



Saint Kilian Parish

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Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

At Saint Kilian Parish the Sacrament of Confirmation occurs for eighth graders in the Spring of each year. The Diocese of Pittsburgh usually advises Fr. Bober by the end of January of the date when Confirmation will take place. The number of those being confirmed and the size of our worship space require us to have two celebrations of Confirmation. This usually occurs at 10 am and 1 pm on a Saturday, however the diocese may also select two different evenings. As soon as we are advised of the date and times of Confirmation, we will notify parents by email. Documents provided in this packet:

1. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (this page)
2. Information on Choosing a Sponsor/The Role of a Sponsor
3. Choosing a Confirmation Name/Service Hours
4. Confirmation Sponsor Verification Form

Registering for Confirmation will be done online in two steps.

Step One - Completing the Confirmation Information Form – This may be done at any time, but must be completed **before March 1, 2017** and before completing Step Two. Instructions on completing this form may be found below. You may access this form at the following address http://saintkilian.formstack.com/forms/confirmation_info_form or by the link provided on the Faith Formation/CCD home page.

To complete the online form, the following information will be required:

1. Name of Confirmation Candidate
2. Confirmation Name (more information on choosing a name can be found in this packet.) Candidates may either choose their baptismal name or a name that has special meaning to them. **Only one name is permitted.**
3. Name of Sponsor (Candidate needs to choose one sponsor, if the original Godparents of the Candidate are chosen to be Confirmation Sponsors, the Candidate may have both stand as Sponsors) (more information on choosing a sponsor can be found in this packet.)
4. Parish of Sponsor - If the sponsor is from a parish other than Saint Kilian Parish, that sponsor must have their home parish complete a Confirmation Sponsor Verification Form. Saint Kilian Parish provides this form and is provided in this packet. That form must be returned to Saint Kilian Parish by March 1, 2017.
5. Name of Person Completing Form
6. Phone Number

7. Email Address (this is the address where all correspondence about the Sacrament of Confirmation will be sent).

You will receive an email confirming the information provided. Once the date of Confirmation has been provided by the Diocese an email will be sent to all families with that date and will provide the links to select either the 10 am or 1 pm time for Confirmation. (Or to notify you of other arrangements requested by the Diocese for the date and time of Confirmation).

Step Two – Choosing the session for Confirmation – The link to complete this information will be emailed to all families at the email address provided on the Confirmation Information Form. Accessing the link will allow you to choose which session you desire for the reception of Confirmation. Each session will be limited to a maximum number of candidates. This choice will be on a first come basis and available online when that information is given to us by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and subsequently passed along to you by email.

The link to these forms will be emailed to all families once we are notified by the Diocese of Pittsburgh with the date and times for Confirmation. The links will also be added to the Faith Formation website at the following address

- http://www.saintkilian.org/ministries_ccd.html#conf

Once a session has reached the maximum number of candidates, you will be required to select the remaining option.

The following information will be required on this form:

1. Name of Confirmation Candidate
2. Name of the person completing the form
3. Phone number
4. Email address

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL – Once we receive the date of Confirmation from the diocese, we will schedule a date for the rehearsal. The rehearsal will last about 1½ hours and include instruction, prayer, reflection and rehearsal. **A parent or sponsor must accompany the candidate to this afternoon session.**



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INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A SPONSOR

Sponsor Requirements for Confirmation

- * The sponsor must be designated by the candidate, parents or guardian (or in their absence by the pastor or minister)
- * have the intention of performing this role
- * be at least **16 years of age**
- * be a **Catholic who has been confirmed**, has already received the Eucharist, and leads a life in harmony with the faith
- * be free of any impediment of the law in fulfilling the office of sponsor
- * **NOT be the father or mother of the candidate**

Additional Information Concerning Sponsors

1. If there were two godparents at the baptism of the candidate, it is acceptable for both of them to act as sponsors at Confirmation if the candidate so wishes, and if both Godparents remain qualified for this role. (Practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church)
2. In the event that the chosen sponsor is not able to be present the day of Confirmation a Proxy may stand in their place. The person chosen as the proxy must meet the same requirements as above. **Parents already have a special role in the life of the candidate and are NOT PERMITTED by Canon Law to stand as either a Sponsor or Proxy.** (Canon 874 §1 n. 5)
3. The sponsor may either be male or female for any candidate.
4. If the sponsor (or proxy) is **not a registered member of Saint Kilian Parish**, the sponsor is responsible for submitting the Confirmation Sponsor Verification Form. A copy of this form is contained in this document. This form must be returned no later than March 1, 2017.

The Role of a Sponsor



You have the honor of being chosen as a witness to the candidate's initiation into full Christian life. Through this sacrament, the candidate is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness of Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church. Your most significant role in relation to him/her is to be a **ROLE MODEL** of such witness and unifying love.

