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Confirmation : Critical Dates

SPRING 2022	
<i>Date due</i>	<i>Form/Assignment/Event</i>
NOW	Google Form response/Information Form
NOW	Baptism Certificate (if you were baptized at a different parish)
June 1	Sponsor Affidavit
June 1	Apostolic Project Proposal
FALL 2022	
TBD	Retreat
September 1	Apostolic Project FINAL Report Saint Report
October 1	Letter to Father Kelly
Sun., Oct. 16, 6:30 pm	Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 20, 7:00 pm	CONFIRMATION*

The Rite of Confirmation

After his homily, the Bishop questions those to be confirmed, who stand, as he says:

Do you renounce Satan, and all his empty promises?

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: **I do.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

Those to be confirmed: **I do.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?*

Those to be confirmed: **I do.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?*

Those to be confirmed: **I do.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

Those to be confirmed: **I do.**

The Bishop gives his assent to the profession by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The gathering of the faithful gives its assent by replying: **Amen.**

The concelebrating priests stand near the bishop. He faces the people and with hands joined, sings or says:

Bishop: *My dear friends, in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.*

Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time.

The bishop and the priests who will administer the sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them). The bishop alone sings or says:

*All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.

*Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,*

the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

The Anointing of Chrism

“The anointing with chrism and the accompanying words express clearly the effect of the giving of the Holy Spirit. Signed with the perfumed oil, the baptized receive the indelible character, the seal of the Lord, together with the gift of the Holy Spirit that conforms them more closely to Christ and gives them the grace of spreading ‘the sweet odor of Christ’” (Introduction 9).

The deacon brings the Chrism to the bishop. Each candidate goes to the bishop, or the bishop may go to the individual candidates. The one who presented the candidate places his right hand on the latter’s shoulder and gives the candidate’s name to the bishop; or the candidate may give his own name.

Bishop: *Dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says: “(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

Newly confirmed: **Amen.**

Bishop: *Peace be with you.*

Newly confirmed: **And with your spirit.**

Universal Prayer

The universal prayer, or prayer of the faithful, follows.

Bishop Burbidge's PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

“Bishops are ‘... the ones primarily responsible for catechesis, the catechists par excellence.’ As chief catechist in the diocese, the bishop is responsible for the total catechetical mission of the local church. Catechesis is one of the fundamental tasks of the bishop’s ministry” (National Directory for Catechesis #54).

From the shepherd of our Arlington Diocese, Bishop Burbidge: It is with this mandate that I put forth the following questions and answers to assist the faithful in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is my firm desire that all Catholics know and live the Catholic Faith to the fullest. The content below is divided into three main focus areas: Faith, Worship and Witness. I have also included reflection questions for the candidates to consider.

Please note that the * before the question indicates this question is for reflection, not memorization.

Faith

God is revealed to us through Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church

1. Define the mystery of the Trinity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 253-255)

The Blessed Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith. There are three Divine Persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**When you bless yourself, how can you be more aware that you are invoking the Trinity?*

2. Where can we find the teachings of the Catholic Church? (CCC 95)

The teachings of the Catholic Church can be found in Scripture, Tradition (precepts of the faith continuously transmitted from the Apostolic Church to the present day) and the Magisterium (teaching authority of the Church).

**Knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church is essential for one being confirmed in the faith. What are you doing to gain greater knowledge of your faith?*

3. What is Scripture and how do we as Catholics understand it? (CCC 101-141)

Scripture is the inspired word of God as found in the Bible in human words.

**How often do you read Sacred Scripture and what is your favorite book of the Bible?*

4. What are the four Marks of the Church? Briefly explain. (CCC 813-870)

The four marks of the Church are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

The Church is one because of her source, foundation, and bonds of unity in Christ.

The Church is holy because she is united with Christ, Who through the Church sanctifies all people making possible holiness in life.

The Church is catholic in that the Church is universal (all people in all times and all places)

The Church is apostolic because she can trace her teaching and authority back to the Apostles and thus to Christ.

**How have you experienced that the Church is “one” when you have worshipped in different parishes?*

5. When did Jesus’ disciples first experience the gift of the Holy Spirit? How does Sacred Scripture describe the event? (CCC 731-732)

The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2: 1-4).

**What are the signs that tell you that the Spirit is alive in your life?*

6. Name the Ten Commandments. (CCC 2083-2557)

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

**How do you honor the third Commandment?*

7. What are the three central teachings of our Church concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary? (CCC 490-493, 966)

The three central teachings of our Church concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary are:

The Immaculate Conception (Mary was conceived without original sin)

Perpetual Virginity (Mary was and remained a virgin—before, during and after the birth of Jesus)

The Assumption (Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven)

What is it about Mary that inspires you and makes you want to imitate her?

