

2018 Important Confirmation Dates

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January 8/9	Confirmation Saint Report
January 22/23	Application for the Reception of Confirmation Form* Baptismal Certificate Confirmation Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility*
February 5/6	Letter to the Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Burbridge
February 12/13	Confirmation Exam administered
February	Confirmation Retreat (Date and location TBD)
March 5/6	Confirmation Interviews. The following items are due: Confirmation Requirements Checklist* Corrected Confirmation Exam Works of Mercy Service Verification Form* Works of Mercy Service Project Report
March 20	Confirmation Rehearsal
March 22	Confirmation

**Included in the Confirmation folder and on St. Veronica's website.*

Explanation of Requirements

CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORT

Due to Miss Cintorino, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Dobson, Mrs. Walrath, Mr. Baker, or Deacon Ochenkowski (for home-schooled students and students from other Catholic schools).

This is a two-page double-spaced report on the life of the saint whose name you have chosen as your Confirmation name. Please include in this report your reason for choosing this saint, a biography of the saint's life, and a bibliography with three sources or more. *Do not copy or plagiarize* directly from the internet or any other source; rather, take the facts you find and put them in your own words as you would for any other school report.

APPLICATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION FORM

Due to your teachers or the Religious Education Office. Included in the Confirmation folder.

This form is your way of indicating your desire to have your child confirmed, and it must be filled out with all the vital information we need for your child to receive Confirmation.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

Due to the Religious Education Office.

Each candidate must submit a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate to the Parish Office. If baptized outside of the United States of America, please allow ample time to retrieve a copy of the certificate from the parish of the Baptism. There is a notification on your Confirmation folder if the Parish Office does not have it on file.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Due to your teachers or the Religious Education Office. Included in the Confirmation folder.

The candidate is required to select a person to be his or her sponsor. The sponsor must meet the criteria listed on the page 8 in the Confirmation packet. The sponsor must fill out the Certificate of Eligibility Form from their parish and **the pastor of his/her parish must sign it and affix the parish seal**. Please see page 8 in your packet for the duties and responsibilities of the sponsor.

LETTER TO THE BISHOP, THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL BURBIDGE

Due to your teachers or the Religious Education Office.

Either type or use your best handwriting to write our Bishop a *one page* letter telling him why you want to be confirmed. These letters will be COLLECTED BY YOUR TEACHERS, and should not be mailed individually to Bishop Burbidge.

BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS (MARCH 5/6)

Confirmation Requirements Checklist – Included in the Confirmation folder.

Corrected Confirmation Exam – Please see page 6 for information on the Confirmation Exam.

Works of Mercy Service Verification Form and Report – Pages 9-12 in the packet have guidelines and a sample report. The Form is included in the Confirmation folder.

Other Important Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It is imperative that every child involved in a sacramental preparation program attend Religious Education (RE) classes regularly and achieve a final passing grade. Excessive absences or insufficient time devoted to preparation may result in a student's not being prepared to receive the Sacrament in the spring of 2018.

MASS ATTENDANCE AND FREQUENT CONFESSION

Attendance at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is a precept of the Church. Confession is offered several times a week at St. Veronica Parish. *The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.* (Catechism 2182).

CONFIRMATION NAME

Each candidate must choose a Confirmation name, whether the Baptismal name is kept or a new name is chosen. In choosing a Confirmation name, the candidate must choose a Saint's name. By doing so each candidate has a model for holiness and a patron and intercessor. Candidates may choose a saint of the same or opposite gender (example: a girl choosing a female or male saint's name).

CONFIRMATION EXAM

The Confirmation Exam will be administered **February 12th and 13th** during class sessions. Confirmation students enrolled at St. Veronica School will be given the confirmation exam during regular class hours. Homeschool students should come to one of the RE class sessions at which the exam will be given. Each Candidate will need to bring their corrected exam to the Confirmation interviews.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

Each candidate will be personally interviewed by Father Kleinmann, Father Isenberg, Deacon Ochenkowski. The interviews will be conducted in groups of three. Candidates should bring their corrected Confirmation exams, completed Service Requirement Forms, and completed Confirmation Requirements Checklist to the interviews. For Religious Education students, those attending Catholic schools other than St. Veronica, and students being homeschooled in religious education, the **interviews are scheduled for March 5th and 6th during class time.** St. Veronica School students will have interviews during school hours.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All Confirmation candidates are required to attend a mandatory retreat prior to receiving Confirmation. The retreat will be held in February 2018 at a location and times to be determined. Location and schedule data will be provided well in advance.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

There will be a mandatory practice session on **March 20th** during regular religious education class time. The practice is designed to acquaint the candidates with the structure of the Confirmation Liturgy. The practice focuses on the candidates' procession into the Church, music and responses, and the students' participation in the liturgy. *Each*

candidate's sponsor and/or parent are required to attend the practice session. Modest dress is required for the practice.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7:00 PM.** *Confirmandi must be in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm for a meeting with Bishop Burbidge.* At this meeting he will ask them questions on the Faith from the guide we have given them. There will be no picture taking permitted during the Confirmation ceremony. The bishop will be available for pictures at the reception following the confirmation Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS RECEPTION

Following the Confirmation Mass, there will be a reception with the Bishop and parish priests for all candidates, their families and friends in the parish hall. Confirmandi must wear their robes during the entire reception.

DRESS CODE FOR THE CONFIRMATION MASS

The dress should reflect the solemn celebration. Young men are required to wear dress pants, dress shoes (no sneakers), a dress shirt with a collar and a tie. A jacket is optional. Young men should not wear earrings. Young ladies are required to wear *modest* dress clothes, such as a dress or skirt, and dress shoes. Dresses and skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee. Sleeveless is permitted but not strapless. The neckline of the dress, blouse or sweater should be conservative and please, no sparkles or sequins. All candidates will wear robes and robes will stay on until preparing to leave the reception to travel home. *This modest dress code applies to sponsors and proxies as well.* Please, be conservative and wear business type clothes to the retreat and the rehearsal.

