perception of what this sacrament and the Christian life are all about.

Name: _____

The Role of Sponsor

Each candidate, with the help of his/her parents, is responsible for choosing a sponsor. It is recommended that, if possible, the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor. This choice would express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and would make the function of the sponsor more effective. There is no regulation determining that men are sponsors for boys and women are sponsors for girls.

Church law states that the sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age. He or she must be a confirmed Catholic who has received Holy Eucharist and is living according to the Catholic faith. The sponsor may not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to give assurance of his or her qualifications.

Sponsors take on a lifelong commitment to help their candidates fulfill the obligations of this sacrament. During the time of preparation, the sponsors are expected to take an active role in the Confirmation program and meet with their candidates on a regular basis.

Sponsors **do not** have to be present at the Confirmation practice. Sponsors **MUST BE** present at the ceremony. Their immediate role demands time, commitment, and willingness to engage in faith-sharing activities with their candidate. It is suggested that people who are too young, live too far away or are too busy to devote the proper time and care to the candidate would not be able to properly fulfill this role.

It is important that parents, candidates and prospective sponsors consider carefully the qualifications and requirements given this letter before a commitment to the confirmation program is made.

I hope that this information on the Confirmation Program will enable you to devote some time to preparing, discussing and praying about it. The Catechist will provide additional information as the program progresses. If you have any questions regarding the information here or any other aspect of the program, please contact the Religious Education office.

Know that the entire parish community will have you in their prayers during this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name: _____

Saint Report

First Name

Confirmation Name

Last Name

A Portrait of My Patron

Please give a few facts about the saint whose name you chose for Confirmation and explain why you chose this saint.

Name: _____

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION

(Please print clearly)

Candidate:

(First)

(Last)

Has chosen the name _____ for
Confirmation and requests that this be entered in the permanent records of
this sacrament.

Signature of Parent: _____

Date _____

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: CONFIRMATION



*"...Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they give witness to Christ
by lives built on faith and love..."* from the Rite of Confirmation

Requesting the Sacrament

Letter to Father Bob

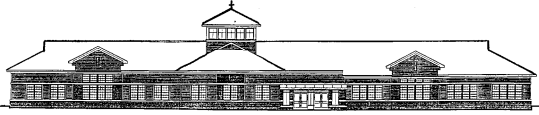
The art of communication and letter writing seems to be going the way of the dinosaur with the innovation and widespread use of computers, e-mail and voice mail. Is there anyone who doesn't like receiving letters or cards in the mail? In days gone by, putting one's request in writing and signing one's name "***confirmed***" one's agreement and made it legal and binding.

And so, as part of your Confirmation formation, you are requested to write a letter to the Father Bob asking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This action signifies your active participation, maturity, knowledge, and desire to receive the sacrament.

In writing, you should include the following:

1. Address Father Bob with this greeting: **Dear Father Bob.**
2. Introduce yourself and give a brief description of yourself.
3. State your reason for the letter, your desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Explain and include all the preparation and study you have completed in making yourself ready for the reception of this sacrament.
4. Close the letter, informing Father Bob how you plan to remain connected to your faith and the Church in the future.
5. End the letter with Sincerely, and **conclude with your complete signature.**
6. Letter should be **TYPED** on a separate piece of paper.

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LETTER TO FATHER BOB

Dear Father Bob,

sample

Sincerely,
(Your signature)

These letters are read by Father Bob. Please check for spelling errors.

MUST BE TYPED. Please use another piece of paper.

Name: _____

Community Service

Must complete 5 hours before 4/17/21.

Make me an instrument of your love. It is in giving that we receive. Prayer of St. Francis

This line calls to mind the lessons, Christ our Teacher, modeled for us. He came to earth to SERVE, not to be served. We serve God by serving our brothers and sisters who are all God's children.

In the Gospel of John 13: 1-20 (the Washing of the Disciples' Feet) we read:

*"So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them: "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me "teacher" and "master" and rightly so, for indeed I am. **If I have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that, as I have done for you, you should also do.**"*

As St. Teresa of Avila tells us: **"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands or feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."**

(Saint) Mother Teresa tells us HOW important this is:

"Love begins at home and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put into that action."

"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones—the ones at home."

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

"Wash the dishes not because it is dirty nor because you are told to wash it, but because you love the person who will use it next."

