

# SMACT 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION PACKET 2017-2018

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Dear Confirmation Candidate,

Welcome to SMACT (St. Michael the Archangel Confirmation Teens ministry)! This will prepare you to receive your last sacrament of initiation – Confirmation. We are very excited that you have chosen to prepare to receive this sacrament! We pray this time of preparation will be a time of spiritual growth as well as a lot of fun.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, **“Preparation for confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit...To this end, catechesis [preparation] for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community.” (CCC 1309)**

Our goal is to be true to this statement of preparation for Confirmation, as our meetings will not cover everything there is to know about the Catholic Church. Instead it is our goal to build upon what you have been learning from your parents, through involvement with religious education throughout your life, and through the ministries here at St. Michael. It is our hope that at the end of this program you will know more about your faith, feel a sense of belonging in the Church, and be closer to Christ.

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) but is far from the end of your spiritual growth. We hope you will not approach this time as the “last thing” you need to do in your faith, but another step as you continue to grow and go deeper into the beauty of the Catholic Church and the love of Christ. May God bless you during this time of preparation!

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## DEADLINES & EVENTS

<b>Sep. 6</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> year SMACT orientation</b> 6:30pm <i>Curran Hall/ Class Rooms</i>	<b>Mar. 7</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>Service Project 1 Form &amp; Service Hours Log Due</b>
<b>Sep. 13</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>First Day of Class</b> 6:30pm <i>Curran Hall/ Class Rooms</i>	<b>May 3</b> <i>(Thurs)</i>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> 6:30PM <i>Sanctuary</i> <i>1st Year Students and parents are asked to assist with either setup for reception in Curran Hall starting at 5pm or assist with cleanup at 8:30pm</i>
<b>Oct. 18</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>Saint Paper Due</b> <i>+This is a <u>required</u> report over the Saint that you wish to be Confirmed under.</i>	<b>May 9</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>Last Day of Class</b> 6:30PM <i>Curran Hall</i>
<b>Nov. 15</b> <i>(Wed)</i>	<b>Sponsor Information Form, Good Standing Form, AND Sponsor's sacrament certificates due</b> <i>+Sponsor Good Standing Form must be signed by Sponsor and Sponsor's Church secretary or pastor. Needs to have parish seal on the document. Good Standing form should be given to the sponsor to tack back to sponsor's church. Submit forms and Sponsor's sacrament certificates (Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Church Marriage (if applicable)) to St. Michael Youth Ministry Office.</i>		
<b>Dec. 10</b> <i>(Sun)</i>	<b>One Day Retreat</b> <i>+DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Day of bonding and growing.</i>		

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF  
ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED!**

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## 2017-2018 REQUIRED SACRAMENT PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE

**2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL WORKSHOPS BELOW. HIGHLY ENCOURAGE FOR ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR PARENTS TO ATTEND.**

CHOOSE ONE of the two/three options in each workshop that best fits your schedule.

### PARENT WORKSHOP #1

Oct. 15 (Sun) or Oct. 16 (Mon)	Confirmation Parent Workshop #1 Time: 11:00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #1 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)

### PARENT WORKSHOP #2

Nov. 12 (Sun) or Nov. 13 (Mon) or Nov. 15 (Wed)	Confirmation Parent Workshop #2 Time: 11:00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #2 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #2 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Room 110-120 (subject to change)

### PARENT WORKSHOP #3

Jan 21 (Sun) or Jan 22 (Mon) or Jan 24 (Wed)	Confirmation Parent Workshop #3 Time: 11:00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #3 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #3 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Room 110-120 (subject to change)

### PARENT WORKSHOP #4

Feb. 11 (Sun) or Feb. 12 (Mon)	Confirmation Parent Workshop #4 Time: 11:00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)
	Confirmation Parent Workshop #4 Time: 6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents Where: Youth Room (subject to change)

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## **ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL PARENT MEETINGS**

SMACT 1ST YEAR PARENTS YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT PARENT MEETINGS BELOW.

These are purely for your own benefit and spiritual growth. In these meetings, we will get to discuss different elements of our faith and how we can apply them to our lives as parents. These meetings, unlike the other required parent workshops, will be more focused on you and your walk with your child as he/she prepares for Confirmation.

