

APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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Candidate's Full Baptismal Name: _____
Last First Middle

Candidate's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Candidate's Place of Baptism: _____
CHURCH Street Address City, State

Parents Full Name

Father's Full Name: _____ Religion: _____
First Middle Last

Mother's Full Name including Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Contact Information of Parents and Candidate:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Street PO Box (Apt #)
City State Zip

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Needed Information

A copy of your baptismal certificate needs to be returned with this application if not baptized at Sacred Heart. If the candidate was baptized at a parish other than Sacred Heart, please provide a copy of the baptismal certificate or contact that parish so that a certified copy can be sent to us.

Faithful attendance at Sunday Liturgy is a prerequisite for Confirmation. Students who choose to begin formal study and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation should already be meeting certain requirements of the Catholic faith described in a letter on the reverse side of this application. Those who are willing to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and also the Precepts of the Catholic Church, which include faithful Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation throughout the year including summer vacation, are asked to sign below. Candidate and parent signatures below signify that the reverse side of this application has been read and that Candidates agree to this practice.

Candidate Signature: _____

Parent Signature(s): _____

The Application deadline is Sunday, September 12th, 2011. Please complete this application and send it (along with a copy of your baptismal certificate if needed) to the Religious Education Office at 2201 Northwestern Avenue / Racine, WI 53404 OR bring it with you to the first Confirmation session.

PLEDGE OF SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

To: Students eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

From: Mr. Mark

Re: Expectation of Sunday Mass attendance and practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Dear Students,

Students who choose to begin formal study and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation should already be meeting certain requirements of the Catholic faith. Basically, you should be spending some time in-prayer and growing in your relationship with our Lord. Secondly, there are some practices of the Catholic faith (like Sunday Mass attendance) which should be already occurring on a consistent basis. Please read the following *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy* and check to see that you are trying to live by these merciful works:

Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To visit the imprisoned.
5. To shelter the homeless.
6. To visit the sick.
7. To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. To admonish the sinner.
2. To instruct the ignorant.
3. To counsel the doubtful.
4. To comfort the sorrowful.
5. To bear wrongs patiently.
6. To forgive all injuries.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.

The *Precepts of the Catholic Church* should also be faithfully practiced by those of you who wish to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. Those which apply to you at this point in your life are as follows:

1. To keep holy the day of the Lord's resurrection (Sunday). To worship God by participating in Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. To avoid those activities (like needless work) that would hinder worship, joy, or relaxation.
2. To lead a sacramental life. To receive Holy Communion frequently and the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
3. To study Catholic teachings in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be confirmed, and then to continue to study and advance the cause of Christ.
4. To use parish school and catechetical programs.
5. To strengthen and support the Church.
6. To do penance, including abstaining from meat on the appointed days.
7. To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.

I am asking you now to commit yourself to practicing these *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy* as well as the *Precepts of the Church*. Note that the first precept requires you to attend Holy Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. This includes all weekends and is basic if a person wants to call himself or herself a faithful Catholic. As you prepare for Confirmation, you need to be a faithful Catholic. In turn, you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God wants you to have.

Those who are willing to practice the *Corporal and Spiritual Work of Mercy* and also the *Precepts of the Church* (consistently throughout the year) are asked to sign in the space provided on the application.