The **mercy** God gives us will be in proportion to the mercy we have given others. As Catholics, we have a special obligation to be attentive to the needs of the poor. In preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation we request that you follow the example Jesus gives us and find ways to establish a **pattern of service**. Due to the unique and challenging times we are currently experiencing, we are asking our Confirmation students to dig deep, and find ways to be of service in your **home** and **immediate community**. Please note: SERVICE is not something we simply do for others. Do not underestimate the power of a single act of service. With every such act, grace is "passed around and God's life and light shines more brightly in our world."

Name: _____

Justice is emphasized throughout the Bible. Working for justice and being people of justice are not choices of the Catholic moral life, they are absolute requirements. Justice is the virtue that requires us to respect the dignity of all human beings and honor their rights. The virtue of justice demands that we seek the common good for all people. This means we are called to share with others. Justice is people watching out and caring for one another. God created human beings in his likeness and image to live together in love and justice.

Using Our Gifts

A **charism** is a spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Body of Christ. Charisms are given to all members of the church. **At Confirmation you are given 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Knowledge, Courage, Reverence, Wonder and Awe)**. Every gift that is given is accompanied by an expectation that it will be used. God expects us to honor the gifts He gives us by using them for the good of the community.

The best way to develop our unique gifts or charisms is to seek opportunities to serve within the Body of Christ. By participating in a variety of different activities we can get a better idea of where our talents can be used. We will discover those gifts by developing in our hearts, a willingness to serve.

As part of your preparation for Confirmation; you are required to participate in a Christian service activity. This is not a “payment” you make in order to be confirmed. Participation in Christian service is a way to use your skills and talents to help others. Growing in faith as a young Catholic means loving and serving others throughout your life. Now is the time to begin. Due to the unique and challenging circumstances we currently face, we ask that each of our Confirmation students dig deep, and find opportunities for service within your own family and your immediate community. Please look at the list of suggestions AND feel free to think of ways to use your own gifts and talents in service to others. Your service should NOT be paid and should be outside of the realm of your responsibilities and chores. We ask that you give approximately 5 hours to service.

MANDATORY COMMUNITY SERVICE (see PAGE 11)

Each Confirmation student will be given a 2nd grade Religious Education buddy. Our 2nd graders are receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation in February and First Eucharist in May.

Please make them a card and write them a thoughtful note. Please let them know you are praying for them.

These notes are due in our office by 4/17/21.

If you wish to send them something else; please drop it in the Religious Education office.

Name: _____

Suggested Opportunities for Service in your Home

Wash and clean up after a meal help a younger sibling with school work.

Clean up a mess without being asked Read to a younger sibling/family member.

Help prepare a meal OR prepare a meal.

Tutor a sibling or a friend who is having difficulty.

Shovel snow (could be for a neighbor).

Clean out closets to find new uses for clean towels and blankets at an animal shelter.

Virtual babysitting: Plan fun activities and occupy a child virtually for an hour.

Make cards/write a note to your grandparents or write a note of thanks to someone (a family member, teacher, healthcare worker, catechist) who has inspired you.

Make cards for the elderly in an area nursing home. If you have older neighbors make a card and a care package for them.

Reach out to **Sparrow's Nest** and see how you can help from home. (Example: Putting together Valentine treat bags for families)

FOOD DONATIONS - Food items may be dropped off at the St. Denis Parish Center or at Hearts From Heaven, Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

Hudson Valley Food Bank:

Rice, Beans, Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce (jar or can), Canned vegetables, Canned Soup, Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Cookies, Snacks

Additional Needs for MEN, WOMEN or CHILDREN (all sizes):

Socks, Gloves & Hats, Underwear, T-shirts

Hope On a Mission: Boxes of granola bars or cereal bars.

Hope On a Mission is a street ministry in Poughkeepsie providing breakfast and dinner every Saturday for the past 5 years for our addicted and homeless brothers and sisters.

The Cooking Club at St. Denis is always looking for homemade desserts, especially brownies. Please call for information 914-525- 3876.

You are not limited to this list. Be creative and look for areas in your home where you can serve.

