

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

2017 – 2018

LEVEL II



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August 23, 2017	Parent / Candidate Meeting
September 1, 2017	World Youth Day Form & Fee due
October 1, 2017	March For Life Form & Fee due
October 23, 2016	World Youth Day
November 1, 2017	Retreat Form & Fee due CCRNO Retreat Form & Fee due
November 11, 2017	Altarations
December 16-17, 2017	Retreat
December 18, 2017	Advent Reconciliation Service
January 5-7, 2018	CCRNO Retreat
January 17-21, 2018	March For Life
February 1, 2018	Abbey Youth Fest Form & Fee due Houma/Thibodaux Rally Form & Fee due
March 10, 2018	Altarations
March 17, 2018	Abbey Youth Fest
March 19, 2018	Lenten Reconciliation Service
March 24, 2018	Houma Thibodaux Rally
April 1, 2018	Saint Report due Letter of Intent due Service Reflection Paper

- requirement is to choose one
- candidate, parent(s) & sponsor
- all candidates

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- I. **Parent Candidate Meeting** **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**
- 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, 2017
Morial Convention Center
Cost \$50 (includes registration & transportation)
Must register by September 1, 2017

 1. **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

 2. **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

 3. **Abbey Youth Fest**
Saturday, March 17, 2018
Cost \$50 (includes registration & transportation)
Must register by February 1, 2018

 4. **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 & Fr. Jude will review Mass attendance.
- V. **Level II Confirmation Retreat for ALL candidates in preparation**
Lumen Christi Retreat Center, Houma, LA
Saturday, December 16, 2017 – Sunday, December 17, 2017
Cost \$100 (includes transportation, meals & lodging)
Must register by November 1, 2017

VI. Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

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

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:

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| 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 submit by 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 (only if not completed in Level I last year)

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 ‘Altartation’. 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:

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| FALL: | Saturday, November 11, 2018 | 10:00 am – 5:30 pm (includes Mass) |
| SPRING: | Saturday, March 10, 2018 | 10:00 am – 5:30 pm (includes Mass) |

X. SAINT REPORT

As you continue in the Confirmation Preparation process, it is now time for you to look into the lives of outstanding Christian men and women who have been declared saints by the Catholic Church, and choose one as a role model and patron. The saint you choose will be the name you use in the Rite of Confirmation. You are encouraged to take your baptismal name because Confirmation is the completion of the Initiation that began in your Baptism. If you prefer, you may choose a new name. Please complete the project as follows and submit by April 1, 2018.

- Cover Page
 - Name of Saint you have chosen
 - Your name and date you submitted paper
- Section One
 - Give a brief summary of the Saint's life
 - Include information such as Feast Day, Saint's place of birth, where the Saint lived.
 - Find out and include information about the Saint's family, occupation, life and death.
 - What virtues did the Saint practice in life?
 - What aspects of this person's life attracted you?
- Section Two
 - Describe at least 3 qualities in the Saints life that you find most appealing & you would like to imitate
- Section Three
 - Write a short prayer to the Saint you have chosen (minimum 4 sentences)
- Section Four
 - Ask your parents or whoever named you why they chose your Baptismal name for you. If you chose a different name, tell why you chose the name yourself.

XI. LETTER OF REQUEST

The preparation of Confirmation is hallmarked by a series of tasks that draw the student to an introspective study of his/her relationship with God. The "Letter of Request" is another such task. It is my hope that the letter will cause the candidate to examine, again, his/her reasons for wanting to be confirmed.

A letter requesting that you be allowed to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be written to the pastor. In the letter, stated in your own words, please use the following as a guide:

- Section One
 - Begin with your greeting: Dear Father Majors/Father Jude and Mrs. Rodrigue.
- Section Two
 - Introduce yourself and share some information about yourself, such as your family, your interests and hobbies, and a little about your background.
- Section Three
 - State that you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and explain (in one or two paragraphs) why you want to be confirmed. It may help you to think about:
 - the ways in which this sacrament will strengthen your relationship with Jesus,
 - the role of faith in your life,
 - what it means to you to be a part of our parish community and/or
 - how the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to be witnesses for Jesus (read and reflect on the *Acts of the Apostles*.)
- Section Four
 - Conclude your letter with a quotation from Scripture which will serve as your inspiration during your preparation for Confirmation.
 - This can be a sentence or a few sentences. Include an explanation as to why you chose this passage.

The sincerity of your word in writing and in presenting the letter assists the pastor in accepting you as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please complete letter and submit by April 1, 2018.