



## Holy Infant Parish School of Religion 248 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin, MO 63021

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Dear Confirmation Parents,

This year your child will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It is a big moment in your child's life. Confirmation marks a time when young people are moving on from childhood to the teenage years. It offers young people an opportunity to think about serious choices that are facing them – choices about values, choices about faith. In the coming months, they will be learning a great deal about the core meanings of Confirmation and Christian faith – about a God who loves them for who they are and wants to strengthen them for the challenge of living good and happy lives. Christian faith offers powerful support to young people as they struggle with the great pressures of modern life. But they need every encouragement to hold on to and cherish their faith. While the school and PSR Religion programs are excellent, it needs to be supported both in the home and in the parish. With this in mind, some of our weekend Masses will include a special focus on Confirmation and will involve the Confirmation classes. We will have evenings for sponsors and candidates, a weekend retreat, and many other opportunities for spiritual formation.

Something is special about the way adolescents embrace faith; once they trust, they readily bring their story to the table and allow their lives to be transformed. Something is special about adolescents and Sacraments. Those of us who work with youth, experience these moments as light and hope. The opportunity for conversion and transformation drives us to seek new ways to create communities of trust where youth can share their stories and listen in faith. These hopes are at the heart of our journey to prepare youth to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation: an opportunity to go deeper, to take another step, to be sealed in love and strengthened for discipleship.

Over the years at Holy Infant, Confirmation small faith groups have played a major part in leading our Confirmande towards the Sacrament. These groups strengthen young disciples and their families and at the same time provide renewal for the faith community. Small faith groups build relationships, giving our candidates an opportunity to grow deeper in their faith in surroundings that support that growth. It allows our candidates to get to know each other better, to bond with one another and begin to understand the concept of building a community of believers who share a common faith. It encourages them to freely talk about their faith, or life struggles and joys in a non-threatening environment.

Our small faith groups consist of candidates from PSR, Day School, and Private School. Groups will meet nine times during the year, once a month or maybe twice, if the group is participating

in a service project. Six of those times would be faith sharing sessions and three times to complete three different types of service projects. The groups are facilitated by trained leaders who are parents of the present eighth grade students. We use Decision Point "Confirmation" by Matthew Kelly to spark conversation in our small faith groups. You can watch the entire program online which may give you a jumping off point for open and frank discussions with your child about faith and life. Each of the small group faith sharing sessions last for two hours.

The various forms that we will need to be completed by you and your son/daughter are enclosed. They include the following:

\*Registration Form for all confirmande (Note: Day school students only – enclose a copy of your baptism certificate)

\*Commitment Form (sign by Confirmande and parent)

Sponsor Form (due Jan. 8, 2024 or before)

Confirmation Calendar

\*The Choice Form will be sent in August by email. Please choose a first, second, and third choice for the small group meetings, and we will try to accommodate you. Get it back to us asap after you receive it.

**\*The forms are due by Thursday, September 7, or before.**

At the Confirmation Parent Evening of Reflection on Thursday, September 21, from 7-8:30 PM in the Upper Cafeteria and Classrooms, you will get a chance to meet your Confirmande's Small Group Leaders who will go over their plan for their small group gatherings and service. If you have any concerns, please contact me; and we will find a way to journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation that will work for you and your family.

We thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers for this program. With your help, we feel that it will fulfill its function to strengthen young disciples and their families and provide renewal for the faith community here at Holy Infant.

God Bless You for your faith and love,

*Patricia Foley*

Enclosures

Things to do on or before **September 7, 2023:**

- Return this Pink Registration Form
- Attach Orange Commitment Form
- \* Attach Blue Parish Community Group Choices Form
- Attach Copy of Baptismal Certificate (**Day School Only**)

**Office Use Only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptism Cert.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small Group day and time: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* will email in Aug,

**HOLY INFANT PARISH  
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2022-2023**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION – **PLEASE PRINT**

**Candidate's Baptism**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Candidate's Address**

Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Family E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's  
Name**

Last First

Father's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Maiden Name

Mother's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate attends: Monday Formation Program (PSR) \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Infant School \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Church/City State of Baptism (as recorded on Baptismal Cert.) \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Church/City/State of First Communion \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Patricia Foley, (DRE)  
Holy Infant, 248 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin, MO 63021  
Office telephone: 636-227-0802 – Option 3; Cell 314-742-0626  
Email: pfoley@holyinfantballwin.org**



# CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT FORM



NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

MONDAY FORMATION \_\_\_\_ DAY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_

I intend to participate in the Immediate Preparation Process and fulfill necessary requirements for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT (S) SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTENTION TO DELAY RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I have decided to delay is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT (S) SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



## CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

*There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; varieties of services, but the same Lord; varieties of activities but the same God who inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)*

*Attendance is expected at all activities listed on this calendar.*

*Although we do not intend on changing dates, please know that dates are subject to change as we adjust and respond to ever changing circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic. The health and safety of our students and facilitators remain of utmost importance to us.*