At each meeting, light snacks/refreshments will be provided along with a few minutes to visit with other parents. Then we'll have a particular presentation on a given topic followed by large group discussion. Then you will have the opportunity to gather with all the students in Curran Hall and join everyone in a large group activity, listen to an amazing testimony by a youth or adult leader, and pray with us to close the night.

### **MEETING DATES:**

September 20, 2017

March 7, 2018

November 8, 2017

April 25, 2018

January 17, 2018

### **INCENTIVES:**

**Event Discounts, Raffle Prizes, etc.**

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## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

### ➤ **REQUIREMENTS**

- Class attendance is **required**.
- **Only 3 classes can be missed for the whole year, otherwise Confirmation date MAY BE DELAYED.**
- **Three(3) tardies = one absence.**
- If teen **absolutely has to miss a class**, the teen must contact the SMACT Coordinator for makeup assignment.

### ➤ **MASS ATTENDANCE**

- **Mass attendance is a non-negotiable requirement.** Illness is a legitimate excuse.
- **A mass attendance binder will be placed by the East Door Entrance. Please initial by your name under the respective Sunday date.**
- If you do not attend a St. Michael's Mass you will need to provide a bulletin from the church that you attended with the current Sunday date on the calendar.

### ➤ **RETREAT ATTENDANCE**

- The hope is that all candidates can attend the St. Michael Confirmation Retreat. If it is not possible, the candidate may attend another Confirmation Retreat at another church – **it will be the candidate and/or the parents' responsibility to find another retreat.** If you have a conflict with the Retreat, please let the coordinator know.

### ➤ **EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF CLASSES DUE TO WEATHER**

- Emergency text will be sent – ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR **REMIND** text service? If not, see below:

**TEXT “@1SMACT” TO  
PHONE NUMBER 81010**

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## **JOURNALING POLICY**

*Journals are meant to reinforce lessons  
and ensure comprehension*

### ➤ **WEEKLY EXPECTATIONS**

- Students must bring journals to every class (unless noted)
- Students can use journals for taking supplemental notes during presentations/lessons
- At the end of class, students will receive a slip containing the weekly journal entry & announcements
  - Students will answer the question/prompt in 5 to 7 sentences
  - Students welcome to write beyond that and offer additional thoughts/insights

### ➤ **PERIODIC REVIEWS**

- Throughout the year, we will collect journals and review each entry and offer comments & feedback. If needed, student may be asked to re-do a journal entry.

### ➤ **WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?**

- Help each student collect their thoughts and express them
- Help Confirmation Coordinators to ensure the students are in fact learning and comprehending
- Give opportunity for students to reflect on their own personal and spiritual growth

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The community service requirement must be fulfilled through participation in **15 hours total – must have at least ONE service project in your log among the total hours.** Service hours can be done at St. Michael or outside. A true spirit of service is not just about accumulating a certain number of service hours or completing a certain number of projects, but instead is about the desire to help others. *Parents are encouraged to participate in service activities!*

The requirements are as follows:

- A service project is simply a project that benefits others in the church or community. **Service Projects should last at least 3 hours or more.** Examples include playing an active role in the Mass such as being an altar server, usher, lector; being a Sunday school aide; volunteering for parish events like St. Michael's Feast Day, Hike for Life, Vacation Bible School, Mission Possible, Special Olympics; helping with the food bank; etc. **A service project is something that involves a time commitment and significant investment of yourself.**
- Service Projects you help within the summer and fall semester can be used to meet this requirement.
- After completing a service project please fill out the Service Project form and turn it in. Even if you do a project sponsored by St. Michael, please still fill out and turn in the service project form so your file is complete.
- There will be a variety of service project opportunities announced throughout the year through the church bulletin, the SMACT, and other means of communication. You can always find service project opportunities on your own as well.

