



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION FALL 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens and renews the Spirit's presence in your life so that you can live out your baptismal call to share God's life with others in your own unique way. We look forward to seeing you grow spiritually in this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 INFORMATION

In order to participate in the Year 2 Confirmation preparation, the candidate needs to have actively participated in religious formation in 8th grade:

- PSR
- Catholic School religion class
- Approved Catholic hybrid or homeschool program

Year 2 Preparation:

- Participation in Catholic Foundation:
 - Participation in FUEL sessions – These are 4 Catholic foundation sessions held on Sunday afternoons (two sessions in the fall; two sessions in the spring).
 - or*
 - Religious instruction through Catholic High school, Hybrid, or Homeschool
- Participation in an IGNITE In-House Retreat
 - All candidates regardless of where they receive Catholic Foundation attend IGNITE
- Participation in Afternoon of Reflection
 - This event is to be attended by both candidate and sponsor (or adult proxy)

Year 2 Documentation:

- Verification of the reception of Baptism and First Communion.
- Registration for Catholic Foundation sessions or verification of Archdiocesan Catholic curriculum
- Registration for IGNITE In-House Retreat
- Submission of Confirmation Sponsor Form
- Submission of Confirmation Name Form
- Six service reflections
 - Two each for family, parish, and community service experiences.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Parents please join us on this journey; volunteers are needed to help with the Confirmation Team. 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.



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 information on the reverse side of this sheet to your family calendar now.

TIMELINE, IMPORTANT DATES, AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

EVENTS

<p><u>FUEL Foundation Sessions</u> <i>All sessions are from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and begin in McNamee Hall.</i></p>	<p>November 5, 2017 December 3, 2017 January 28, 2018 March 18, 2018</p>
<p><u>IGNITE In-House Retreat</u> <i>This is a Sat and Sun retreat:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday, 12 pm to 5 pm ○ Sunday, 12 pm to 6pm ○ Candidates may choose either the June or July session 	<p>Session dates will be announced in December 2017.</p>
<p><u>Prayer Breakfast</u> <i>This Saturday morning optional event provided for the parents, sponsors, grandparents and others that want to pray for these candidates.</i></p>	<p>This event is held in September 2018. Date will be released December 2017.</p>
<p><u>Afternoon of Reflection</u> <i>This is a Sunday event for both candidate and sponsor (or proxy). The day begins at 1:30 pm and ends at 6:00 pm. It includes the Enrollment of Names Rite at the 5:00 pm Mass</i></p>	<p>This event is held in September 2018. Date will be released December 2017.</p>
<p><u>Confirmation Mass</u> <i>Confirmation will be celebrated on a Saturday in the fall of 2018. There will be two masses available. A rehearsal will be held the Sunday before the Mass.</i></p>	<p>Date will be released February 2018</p>

DOCUMENTATION

<p><u>Baptism / First Communion Verification</u> <i>PSR office will inform you if this is needed.</i></p>	<p>Due July 30, 2017</p>
<p><u>FUEL Foundation Session Registration</u> <i>Registration is online and will open May 1st.</i></p>	<p>Due, July 30, 2017</p>
<p><u>IGNITE In-House Retreat Registration</u> <i>Registration is online and will open in late March of 2018.</i></p>	<p>Due May 1, 2018</p>
<p><u>Confirmation Sponsor Form</u> <i>This form needs to be signed by the sponsor's pastor. Please allow time for this process.</i></p>	<p>Due May 1, 2018</p>
<p><u>Confirmation Name Form</u> <i>This is an online form found on the website.</i></p>	<p>Due May 1, 2018</p>
<p><u>Service Reflection Deadlines</u> <i>This is an online form found on the website.</i></p>	<p>3 reflections due March 1, 2018 3 reflections due August 1, 2018</p>

COMMUNICATION

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

All of the forms and information for the Confirmation families can be found on the Confirmation page of the St. Peter Chanel website at <http://stpeterchanel.org/faith-formation-education/ym/confirmation>.

