

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

2017 – 2018

LEVEL I



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**I. Parent Candidate Meeting                      Thursday, August 24, 2016**

**II. Catechetical Training**

All students in preparation for Confirmation MUST be in a catechetical program either in Catholic School or the SCB Parish CCD Program to obtain the 30 hours of Catechetical training per year required by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

**III. Each candidate is required to participate in one of the activities listed below:**

**1. Archdiocese of New Orleans World Youth Day**

Sunday, October 23, 2015  
Morial Convention Center  
Cost \$50 (includes registration & transportation)  
Must register by September 1, 2017

**2. March For Life in Washington D.C.**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – Sunday, January 21, 2018  
Cost: approximately \$600 (includes transportation & hotel)  
Must register by October 1, 2017

**3. CCRNO (Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans) January Retreat**

Friday, January 5, 2018 – Sunday, January 7, 2018  
Fairmont Hotel in Metairie  
Cost \$180 (includes hotel & meals)  
Must register by November 1, 2017

**4. Abbey Youth Fest**

Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Cost \$50 (includes registration & transportation)  
Must register by February 1, 2018

**5. Houma Thibodaux Rally**

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
Cost \$50 (includes registration, transportation & dinner)  
Must register by February 1, 2018

**IV. Each candidate will be responsible for attending weekly Sunday Mass and Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Attendance at Mass is the most important part of this program.**

The Mass is central to our identity and our faith community. Stewardship envelopes will be provided and will serve as attendance for Masses. Fr. Bo and Fr. Jude will review Mass attendance.

**V. Level I Confirmation Retreat for ALL candidates in preparation**

Lumen Christi Retreat Center, Houma, LA  
Saturday, October 21, 2017 – Sunday, October 22, 2017  
Cost \$100 (includes transportation, meals & lodging)  
Must register by October 1, 2017

## VI. Advent Communal Reconciliation Service / Mass

All public school students and Catholic school students not attending at school

Monday, December 18, 2017 6:00 pm in church

## VII. Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service / Mass

All public school students and Catholic school students not attending at school

Monday, March 19, 2018 6:00 pm in church

## VIII. Community Service

The call to Christian service is a most important part of living the Good News of Jesus. It is therefore an integral part of our Confirmation Preparation Program. The blessing of being able to serve is that in our "giving", in helping others, we often change and grow. It is an awesome mystery that in Christian service we bring the love and care of Christ wherever there are needs. No task is too small, nothing is unimportant when done with love.

There are three scripture passages which we can turn to for insight and encouragement in our service:

- "Faith without actions is dead." James 2:14, 26.  
What good is it for someone to say that he or she has faith if his or her actions do not show it?
- "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to Me." Matthew 25:40
- "I give you a new commandment: Love one another just as I have loved you. This is how all will know that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35

Please pray and meditate on the Word. Your service is a witness of your faith, of your love for Jesus Christ, and your love for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

To help you participate fully in service, each student is to choose one service opportunity sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church. Some examples are:

Altar Serving	CCD Assistant	Child Church Aide
March For Life	Mexico Mission Trip	Walk for the Hungry
HEART Workcamp	Family Day Picnic	Feeding the Homeless
SCB Ministry of Care Thanksgiving Food Baskets		SCB Ministry of Care Christmas Gifts
Ormond Nursing Home Sr. Wishes Christmas Party and/or Mardi Gras Ball		
* Any service activities offered through SCB Fountain of Youth		

## SERVICE REFLECTION PAPER (due April 1, 2018)

Your Reflection Paper should answer the following:

- A. What service did you do?
- B. How did you bring Christ to another in service?
- C. How did this service affect you? (How did you feel about it?)
- D. What good is accomplished by this service?

## IX. Family Involvement

All candidates in preparation, their parents and their sponsors

According to the Church's guidelines, sacramental preparation requires additional student and family involvement. Parent classes are an important part of this process and, therefore, attendance is required. One or both parents will need to attend classes with their candidate and their sponsor in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. The program is called 'Altaration'. It is a five session series. The program will be offered once in the fall and once in the spring.

Candidates, parent(s) and sponsors must attend the fall or the spring session. The dates are as follows:

<b>FALL:</b>	Saturday, November 11, 2017	10:00 am – 5:30 pm (includes Mass)
<b>SPRING:</b>	Saturday, March 10, 2018	10:00 am – 5:30 pm (includes Mass)

## **X. Sponsor**

The Confirmation Sponsor should see that “The confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.” (Code of Canon Law #892)

### **Qualifications of a Sponsor**

1. Baptized, confirmed Catholic, 18 years of age or older.
2. Person who is faithful in the practice of the Catholic Faith.
3. Person who upholds and gives witness through their words and actions to the values of Jesus Christ.
4. Person who is present to the candidate during the time of preparation.

It is desirable that one who undertook the role of sponsor at Baptism (God Parent) be the sponsor of Confirmation.  
(Code of Canon Law #893)

The parents of the candidate are not to be sponsors.

### **Obligations of a Sponsor for the 2017-2018 year (Level I)**

Assist the candidate in preparing for Confirmation through prayer and guidance. Attend the ‘Altaration’ Sessions with the candidate and his/her parents. Continue to be a mentor and example of faith to the candidate for the duration of his/her life.

### **Sponsor Form**

Candidates are to give the Sponsor Form to their chosen sponsor to complete and then take to their church parish. The form must be signed and sealed by the sponsors’ priest. And then return to the SCB Parish Office. Sponsor Form is due by October 1, 2017.

# St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church

## Destrehan, Louisiana

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM - Please return this form by October 1, 2017**

The Sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian Initiation. Together with the parent, the Sponsor presents the student for the Sacrament and helps to guide the student to live a life of holiness as a baptized Catholic. Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of our Catholic Faith, a lifestyle that proclaims the truth, and sense of responsibility toward the young person being confirmed.

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

If your sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Mass for any reason, please give the name of the **proxy**, or substitute who will stand in their place \_\_\_\_\_

(cannot be a parent)

**\*\*\*\*\*TO BE FILLED OUT BY SPONSOR: Please read the requirements for sponsorship before signing\*\*\*\*\***  
Canon 874 and 892 of the Code of Canon Law requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Confirmation are:

1. A sponsor must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility. Are you prepared to guide the Confirmation student to live a life of holiness as a baptized Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

2. A sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Where did you receive the three Sacraments of Initiation:

**Baptism** Church \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

**First Eucharist** Church \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation** Church \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

3. A sponsor must be at least 18 years of age. Are you 18 or older? \_\_\_\_\_

4. A sponsor must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass on Sunday and receives the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation regularly. Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

5. A sponsor must not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed. What is your relationship to the Confirmation student (ex: grandparent, aunt, friend, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

**I declare that I fulfill the requirements to be a sponsor and that I am a member of the parish listed below.**

**Sponsor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact sponsor (phone # or email address):** \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Sponsor is an SCB Parishioner

If yes, turn in form completed to this point.

### **TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SPONSOR'S CURRENT CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH**

This is to certify that the above person:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a Registered, Active and Supporting parishioner of this parish

\_\_\_\_\_ is a registered parishioner of this parish

\_\_\_\_\_ lives in the territorial boundaries of this parish, but is not a registered parishioner

Place  
Church  
Seal  
Here

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

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Attested by \_\_\_\_\_ (Church Representative)

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