**ALL SERVICE HOURS AND PROJECTS  
DUE MARCH 7, 2018**



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## APPROVED SERVICE PROJECT EXAMPLES

- St. Michael's Feast Day – **September 23**
- Hike 4 Life - **October 14**
  - Visit [www.hikeforlifetexas.org](http://www.hikeforlifetexas.org) for more info.
- 40 Days for Life Activities – **various dates**
  - Visit [www.prolifedallas.org](http://www.prolifedallas.org)
- Halloween Carnival - **October 28**
  - Contact Diane Salazar
  - Parents can earn extra hours for their child by volunteering for Trunk or Treat and/or donating candy (up to 3 hrs)
- Habitat for Humanity
  - 972-272-8530 and [www.garlandhfh.org](http://www.garlandhfh.org)
- St. Michael Food Pantry (good for school holidays & breaks!)
  - Monday thru Saturday from 9am-11:30am
- Altar Society Seasonal Church Clean Up – **dates TBA**
  - Cleanup the church in preparation for Christmas and Easter
- Living Stations of the Cross – **April 30, 2018**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade can do this to start working on next year's service projects/hours
  - Rehearsal dates TBA. Live Presentation on Good Friday
  - Live Presentation – **Good Friday, April 30, 2018**

Please note that volunteer hours that you do at school already will not count toward your service projects and hours. No double dipping of hours will be accepted.

**\*\*Other opportunities will be announced throughout the year\*\***

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## QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPONSORS

In order for a person to be qualified as a sponsor for Confirmation, the following requirements must be met:

- The sponsor must be sixteen years or older.
- The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.
- If the sponsor is married, the marriage must be considered sacramental by the Catholic Church. This includes if a person is divorced and remarried. If you have questions about what constitutes a sacramental marriage, please double check with Confirmation Coordinator.
- The sponsor does not need to be the same gender as the candidate.
- The sponsor cannot be the father or the mother of the candidate.
- It is recommended that the sponsor not be someone the candidate is dating.
- The candidate can have only one sponsor.

It is desirable that the one who took the role of godmother or godfather at Baptism also be the sponsor for Confirmation, if possible. Please involve the parents in the decision of choosing a Confirmation sponsor.

If the sponsor is unable to be at the Confirmation Mass, another Catholic in good standing may be asked to "stand in" (proxy) at the actual ceremony (cannot be a parent). Contact Confirmation Coordinator if a proxy is needed.

**If candidate is unable to find a sponsor that meets all requirements in time, a sponsor will be assigned.**

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## CHOOSING A SPONSOR

### WHO SHOULD YOU CHOOSE AS A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

Someone whom you know that is a practicing Catholic in "good standing" with the Church. This person does not have to be perfect, as none of us are. Instead, a good candidate is a person who strives to live a holy life and to actively live their Catholic faith. This would involve living a sacramental life by attending Mass every Sunday and Reconciliation frequently. It should be someone who you admire and someone who can help you better live out your Catholic faith. It is also helpful if it is someone you feel you can talk about your faith and things going on in your life.

There may be different aspects of the Christian life that are most important to you in a sponsor. Maybe you admire their holiness, or their prayerfulness, or their commitment to service, or their willingness to sacrifice for others, or how they are living out their vocation. There are many things you can look for in a sponsor, but hopefully it is someone who exhibits love for God and their Catholic faith, integrity, virtue, and a commitment to a life of holiness.

### WHY DO YOU NEED A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

The way the saints became saints was by learning from other holy people, namely other saints! They were individuals that wanted to do good, please God, and someday go to heaven. Your sponsor is an additional role model and another guide. When you go on a journey you have to plan where to go, what to take, who to go with, and how you're going to get there. Your sponsor will be another person who will help you to grow in your faith, guide you in what steps you need to take to do that, make suggestions to help you in the right direction for your life, and ultimately be with you and God in heaven. Your sponsor will also be responsible for making sure you act as a true witness to Christ and that you are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**SPONSOR GOOD STANDING FORM, INFORMATION  
FORM, CERTIFICATES (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION,  
CONFIRMATION, CHURCH MARRIAGE (IF APPLICABLE))  
DUE **NOVEMBER 15, 2017****

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## CHOOSING YOUR SAINT

The report should be typed.

Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, double spaced, 1-2 pages long

**DUE: OCTOBER 18, 2017**

Report should include: YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME; factual info about the saint; when saint was born and died; where saint was from; what saint's life was like; why this person is a saint; why you chose this saint; where you found your info (websites, books, magazines, articles, etc.--bibliography).