Worship

We encounter God through prayer and the Sacraments both as the Body of Christ
and as individuals who have been baptized into life in Christ

1. What is a Sacrament? (CCC 1113-1131)

A Sacrament is an outward (visible) sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

**Which Sacraments have you already received?*

2. Name the seven Sacraments. Name the Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacraments of Healing, and the Sacraments of Service. (CCC 1210-1211)

The seven Sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

The Sacraments of Service are Holy Orders and Matrimony.

**How can you show a greater appreciation for the gift of the Sacraments?*

3. How is Christian initiation brought about through the Sacraments? (CCC 1212)

Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the Sacraments which establish the foundation of the Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

**What does "being initiated" mean? How does initiation apply to your faith life?*

4. How does the Bishop confirm? (CCC 1299)

The Bishop extends his hands over the person to be confirmed and calls upon the Holy Spirit. He then confers the Sacrament by laying hands upon the head of each candidate, anointing the forehead with the sacred chrism, and saying:

“(Name)...be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Candidate responds “Amen” Bishop says, “Peace be with you.” Candidate responds, “And with your spirit.”

**Think about the Christian name you will choose for Confirmation. What are the qualities of that saint that you wish to imitate?*

5. What is sacred chrism and why is it used? (CCC 1293-1296)

Sacred chrism is oil mixed with fragrance and consecrated by the Bishop; it is used for anointing in the Rite of Confirmation. Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses, limbers and heals, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds. Oil makes radiant with beauty, health and strength.

**Choose one of the above benefits of oil. How does this connect to your life at this particular moment?*

6. Why does the Bishop anoint in the form of the cross? (CCC 1303)

The Bishop anoints the forehead in the form of a cross to remind us that we belong to Christ and that we must defend our faith with gratitude for Christ's redeeming death on the cross.

**What difference in your life does it make that you belong to Christ?*

7. What is the Paschal Mystery? (CCC 1067, 654)

The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension. The Paschal Mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin and by his Resurrection he opens for us the way to new life.

**How are you strengthened and comforted by the Paschal Mystery?*

8. How is Christ present in the Eucharistic species? (CCC1374, 1375)

Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharistic species in a unique and incomparable way. He is present in a true, real and substantial way in His body and blood, together with His soul and divinity.

**What does the gift of the Eucharist mean to you?*

9. What is Prayer? (CCC 2558-2565)

Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, he enters into a living relationship with God.

**At what times during the day do you pray?*

10. What are the various ways to pray? (CCC 2699-2721)

The various ways to pray are vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. All three ways of prayer presuppose recollecting one's mind and heart.

**What is your favorite way to pray and why?*

11. Name the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries of the rosary. Briefly explain them.

Joyful Mysteries: The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation in the Temple,

The Finding of the Child Jesus after Three Days in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion and Death

Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism at the Jordan

The Miracle at Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

The Assumption of Mary

The Crowning of the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth

**Which mysteries of the rosary would you most like to pray? Why?*

Witness

We live in the world as disciples of Christ who are called to share the Good News through service and evangelization.

1. Name the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Describe briefly. (CCC1831)

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are **Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and fear of the Lord.**

Wisdom helps us to know God's will for our lives.

Understanding enables us to appropriate the faith to make it our own.

Knowledge allows us to come to know God better, that we may have a personal relationship with Him.

Fortitude (Courage) helps us to be courageous in the defense of our faith.

Counsel (Right Judgement) aids us in making right judgments.

Piety (Reverence) assists us in being more prayerful, reverent, and holy.

Fear of the Lord (Wonder & Awe) is a holy and healthy awe and reverence for God, the creator of heaven and earth.

**What gift of the Holy Spirit do you most greatly need at this time? Why?*

2. Name the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. (CCC1832)

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

**Which fruit of the Spirit do you most admire in someone in your family?*

3. What is conscience? How do we develop a well-informed conscience? (CCC 1776-1780, 1783-1788, 1795-1797, 1799-1800)

Conscience is our God-given capacity to understand the law of God written on the heart of every human being. In building our relationship with God, we form our conscience in harmony with the teachings of Christ through the Church and through fervent prayer. An upright and true moral conscience is formed by education and by assimilating the Word of God and the teaching of the Church. It is supported by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helped by the advice of wise people.

**What am I doing to form my conscience?*

4. What is the Sermon on the Mount? Where is it found in Sacred Scripture? What are the Beatitudes? (CCC 1716-1719) *

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, Chapters 5-7) is the first public sermon given by Jesus Christ. It begins with the Beatitudes but contains many other exhortations on the life lived according to the will of God. The teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount are the way to true happiness. By describing Jesus' own charity, they also show us how God expects us to live.

