



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION FALL 2017

**We are excited to announce that our celebration of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2017 with Archbishop Gregory!**

Below is a comprehensive summary of our Confirmation preparation. While this document provides you and your candidate all the information you require regarding registration and program components, we welcome your questions as we go forward.

To be eligible for Confirmation in the Fall of 2017, all perspective candidates need to have the following:

- Participation and completion of the (4) 9<sup>th</sup> grade+ foundation sessions or attendance at an Archdiocesan Catholic High School.
- Verification of the reception of Baptism and First Communion
  - If one or both of the sacraments were received at a parish other than St. Peter Chanel, we will need a copy of the applicable sacrament certificate(s).
  - If one or both of the sacraments were celebrated at St. Peter Chanel, we will verify that information. We will contact you with any questions.
- Submission of 3 of the 6 service reflections.
  - Ideally one each for family, parish, and community service experiences, but will accept two from one category.
  - The reflections are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as these are used during our summer Ignite sessions.

*Please contact Kendra Lockhart, Confirmation Coordinator, if support is needed to fulfill the above requirements prior to beginning the Ignite Confirmation program.*

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### **Continued Year 2 (10<sup>th</sup> Grade+) CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION**

**All candidates**, regardless of where they attend high school, are expected to complete all components of the **10<sup>th</sup> grade+ preparation program**. The components are:

- Register for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade+ Confirmation via the PSR Family Registration form – Due May 1 (Step by step directions are at the end of this document.)
- Active and 100% participation in one of two Ignite Confirmation options (dates on the next page).
- Completion of Candidate Name form and Sponsor form – Due May 1.
- Completion of three additional service experiences and submission of service reflections –Due August 1.
- Participation in the Afternoon of Reflection along with Sponsor.
- Attendance along with Sponsor or parent in the Confirmation Rehearsal.

We understand the secular demands placed on our youth and their families. In order to provide you the opportunity to make these events a priority for you and your candidate we ask that you add the following dates to your family calendar now.

## **Important dates - Mark your calendar now!**

### **Monday, May 1, 2017 – Deadline for:**

- **Ignite Registration** – This registration is completed online.
- **Confirmation Sponsor Form** – The Sponsor form needs to be completed by the sponsor and signed by the pastor of the Sponsor's parish, then returned to us (Attention: Kendra Lockhart).
- **Confirmation Name Form** – This is an online form and submitted electronically.

*Please see the next page for additional details on Confirmation Names and Sponsors.*

### **Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25, 2017 – Ignite Workshop Option 1**

- Saturday Workshop: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday Workshop: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16, 2017 - Ignite Workshop Option 2**

- Saturday Session: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday Session: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.



**Ignite Confirmation Preparation – *The Candidate needs to attend*** one complete Ignite Confirmation weekend with 100% attendance. *Please understand the selected Ignite session must be completed in full.* We will attend the Sunday 5 p.m. Mass as a group

- We expect all Candidates to select one of these options. ***If you are aware of a conflict that keeps you from fully committing to either of these sessions we must know of the conflict by May 1.***
- Parents please join us on this journey; volunteers are needed to help with the Confirmation Ignite weekends. All Adult Volunteers must have a current Background Screening on file and have completed the VIRTUS Training. If you have not completed either of these, please notify the PSR office and we will assist you on how to complete them. Ignite Training for all Volunteer Confirmation Team members will be provided.

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017 –Service Reflections Due** –Service Reflections are submitted electronically.

### **Saturday, September 9, 2017 - Prayer Breakfast**

- 7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - This is an optional event provided for the parents, sponsors, grandparents and others that want to pray for these candidates. It does include a short meeting to share with you some of the final details and opportunities for the candidates in the last month of preparation.

### **Sunday, September 10, 2017 - Afternoon of Reflection**

- 1:30-6:00 p.m. - ***Candidate and Sponsors attend.*** Includes the Rite of Enrollment at the 5 p.m. Mass. Families are encouraged to attend this Mass to witness the Rite.

### **Sunday October 8, 2017 – Confirmation Liturgical Celebration Rehearsal**

- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.; or
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

***Candidates and Sponsor/parent will attend*** one of the two rehearsals listed above. Rehearsal begins in the back of the church.

### **Saturday, October 14, 2017 - Confirmation Liturgical Celebrations**

- 9:00 a.m.; or
- 1:00 p.m.

## **6 Service Reflections**

For the 10<sup>th</sup> grade+ year of Confirmation preparation, we again stress service. Christ told his disciples, “whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant.... Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28) As we form our hearts to Jesus we follow his example and serve others. We serve our families, our extended family in our Parish and the people in need in the community that we live. In addition to the three projects completed in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade+ year of preparation, we ask that you reflect on three more service projects. One project from each of these areas (family, parish and community) and submit a reflection for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade+ Year of Confirmation Preparation.

Your reflections do not have to be lengthy but we do ask that you answer the questions completely. The reflections should be completed via the online form. A link to this form and further information about service can be found on the Confirmation page of the [www.stpeterchanel.org](http://www.stpeterchanel.org) or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spcconfirmation.wordpress.com/>. **ALL Service Reflections are due August 1, 2017.**

NOTE: You will know your service is successfully submitted when the email address you provide receives a summary of the service reflection. Keep this email until October 2017.