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| Sun. Aug. 27, 2023           | <b>FACILITATOR TRAINING</b><br>3 pm - 6 pm Upper Cafeteria   |
| Thurs. Sept. 7, 2023         | <b>CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK DUE TO PATRICIA FOLEY IN THE PSR OFFICE OR RECTORY</b><br>Pink Registration Form<br>Orange Commitment Sheet<br>Copy of Baptism Certificate (For <b>Day School parents</b> even if child was baptized at Holy Infant.)<br>Community Group Choices Form ( <b>Late drop off will result in minimal choice of group and day to meet.</b> ) |
| Thurs. Sept. 21, 2023        | <b>CONFIRMATION PARENT EVENING OF REFLECTION</b><br>7 pm - 8:30 pm Upper Cafeteria<br>Parents will meet small group facilitators.  |
| Sat. Nov. 11, 2023 – 5:30 pm | <b>CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE COMMITMENT MASS</b>  |
| or                           | <b><u>(Must attend with Confirmation Parish Community Group)</u></b>   |
| Sun. Nov. 12, 2023 – 12 noon | <b>CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE COMMITMENT MASS</b>  |
| Sun. Dec. 10, 2023           | <b>LIVE NATIVITY – SERVICE PROJECT</b><br>(Limited number of groups can participate)   |
| Mon. Jan. 8, 2024            | <b>SPONSOR FORM AND SPONSOR LETTER DUE</b><br>*Make sure each Sponsor Form is signed and sealed by the sponsor's Church. (Located in Sponsor & Parent Guidebooks.)<br>*Sponsor Letter (Shh . . . it's a surprise! This can be mailed ahead of time to Patricia Foley in the PSR office or rectory – see information in Sponsor Guidebook.)                       |

Wed. Jan. 17, 2024 or  
Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024

**SPONSOR/CANDIDATE EVENING OF REFLECTION**  
7 pm - 9 pm – Upper Cafeteria - \$10 per person  
**Last Day for Late Paperwork! (See January 8<sup>th</sup> list.)**

Mon. Feb. 5, 2024

**CONFIRMATION NAME DUE TO CATECHISTS**

Thurs. March 7, 2024

**LETTERS OF AFFIRMATION/PALANKA LETTERS FROM  
FAMILY, FRIENDS, ETC. DUE TO PSR OFFICE OR  
RECTORY – REMEMBER THEY ARE A SURPRISE!**  
(See email sent to parents for instructions.)

Mon. April 8, 2024

**BISHOP'S LETTER DUE TO CLASSROOM TEACHER**  
(See sample in Parent Guidebook.)

Fri.-Sun. April 19-21, 2024

**LUKE 18 RETREAT - MANDATORY FOR ALL  
CONFIRMANDE**  
Parish Center

Mon. April 29, 2024

**PSR CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS**

Tue. April 30, 2024

**DAY SCHOOL CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS**

Sun. May 5, 2024

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE OF LIGHT  
FOLLOWED BY PRACTICE – 5 pm**  
For parents, facilitators, sponsors, and Confirmation candidates  
**\*Sponsors and candidates sign in at the Upper Cafeteria by  
5 pm and then go to your assigned classrooms. Small group  
facilitators be in assigned classroom by 4:45 pm.)**

Fri. May 10, 2024

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**  
Mass begins at 7 pm – Church  
**Procession of Confirmande will begin at 6:45 pm.**  
**\*Sponsors, candidates meet at 6 pm in assigned classrooms.)**  
Reception to follow in gym.

**SMALL PARISH COMMUNITIES**  
**SCHEDULE**

September – April

**3 SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED**  
**6 EVENINGS OF REFLECTION COMPLETED**

**CONFIRMATION DATES ARE VERY IMPORTANT. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
ALL PAPERWORK IS TURNED IN TO PATRICIA FOLEY IN THE PSR OFFICE  
OR RECTORY OR AT THE ASSIGNED MEETINGS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR  
CHILD IS INCLUDED IN THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION. PLEASE CONTACT  
PATRICIA FOLEY (Director of Religious Education) AT 636-227-0802 OPTION 3 or 314-  
742-0626 or [pfoley@holysininfantballwin.org](mailto:pfoley@holysininfantballwin.org). IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MEET THESE  
DEADLINES OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

## SPONSOR FORM

Holy Infant Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021

This form must be completed and returned in order to comply with the prerequisites for the Rite of Confirmation as outlined by the National Council of Bishops.

**Please Print:**

Name of Candidate for Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor for Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

According to the 1983 code of Canon Law, the Church has the following regulations with regard to Confirmation sponsors:

**Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must:**

1. *Be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;*
2. *Have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;*
3. *Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*
4. *Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
5. *Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.*

### **Statement of Sponsor:**

I hereby attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic Faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; and that I meet fundamental obligations as a Catholic by participating in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist and Penance when necessary, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in the Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be of service to others for the love of Him. I recognize that in accepting the role as sponsor, I become responsible to give good example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be support to his/her parents in the practice of mutual faith.

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As Pastor/Associate Pastor I recommend the sponsor (listed above) chosen by the candidate as spiritually qualified for the office and satisfies these requirements as stated by the National Council of Bishops:

1. He/She is sufficiently mature for the role (must be 16 years or older).
2. He/She belongs to the Roman Catholic Church and has been initiated in the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. He/She is a practicing Catholic.
4. He/She is not the parent/guardian of the Confirmande.

**Please Note: Canon Law 893 and 874 states that a sponsor cannot be the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed.**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Name of Sponsor's Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor's Church \_\_\_\_\_

**(This is the parish in which the sponsor is registered and from which he/she receives church contribution envelopes and information.)**

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Church  
Seal here

**This form must be returned by January 8, 2024. Attention: Patricia Foley (DRE) Holy Infant Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021. E-Mail [pfoley@holyyinfantballwin.org](mailto:pfoley@holyyinfantballwin.org) or call 636-227-0802 Option 3.**