The Eight Beatitudes are

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Which beatitude do you find the easiest to practice? Why?*

5. What is mortal sin? (CCC 1855, 1857) What is venial sin? (CCC 1862) *

A mortal sin is a grave infraction of the law of God that destroys charity in the heart and constitutes a turning away from God. For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must be present: grave matter, full knowledge, and full consent of the will.

Venial sin offends and wounds but does not destroy. It weakens charity; it manifests a disordered affection for created good; it impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues and the practice of the moral good; it merits temporal punishment.

In living a Christian life, what worldly voices seek to disguise sin?

The Works of Mercy (below) come to us from Matthew 25:31-46.

6. What are the seven corporal works of mercy? (CCC 2447)

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are acts of love that help us to care for the physical and material needs of others. They are

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the imprisoned
6. Visit the sick
7. Bury the dead

**Name a corporal work of mercy that you are currently practicing.*

7. What are the seven spiritual works of mercy? (CCC 2447) *

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of love that help us to care for the needs of people's hearts, minds and souls:

1. Admonish the sinner.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Bear wrongs patiently
6. Forgive all injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

**Name a spiritual work of mercy that you have seen a friend or teacher practicing.*

8 Define the meaning of virtue and list the four cardinal virtues and the three theological virtues? (CCC 1804-1805, 1812-1829)

Virtue is the power from God to accomplish some kind of moral good. The four cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. The three theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity (love).

**Why is it important to practice the cardinal and theological virtues in your life?*

9 What are the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching?

The seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching are

- 1 Right to life and dignity of the human person
- 2 Call to family, community and participation
- 3 Rights and responsibilities
- 4 Option for the poor and vulnerable
- 5 The dignity of work and the rights of workers
- 6 Solidarity – we are one human family
- 7 Care of God's Creation

**In this time in which we are living, which theme do you find the most important and want to find more information? This information can lead to practice.*

Faith and Prayers Mastery Sheet

7th Grade Confirmation Preparation

FAITH AND PRAYERS	Date Mastered	Parent Signature
7 Sacraments		
7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit		
8 Beatitudes		
10 Commandments		
Christ's 2 Great Commandments of Love		
5 Precepts of the Catholic Church		
6 Holy Days of Obligation (Attend Mass)		
7 Spiritual Works of Mercy		
7 Corporal Works of Mercy		
7 Deadly Sins		
3 Theological Virtues		
4 Cardinal Virtues		
3 Evangelical Counsels		
4 Marks of the Catholic Church		
Explain Revelation		
Explain The Incarnation		
Explain The Immaculate Conception		
Explain How the Sacrament of Confirmation is Conferred		
Know the Liturgical Year (<i>Advent to Feast of Christ the King</i>)		

Prayers:

Sign of the Cross		
Our Father		
Hail Mary		
Glory Be		
Apostles Creed		
Act of Contrition		
Prayer before meals		
Come, Holy Spirit		
20 Mysteries of the Rosary		
14 Stations of the Cross		
Fatima Prayer (an optional prayer at the end of a decade of the Rosary)		
Hail Holy Queen		
St. Michael the Archangel		
Angelus		
Memorare		

CONFIRMATION in Code of Canon Law

The law of the church explains the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament

Canon 879

The sacrament of confirmation impresses a character and by it the baptized, continuing on the path of Christian initiation, are enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit and bound more perfectly to the Church; it strengthens them and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith.

The Candidate

Canon 889-2

Outside of the danger of death, to be licitly confirmed it is required, if the person has the use of reason, that one be suitably instructed, properly disposed and able to renew one's baptismal promises.

Very helpful in figuring out the meaning of confirmation are the offices and responsibilities that require confirmation. Each is a public commitment to share in the responsibility for the salvation of another person.

Confirmation in Religious Life

Canon 645 §1

Before candidates are admitted to the novitiate they must produce proof of baptism and confirmation, and of their free status.

Confirmation in Role of Godparent

Canon 874 -3

To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor [for baptism], a person must:
be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Confirmation in Role of Confirmation Sponsor

Canon 892

As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the duties inherent in this sacrament.

A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism.

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Canon 893 §§1-2

According to our local Church of Arlington and the universal Church, your SPONSOR:

- v Must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation
- v As a practicing Catholic s/he will be expected to receive Communion at the Mass of Confirmation
- v If married, must be in a valid Catholic marriage
- v Must sixteen years of age or older
- v Must not be your father or mother
- v May be male or female
- v May be your Baptismal Sponsor
- v Must have every intention of fulfilling his/her role of Sponsor

Confirmation in Role of Holy Orders

Canon 1033

Only one who has received the sacrament of sacred confirmation may lawfully be promoted to orders.

Confirmation in Role of Holy Matrimony

Canon 1065 §1

Catholics who have not yet received the sacrament of confirmation are to receive it before being admitted to marriage, if this can be done without grave inconvenience.