## **Sponsor**

Each Candidate selects a Confirmation Sponsor. A sponsor serves you in three ways:

1. Your Sponsor serves as a role model for you in faith.
2. Your Sponsor is a companion on your life long faith journey, supporting you in prayer as you discover God’s purpose for your life.
3. When your Sponsor stands by you as you are confirmed, he or she affirms that you are ready and willing to accept the responsibilities and privileges of being a fully initiated member of the Catholic Christian community.

The Candidate should choose their Sponsor, with the parent/guardian’s help and guidance. There are a few criteria the Sponsor should meet.

- Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- Must be an active Catholic in good standing in their parish. (Registered in their parish church and participating weekly in Mass.)
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Cannot be a candidate’s parent.

Once the Sponsor has been chosen, the Sponsor Verification Form should be completed. A link to this form can be found on the Confirmation page of the [www.stpeterchanel.org](http://www.stpeterchanel.org) or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spcconfirmation.wordpress.com/> or in your Confirmation Year 2 meeting folder. It needs to be signed by both the Sponsor and the Pastor of the church where the Sponsor is a member. Once the form is completed it should be returned to Kendra Lockhart. Due to the fact that the signatures are required this form is not an online submission. The original document signature is preferred. If your sponsor is a member of St. Peter Chanel, return the form to the Confirmation Coordinator and she will coordinate getting Msgr. Peter’s signature on your Sponsor form. **Sponsor forms are due May 1, 2017.**

*If you need help with this contact Kendra Lockhart.*

## Confirmation Name

The Confirmation Name chosen by the candidates is typically associated with a saint, a religious role model or a biblical hero. In some cases, a candidate may choose to use his/her own Baptismal name. The candidate should understand the meaning of the chosen name and share why the name is meaningful to them. For the Confirmation celebration and conversation with the Archbishop, the candidate should also know the Saint's feast day and why they are Saint. A link to this form and further information about the Confirmation Name can be found on the Confirmation page of the [www.stpeterchanel.org](http://www.stpeterchanel.org) or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spconfirmation.wordpress.com/>. **The Confirmation Name form is an electronic form and is due by May 1, 2017.**

One way to get start discerning your Confirmation Name is to check out these sites:

- Saints Name Generator - <http://saintsnamegenerator.com/>
- Saints listed by name - <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>.

## Primary Communication

The primary communication will come via email from Kendra Lockhart at [klockhart@stpeterchanel.org](mailto:klockhart@stpeterchanel.org). We kindly ask that you update your spam blocker to accept @stpeterchanel.org emails.

All of the forms and some information for the Confirmation families can be found on the Confirmation page of the St. Peter Chanel website, at <http://stpeterchanel.org/youth-ministry/confirmation>.

We also have a confirmation blog at <https://spconfirmation.wordpress.com>. This blog has been created to help you continue to grow in this time of preparation. This blog contains:

- All of the general communication.
- A summary of the sessions and pictures for the parents and sponsors with discussion questions to continue the conversation at home.
- Different videos and other tools for preparation.

## Social Media

We will also communicate Confirmation information and parish activities or reminders via Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and a account.



Like us on Facebook at **St. Peter Chanel YM** and **St. Peter Chanel PSR**



Follow us on Twitter: **@SPCYM**



Instagram

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All candidates, regardless of where they attend high school, need to register for the Confirmation program in order to be confirmed using the 2017-2018 PSR Confirmation Ignite Registration Form. Here are the registration instructions:

1. After March 26, 2017, go to [www.stpeterchanel.org](http://www.stpeterchanel.org). Click on **Faith Formation & Education**, scroll down to **Parish School of Religion**, and then scroll over to click on **General Information and Registration**. Then click on **PSR Registration Information** under the website banner toward the top of the page. Then scroll down to the Registration links.
2. Select **2017-2018 PSR Confirmation Ignite Registration Form**.
3. Complete the family information.
4. Under PSR Registration, register your Fall 2017 Candidate, it will look something like the image below.

The screenshot shows a registration form titled "PSR Registration: PSR Confirmation Ignite Sessions". Below the title is the instruction: "Complete one line across for each child you are registering for the Ignite Sessions. \*". The form has several columns: "Child's Name" (text input with placeholder "Last, First"), "Age on 9/1/17" (dropdown menu with "Select One"), "Grade on 9/1/17" (dropdown menu with "Select One"), "School attending" (text input with placeholder "Name of School"), "Sacraments Received" (checkboxes for "Baptism", "Reconciliation", and "1st Communion"), "Completed 8th Grade Religious Education" (text input with placeholder "where?"), "Completed 9th Grade Religious Education" (text input with placeholder "where?"), and "PSR Confirmation Ignite Sessions" (dropdown menu with "Select One"). An arrow points from a callout box to the "PSR Confirmation Ignite Sessions" dropdown.

**Choose one:**  
June 24 & 25  
July 15 & 16

5. Complete the rest of the form as indicated.
6. Class Preference Section: You do not need to insert anything here in regards to the Confirmation program. This section is for our families participating in our traditional PSR sessions and does not apply to the Confirmation preparation model.

Fee Information: Once we receive your registration, we will mail you a packet with forms and an invoice. The fee for the Year 2 preparation is \$100.

Please note that your Confirmation candidate is included in your "family total" for the PSR Year 2017-2018. Therefore if he/she is the only person you are registering, your total fee is \$100. If you will be registering siblings for 2017-2018 PSR in the next few months, your future payment will take into account the \$100 you have already paid for your candidate. Registration for other PSR programs will begin in late April.