The purpose of the report is to get to know the lives of many different saints as you research a saint you find a connection with!

A part of the Confirmation process is choosing a saint and writing a report on that saint. The name of the saint you choose is the name that you will be confirmed under. As Catholics, we know the power of having Mary and the saints pray (or intercede) for us. Many saints are patrons of different things, meaning they are the special protector or supporter of certain areas. For example, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians and St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals. You may decide to choose a saint based upon what they are the patron of, but whatever saint you choose, they also become your patron. This means that they will be looking out for you in a special way for your entire life, until one day when you meet them in Heaven!

The saints are great examples of how to live out our faith in the hope of getting to Heaven. The saints came from different backgrounds, experienced different things, faced different struggles, but all loved Jesus and are now with Him in Heaven. Like when white light passes through a prism and you can see the different colors, the saints allowed God to use them to reveal His different aspects: mercy, love, grace. There is also a great significance in taking on the saint's name as your own. We see in the Bible the significance of names and how God gave people new names at important points in their lives. Abram became Abraham (Genesis 17:1-8), Jacob became Israel (Genesis 32:23-29). Simon became Peter (Matthew 16:13-20).

So choosing a saint and taking on their name is an important step in your life and a reflection on the beauty of the Catholic faith. Take some time to find a saint you really connect with. Feel free to contact the Confirmation Coordinator, if you have trouble deciding on a saint!

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# **CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW REVIEW PREPARATION MATERIAL**

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## ***Sign of the Cross:***

Sign of the Cross:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

## ***The Our Father or Lord's Prayer:***

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

## ***Hail Mary:***

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our Death. Amen.

## ***Glory Be:***

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## ***Grace Before Meals:***

Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts,  
which we are about to receive, from your  
bounty through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

## ***Seven Sacraments:***

(Signs and celebrations given by  
Jesus, to give grace).

- 1. Baptism** – You become one of God's own children and washed of Original Sin.
- 2. Confirmation** – You receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 3. Eucharist** – You receive the Body and Blood of Jesus
- 4. Reconciliation** – The priest gives you God's forgiveness, pardon, and peace.
- 5. Anointing of the Sick** – The priest blesses those who are sick and marks them with holy oil.
- 6. Marriage** – A man and woman promise to love each other, to be together always, and to raise their children in God's love.
- 7. Holy Orders** – The Church ordains bishops, priests and deacons

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## Ten Commandments:

### *(Learn in order, as written)*

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **Act of Contrition:**

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help  
to do penance  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our savior Jesus Christ  
Suffered and died for us.  
In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

## The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer to Saint Michael:**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits that roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feeding the Poor
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Clothing the naked
- Sheltering the homeless
- Visiting the sick
- Visiting the imprisoned
- Burying the dead

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## The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counseling the doubtful
- Instructing the ignorant
- Admonishing sinners
- Comforting the afflicted
- Forgiving offenses
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Praying for the living and the dead

## The Precepts or Laws of the Church

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and rest from servile work.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Eucharist at least once during Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help provide for the needs of the Church.

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom	Knowledge
Understanding	Piety
Counsel	Fear of the Lord
Fortitude	

## Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Love	Faithfulness
Joy	Gentleness
Peace	Self-Control
Patience	Modesty
Kindness	Chastity
Goodness	Generosity

## Theological Virtues

Faith	Hope	Charity (or Love)
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## Cardinal Virtues

Prudence	Justice
Fortitude	Temperance

## Capital Sins Virtue

Pride	Humility
Covetousness	Generosity
Lust	Chastity
Anger	Meekness
Gluttony	Temperance
Envy	Brotherly Love
Sloth	Diligence

## Opposed

## Mysteries of the Rosary

### Joyful Mysteries

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple



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## **Luminous Mysteries**

- The Baptism of Christ in Jordan
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Eucharist

## **Sorrowful Mysteries**

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
- The Crowning of Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

## **Glorious Mysteries**

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption
- The Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven

## **Pray the Rosary**

1. While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross, and then recite the Apostles Creed.
2. Recite the Our Father on the first large bead.
3. Recite a Hail Mary on each of the three small beads.
4. On the large bead, recite the Glory Be to the Father, the Fatima Prayer "O my Jesus", then announce the first mystery for the current day and recite the Our Father.
5. On each of the following ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the first mystery.