Perhaps you have realized by now that you are quite a remarkable person. You have the potential for great power within you; just by the way you live your everyday life. Everyday behavior has power to change lives. We can change lives through our kindness and our thoughtfulness, our compassion and friendliness, our joy, and our love. Anyone who can help others this way is pretty powerful. AND YOU CAN DO THIS! **Your mission as a Catholic Christian does not end with Confirmation. Your life as a Saint is just beginning!**

Name: _____

2021 Confirmation Students Paired with 2nd Grade

Last Name	First Name	ASSIGNED 2ND GRADE STUDENT
Allen	Sean	GAVIN
Allen	Dominick	JOHN
Avila	Gianna	JAELYNN
Bellantone	John	GAVIN
Bellantone	Kathleen	CHLOE
Bohrman	Sophia	VIVIANA
Brochu	Tyler	JOSEPH
Bronzi	Dominic	BRANDON
Burns	Brendan	NICHOILAS
Carman	Ruby	BRITHANY
Carr	Timothy	CONNOR
Chesser	Kristina	BROOKE
Connelly	Priya	OLIVIA
DeBonis	Daniel	ANDREW
DeMaio	Dominic	LUKE
Dvorak	Ava	ASHLEY
Dwyer	Kaitlyn	GRACE
Dwyer	Madelyn	HARPER
Fisco	Valentina	OLIVIA
Howard	Matthew	DAVID
Jankovic	Marcello	FILIPPE
Jimenez	Dakota	EMMA
Kalin	Gracie	ALEXANDRA
Karas	Ellie	NICOLE
Kraft	Riley	ABIGAIL
Krauza	Andrew	LUCIANO
Lashlee	Jack	TRAVIS
Lieto	Elena	GIANNA
Lucido	Michael	JACKSON
Martinez	Jesty	BLAKE
Martini	Kayla	GIAVANNA
McAvoy	Nicholas	MASON
McSpedon	Christian	JOELL
Menichino	Anthony	MAX
Moore	Isabella	BRIANA
Mulcahy	Emily	GABRIELLA
Murphy	Colean	RUBY
Odell	Kieran	MATTHEW
Owens	Jacquelyn	ANNA
Pelliccio	Alexander	SAMUEL
Popken	Kaylie	ISABELLA
Riitano	Sofia	DELILAH
Riotto	Alexa	JAELYNN
Roloson	Cali	TAYLOR
Rundle	Kenneth	JACKSON
Sanchez	Gina	NICHOLAS
Timperio	Marianna	VIVIANA
Valdez	Caitlin	WILLIAM
Vincento	Bella	BROOKE
Weinman	Rebecca	BRITHANY
Wohlfahrt	Connor	FRANCO
Zulauf	Charlize	CHLOE

MANDATORY Community Service

All 8th Grade Confirmation Students are assigned a 2nd grade student.

For Community Service, each Confirmation student must write a card or letter to the 2nd grader assigned to them. The Religious Education office will distribute cards/letters to 2nd grade students prior to their receipt of First Communion.

For more service hours, you may also write a letter of congratulations after the 2nd grades have received their sacraments this year.

Name: _____

Confirmation Candidate Service Project Form



Name: _____

2nd Grader/Buddy

Assigned to me: _____

Please list community service projects you have undertaken

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ **Parent Signature**

Name: _____

Scripture Reflection



Name: _____

Answer the following questions on loose-leaf paper and submit with this form.

1. Why did you choose to do this type of service?
2. Did you enjoy this service? Do you think you shared your own talents and gifts?
3. How do you plan to continue to serve as a witness to your family, your parish and your community?
4. Choose **TWO** of the following scripture passages. First, briefly explain what the passage means to you, and then show how your experience reflects the message from the passage.

Luke 21:1-4

Acts 2:43-47

Romans 12:9-13



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Students are responsible for getting sponsor, signature and parish seal from their chosen sponsor.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. More mature, more informed, more experienced in the faith, and also willing to share his or her faith with the candidate.
2. An active, practicing Catholic who has already received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. A practicing Catholic who receives Communion at Mass.
4. The sponsor, if married, is married in the Catholic Church.
5. **The sponsor is NOT the candidate's parent.**
6. Candidate must be at least 14 years of age.

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

The candidate, _____, has asked me to sponsor him/her for the sacrament of Confirmation, and I agree to undertake this solemn responsibility.

I meet all the requirements listed above and have this form affirmed by my own parish priest.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Sponsor _____
 please print (First Name) please print (Last Name) Relationship to Candidate

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Sponsor's Parish _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST

The sponsor above is a member of our Parish community and, to the best of my knowledge, is a practicing Catholic in good standing and is qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of priest _____ Date _____

Please return to: St. Denis Religious Education
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