

St. Agnes School & St. Agnes/St. Kieran Religious Education Program

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION 2020-2021

Confirmation students are normally expected to attend Mass every weekend. However, as long as Covid-19 restrictions are in place, students should be viewing Sunday Mass online if they and their family do not feel comfortable attending Mass in person. Confirmation candidates should be able to discuss Sunday's readings and homily during Religion class.

Students missing any of the deadlines/meetings listed below will be removed from the 2021 Confirmation list and the Religious Education Program for 2020-2021.

February 2020

Students signed Enrollment Promises and received "Confirmed in Faith" Service Hour Booklets. Forty (40) recorded hours of service are required by January 12, 2021.

October 29, 2020

Candidate Sacramental Information Sheet is due. This form requires Sponsor information and candidate's Confirmation name. Completion and submission of this form is required for students to be placed on the Confirmation list.

Also due on this date is the **\$25 Sacramental fee**.

When choosing a **Confirmation Sponsor**, please remember that sponsors:

Must be at least 16 years old.

Must have been Baptized, Confirmed, and received First Communion in the Catholic Church.

Must be practicing their faith by attending Mass on weekends at a Catholic Church.

May NOT be the Confirmation student's parent.

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must choose a **Saint's name** by which they will be presented to the Bishop of Confirmation and on whom they will write a Saint Report. This name must be listed on the Candidate Sacramental Information Sheet.

November 3, 2020

Saint Report due. This report must be typed and submitted electronically to the Religious Education office at stk-reoffice@comcast.net. Instructions for this report were sent in a separate document.

"30 Questions About Our Catholic Faith" booklets will be distributed electronically to students on this date. The questions in this booklet are meant to be answered with the help of family, sponsors, clergy, and teachers. This booklet will become the study guide for the

Confirmation Quiz that will be administered in January. Candidates will be given three chances to pass this quiz with a minimum score of 85%.

December 1, 2020

Letter to Bishop due. This letter must be written by the student with a parent's supervision. It may be handwritten or typed, either in English or Spanish, printed, and signed by both the student and the parent. This letter will be forwarded to the Bishop, so you must print it and mail or deliver it to the Religious Education Office. Instructions for this letter will be sent in a separate document.

“30 Questions” booklet must be completed by this date.

January 12, 2021

“Confirmed in Faith” Service Project Booklet due with 40 hours of completed service. **Service Report is also due on this date.** This report must be typed and submitted electronically to the Religious Education office at stk-reoffice@comcast.net. Instructions for this report will be sent in a separate document.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Confirmation at St. Kieran Church. Time TBA. Please note that this date is subject to change dependent upon prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Dress code for Confirmation:

LADIES: Dress, dress skirt & blouse with a jacket, or dressy slacks and blouse with a jacket. Dress Shoes must be worn, no flip flops.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR CHURCH! NO SLEEVELESS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS, MINI-SKIRTS, ROMPERS, LOW CUT OR BACKLESS BLOUSES OR DRESSES, TIGHT CLOTHING.

GENTLEMEN: Dress Slacks, Dress Shirt, Tie, Dress Shoes. Suit jackets may be worn, but are not required. NO ATHLETIC SHOES, JEANS, T-SHIRTS, KHAKIS.

Hair styles for girls and boys must be neat and appropriate for church. MAKE SURE HAIR IS OFF OF FOREHEAD FOR THE ANOINTING.

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INFORMATION FOR 2021 CONFIRMATION LITURGY

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during Sunday Mass on April 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Kieran Church. Bishop Joseph N. Perry will preside. St. Kieran Church is located at 724 W. 195th Street in Chicago Heights, just east of Halsted Street. All Confirmation candidates and their Confirmation sponsors (one per student) must be at the church by 9:30 a.m.

General Information:

The students will proceed in and sit with their sponsors only. There is plenty of open seating for parents, family, and friends.

When it is time for the candidates to be confirmed, the candidate and their sponsor should stand and proceed to the bishop. The sponsor should place their RIGHT hand on the RIGHT shoulder of their candidate.

A professional photographer will take instant photos of your child being Confirmed. No other photography is allowed during the ceremony. We also ask for all electronic devices to be powered off in Church.

Bishop Perry will be available for pictures following Confirmation.

Please note: all information on this page is subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.