Some ways in which you can nurture this spiritual relationship all through life are:

Celebrate the anniversary of his/her Confirmation (or Feast Day of their Saint) with a visit, call or a card.

Listen to and share in his/her maturing struggles and triumphs in living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.

Encourage a maturing life of faith by talking about one's own experiences of faith, insights and actions. It also means listening attentively, so that he/she can also share. Schedule time to meet with your candidate, throughout their preparation months, to discuss their faith issues. Sharing prayer is an important part of faith sharing. Set a time during your meeting to pray.

Most importantly, become a role model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and **active** participation in parish life and liturgy.

Confirmation preparation is part of mentoring a future generation of Christians, of nurturing their idealism, affirming the promise of their lives, and immersing them in the Christian vision of building a community of love and justice in the world. These candidates are the future and the promise of our Church. It is our responsibility to call these young men and women into the future with us. They bring with them a passion to be somebody special, to do something that matters; they bring energy and enthusiasm when we adults sometimes bring weariness and cynicism. Share your faith with them, bring them to church, pray with them, and include them in the works of mercy and justice!



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CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

Our names identify us in a unique way. One of the traditional practices of the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a Confirmation name. Your parents may have spent many hours thinking about what name to give to you. Perhaps you were named after a parent, a grandparent or a relative to give a special honor to that person. Maybe you were named after a saint who had a special meaning for your parents.

You should take time to prayerfully reflect on choosing a Confirmation name. You may wish to choose your baptismal name strengthening the connection between Baptism and Confirmation as Sacraments of Initiation. You may wish to choose the name of a saint or a relative who has modeled their faith in an exceptional way. A new name at Confirmation can be symbolic of a new beginning or new stage in your faith life.

Whether you choose to use your baptismal name or the name of a saint it can be an opportunity for you to reflect on important areas of your faith life. First, you should recall the importance of baptism in your life, the journey of discipleship that began on that day and meaning Christ has in your life today. Second, choosing a Confirmation name can help you to research the roots of that name and to appreciate the holy men and women of previous ages who demonstrated deep faith and commitment to Christ. Whether you stay with your baptismal name or take a new name, that name becomes part of our religious history and identity.

Please note that you may not change your Confirmation Name once it has been submitted on the Confirmation Information Form. Documentation and Information required for this Sacrament is entered into Sacramental records, supplied to the Parish of Baptism and forwarded to the Diocese. Therefore, please reflect carefully on the name you choose for Confirmation. The name entered on the Form will be the name used on the day of Confirmation for the Bishop and for all documentation recorded in the Sacramental Records of this parish and the parish of baptism. In the past, on the day of Confirmation, candidates have crossed out names on the Name Tags worn for the Bishop and written in another name. Changing the name on the Name Tag is not permitted.



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SERVICE HOURS

While service hours are not a requirement of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, it is highly recommended that candidates incorporate a Christian service component into their preparation for Confirmation. Service is not meant to be another item on the list of prerequisites in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, but rather service should be part of the way of life of every Christian. How ironic is it for candidates to fulfill a requirement of service hours so they might be Confirmed, but not fulfill the basic obligation to attend Mass each weekend. Our life as Disciples of the Lord begins with our gathering at His Table. Our Spiritual lives should comprise a balance of prayer, worship and service. Parents are the best role models to demonstrate a healthy spiritual life. On the day of the baptism of your child, as parents, you made promises to guide and nurture the faith of your child. The Eucharist has been called the “source and summit of Christian life”. Our Christian spirituality is centered on and flows from our participation in the Liturgy and in parish life.

If you have not been frequent guests at the Table of the Lord over the past several months or years, we invite you to begin anew. This family commitment and participation is more critical than any required service hours.

Participation at Mass does not downplay the role of service in forming young Disciples of Christ. Therefore, we recommend parents encourage and support Candidates in offering **a minimum of five hours of service**. This service can be done in numerous ways and at any time. Any activity that is a giving of one’s time and energy to help another person is valuable service! There are no service logs to complete....no signatures to obtain....just a promise that you will assist your child in seeing the value of service and suggest ways to serve others.



Confirmation Sponsor
Verification Form
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Confirmation Candidate's Name : _____

This is to certify that I, (name of sponsor) _____, have received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; am actively participating in my Catholic faith by being a registered and supportive parishioner of my parish; regularly attend weekly Mass and am living my life as a disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Signature of Sponsor

(This section is to be filled out by the Catholic Parish in which the Sponsor is a registered member.)

I verify that this member, to my knowledge, is qualified to act as a Catholic sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Name: _____

Parish Address: _____

Parish Phone Number: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parish Seal

Please return this form by
March 1, 2017 to:

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