We also have a confirmation blog at <https://spcconfirmation.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 for the parents and sponsors with discussion questions to continue the conversation at home.
- Different videos and other discussion items.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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Follow us on Twitter: **@SPCYM**



Follow us on Instagram: **SPCYM**

SUPPORT INFORMATION

SERVICE

In Confirmation preparation, we stress service as a way of living our discipleship of Jesus Christ. Engaging in service projects gives you an opportunity to discover more about yourself and what you can do to share the blessings Christ has given to you. In helping others, you will discover new gifts and different interests that will help you better understand your place in the world and your responsibility to contribute your gifts to the human family.

We ask that you reflect on a total of six service projects during Confirmation preparation. From now until March 1, 2018 we ask that you complete a minimum of three (3) of these reflections. One project from each of these areas, family, parish and community and submit a reflection for the 9th 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 or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spcconfirmation.wordpress.com/>. **The minimum of three (3) Service Reflections are due March 1, 2018; all six (6) to be completed by August 1, 2018.**

Service to the Family

Just as we are sometimes nicer to our friends than we are to our family, we sometimes forget our family when it comes to service. ***The first service project should be FOR your family.*** It takes a lot to keep a family running. These “everyday living” tasks include things such as making meals, washing dishes, grocery shopping and many other chores. Some of our “everyday living” chores are routine, but for this service reflection we are looking for experiences that are outside of your routine chores for your family. To decide upon this service to the family you could have a family meeting (at minimum with your parents), to discuss some ideas of projects that you could do to help your family. Your ideas can include extended family. Select a service to perform.

Service to the Parish

The Parish of St. Peter Chanel offers us a chance to learn our faith, a supportive community, opportunities to learn, grow, pray, sing and serve. The Catholic Church is not the ordained priest(s) alone; it is also lay people, you and me. Our parish cannot serve and support each other without the many ministries, staff members and volunteers that keep things going. You are encouraged to seek out parish service projects on your own, check out the bulletin, the Youth Ministry service page at <http://stpeterchanel.org/faith-formation-education/ym/service>. You can also ask a ministry that you are interested in or that your parent is involved in if you can help them. Emails about upcoming parish service projects will be sent occasionally.

Service to the Community

Confirmation preparation also includes service to the greater Atlanta community. Jesus’ ministry went far beyond those of his own faith and culture. He realized that his ministry of caring was for all people. It is now your turn. Find a project to serve the greater community – it can be with SPC Youth Ministry Works of Mercy or another parish ministry community outreach, with your school or another service organization. Follow your interests or try something new.

After you complete each service project, reflect on your service using the online service reflection form found here, <http://stpeterchanel.org/faith-formation-education/ym/confirmation>. NOTE: You will know your service is successfully submitted when the email address you provide receives a summary of the service reflection, an example of this email is on page 6. Please retain this email summary until the completion of Confirmation.

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 or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spcconfirmation.wordpress.com/> or in your Confirmation Year 2 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 Rau's signature on your Sponsor form. **Sponsor forms are due May 2018.**

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 or the SPC Confirmation Blog at <https://spcconfirmation.wordpress.com/>. **The Confirmation Name form is an electronic form and is due by May 2018.**

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>.
- Life Teen Blog about Confirmation Saints - <http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>.

Example of Service Verification Email

From: Kendra Lockhart (SPC Confirmation Coordinator) <klockhart@stpeterchanel.org> Sent: Wed 4/13/2016 10:08 AM
To: Kendra Lockhart
Cc:
Subject: Service Reflection Email:Kendra LockhartDishes for the family

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Full Name	Kendra Lockhart
E-mail	klockhart@stpeterchanel.org
Name of Project	Dishes for the family
Confirmation Group	Fall 2017
Confirmation Preparation	9th Grade+ (Foundation)
What type of service did you complete?	Family
Briefly describe the service you performed	Explanation about the service project
Why did you choose to complete this service? (Use 1-2 paragraphs)	I chose to complete this service because I love my family and want to help make the home run smoother. If I don't help then I am not doing my part in belonging to a family. Belonging to a community of persons means I have to contribute something and so I serve, even when I don't really feel like it.
What does this service have to do with being a follower of Jesus Christ?	Christ showed me an example of service over and over in Scripture from healing others, to teaching the disciples and washing the feet of the Apostles. To be a Christian means to be a "mini Christ" and I want to continue to live as Christ did so I serve, even in the simple things in the home.
ONLY for the parish service reflection: How can you continue to be of service to St. Peter Chanel?	