6. On the next large bead, recite the Glory Be to the Father, the Fatima prayer, announce the next mystery, and an Our Father.

7. Repeat this sequence for each of the following decades (Glory Be, Fatima Prayer, recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, and ten Hail Marys) while meditating on the mystery.

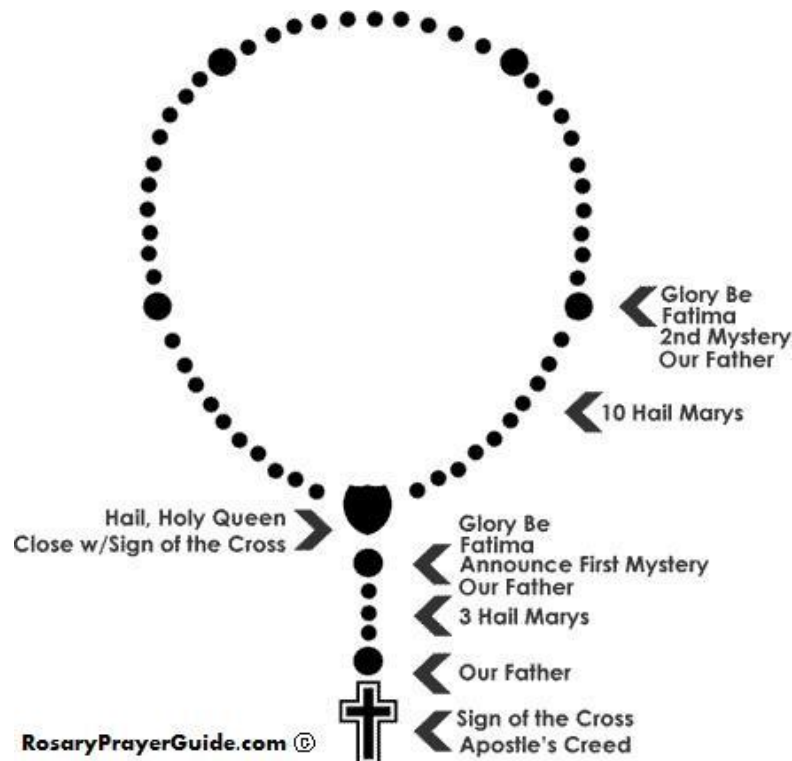
8. After the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is usually ends with the Hail Holy Queen, and the Sign of the Cross.

**Hail Holy Queen**, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this Valley of Tears. Turn then, O Most Gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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**1. Name a Holy Day of Obligation**

Jan 1-Mary Mother of God  
Aug 15-Assumption  
Nov 1-All Saints  
Dec 8-Immaculate Conception  
Dec 25-Christmas

**2. What is Grace?**

God's Life in us

**3. What is the Holy Trinity?**

Father, Son, Holy Spirit

**4. Is Jesus God? Yes**

**5. Is the Holy Spirit God? Yes**

**6. What is Original Sin?**

First sin committed by Adam and Eve

**7. What does Baptism do for us?**

Removes Original Sin, makes us adopted children of God

**8. What is Mortal Sin? Example?**

A grave sin-can only be forgiven thru Confession

**9. What is Venial Sin? Example?**

A lesser sin-can be forgiven through Communion in the State of Grace

**10. What is the Assumption?**

Mary was assumed or taken into heaven by God

**11. What is the Ascension?**

Jesus' ascension or going up into heaven by His own power

**12. What is an indulgence?**

A way provided by the Church for a sinner to get rid of debt due sin

**13. Discuss the Final Things-what happens at our death?**

We have our Particular Judgment. We will go to Heaven or Hell. We may go to Purgatory before Heaven

**14. What is purgatory?**

It is a state or condition after death in which those suffer for a time who die guilty of venial sins, or without having satisfied for the punishment due to their sins.

**15. What is Advent?**

Season of 4 weeks of preparation and waiting before Christmas

**16. What is Lent?**

Season of 6 weeks preparation before Easter

**17. What happened on Holy Thursday?**

Last Supper: Institution of Priesthood & Eucharist

**18. What happened on Good Friday?**

Jesus was crucified, fulfilling the Passover, opening the gates of heaven

**19. What is Holy Saturday?**

Easter Vigil, the Jewish Sabbath, the day Jesus rested in his grave

**20. What is Easter Sunday?**

Day Jesus rose from the dead

**21. What are the "gifts" being brought up during the Offertory of the Mass?**

Bread, Wine, Collection basket

**22. What happens to the bread & wine during the Consecration when the Priest says: "This is My Body....This is My Blood"?**

They become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ

**23. Who do you receive when you receive Holy Communion?**

Jesus -His body, blood, soul and divinity

**24. Name the current Bishop of Diocese of Dallas**

Bishop Edward Burns

**25. Name the Pope**

Pope Francis

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# CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK

Please put in a very safe place.

Turn these in as you complete each requirement!

**DON'T FORGET:**

**Saint Paper**

**DUE: OCTOBER 18, 2017**

**Sponsor Forms/Certificates**

**DUE: NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

**Service Project/Hours**

**DUE: MARCH 7, 2018**

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# SMACT 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION PACKET

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SERVICE PROJECT FORM**

**DUE MARCH 7, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of service project (*50 words or more, must be in complete sentences*):

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What most impacted you about this project (*50 words or more, must be in complete sentences*):

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Signature of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

**DUE MARCH 7, 2018**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Each Confirmation Participant is required to do complete a total of 15 Service Hours (combination of one Service Project and Community/Spiritual Service hours)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours Completed</u>	<u>Signature &amp; Contact number</u>

### EXAMPLES of Different Types of Service Hours

#### Community

- Local Food Pantry
- Visitation to Local Nursing Home
- Attend any Pro-life Activities
- Volunteer to help at scheduled Church Clean Up days
- Various on-site Parish Events (ex. St. Michael’s Feast Day)

#### Faith Formation Program

- Teachers Assistant for Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Office Aide
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer

#### Spiritual Service Hours

- High School Ministry – 6pm-8:30pm Sundays (up to 5 hrs)
- Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Advent/Lenten Mission Days (except Wednesday)
- Adoration in the Chapel

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## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM

(To be filled out by Confirmation Candidate)

**DUE: NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Saint Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We must have the sponsor's current mailing address as we will be mailing important information about their role of sponsor.

1. Has Sponsor Received:

Baptism	YES	NO
Confirmation	YES	NO
First Communion	YES	NO

*(If you answered NO to any, then you will need to ask another to be your Confirmation Sponsor)*

2. Is Sponsor a practicing Catholic? YES NO

*(If you answered NO, then you will need to ask another to be your Confirmation Sponsor)*

3. Sponsor's Current Marital Status:

Single	Married	Divorced	Widow
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4. If married, is the marriage in the Roman Catholic Church or is it recognized as Sacramental? YES NO

*(If you answered NO, then you will need to ask another to be your Confirmation Sponsor)*

5. If divorced, is the person remarried? YES NO

6. If remarried, was the 1st marriage annulled by the Catholic Church? YES NO

*(If you answered NO, then you will need to ask another to be your Confirmation Sponsor)*

7. Is sponsor 16 or older? YES NO

8. Relationship to the Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** A person must answer "YES" to questions 1,2,5,6 (if married), and 7 to be able to be a Confirmation Sponsor.

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## CONFIRMATION GOOD STANDING FORM

(To be filled out by the Sponsor and registered parish)

**DUE: NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be a Sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered parishioner of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Per the 1983 Canon Law and Pastor's Policy, sponsors must:**

- Be a registered and an active member of a parish
- Have received the three (3) Sacraments of Initiation
  - Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation
- If applicable, must be married in the Catholic Church

### **ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM**

- Copy of 1st Communion and Confirmation Certificate
- Copy of Marriage Certificate, if applicable (Must be married in Catholic Church
- This "Letter of Good Standing", signed and sealed by the Secretary or Pastor of current parish

In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that I will support the above named Candidate in his/her effort to live a Christian life that reflects the spirit of the teachings of the Catholic faith.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the person noted above is a registered member of this parish and is in good standing.

Parish Secretary/Pastor Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Secretary/Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH SEAL MUST BE STAMPED ON THIS DOCUMENT**