You may use this if you prefer it to the Google Form.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community Confirmation Information Form 2022

Please note: This sheet is used to record the Sacrament in our Sacramental registry.

NAME: _____
 LAST **FIRST** **MIDDLE**

Address: _____

_____ **Telephone:** _____

Email Address: (best parent contact) _____

Date of Birth: _____ **City and State of Birth:** _____

Church of Baptism: _____

ADDRESS OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM: (if not BSCC)

I have attached a recently issued (not more than 2 yrs old) Baptismal Certificate*:

YES **NO**

_____ *My child was baptized at Blessed Sacrament. Please verify in the baptismal registry.*

FATHER'S NAME: _____
 LAST **FIRST** **MIDDLE**

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
 LAST **FIRST** **MIDDLE** **MAIDEN**

(mother's name is noted in sacramental registry with maiden name only, so please do include)

SPONSOR'S NAME: (if known)

 LAST **FIRST** **MIDDLE**

SPONSOR AFFIDAVIT (example)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR'S CHURCH

I, _____ will be the Sponsor/Proxy for the Confirmation of
_____ at Blessed Sacrament Church in Alexandria, VA.

According to Diocesan regulations and Canon Law, I must meet the following qualifications:

yes	no	must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation
yes	no	As a practicing Catholic, I will be expected to receive Communion at the Mass
yes	no	If I am married, my present marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage
yes	no	I must be at least 16 years old
yes	no	I must not be the mother or father of the candidate
yes	no	I must have every intention of fulfilling my role as Sponsor

If I am a Proxy for the Sponsor, I must meet the following qualifications:

- I must be designated by the Sponsor
- I must have the same qualifications as the Sponsor
- I may be a parent of the candidate

I am an active registered member of _____ Catholic Church in _____ (city and state). In accepting the role as Sponsor or Proxy, I hereby assure that I am a committed and practicing Roman Catholic. I have been Baptized, received first Holy Communion, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church. I am not married outside the Church. I meet all the requirements to be a Sponsor or Proxy.

Sponsor/Proxy's Signature

Priest's Signature

Date

Date

TO: Those Accepting Role of Sponsor

FROM: Blessed Sacrament Church

Dear Friend in Christ,

Congratulations on having been asked to serve as sponsor for Confirmation! This is a wonderful privilege and not one to be taken lightly.

I offer the following to you for your consideration as you become more involved in this new role. You are called—

1. To witness, by your life, how a Catholic Christian lives in today's world. Your concern for life, justice, and peace, for the poor and oppressed, and your involvement in doing good for others are the strength of your life as a witness.
2. To guide in times of doubt, indecision, confusion, to be a good listener, ready to give advice as a Christian adult when asked.
3. to be a friend, one who is "there" when needed, one who can be trusted,
4. to take an interest in the Confirmation program your young friend is involved in,
5. to get to know the candidate in a new way, as a sincerely interested young Catholic, freely coming to Confirmation, and ready to take on a mature responsibility as a Catholic in his or her sphere of influence,
6. to be ready to publicly vouch for the candidate's readiness to take on the role of one sent forth to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others by the quality of his or her Catholic life.

Above all, it is expected that, as a person of regular prayer, one who celebrates the Sunday Mass with a parish church and leads a sacramental life, you will begin to pray each day for your young friend that, filled with the Holy Spirit, s/he will be a light to others, just as you are to the candidate.

APOSTOLIC PROJECT

THE APOSTOLIC PROJECT:

- is designed by the student and approved by parents, teachers, and director of religious education
- consists of 20 hours service
- incorporates corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- has for its goal the salvation of another soul (*you want person(s) involved to know of God's love!*)

Apostolic Project Proposal

DUE June 1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

This form should be completed by the Candidate for Confirmation.

My Apostolic Project will include the following works of mercy (please check all that apply):

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ☐ Feeding the hungry.
- ☐ Giving drink to the thirsty.
- ☐ Clothing the naked.
- ☐ Sheltering the homeless.
- ☐ Visiting the sick.
- ☐ Visiting the imprisoned.
- ☐ Burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ☐ Counseling the doubtful.
- ☐ Instructing the ignorant.
- ☐ Admonishing sinners.
- ☐ Comforting the afflicted.
- ☐ Forgiving offenses.
- ☐ Bearing wrongs patiently.
- ☐ Praying for the living and the dead.

What specific work(s) are you planning?

When & where will this work be done?

In what way(s) have you done this kind of work before?

With whom will you collaborate to finish this work?

Who will benefit from this work?

How will this person(s) be closer to God and His Church because of your work?

Apostolic Project FINAL

Due at start of School/Religious Education

Minimum 20 hours.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

My Apostolic Project included the following works of mercy (please check all that apply):

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ☐ Feeding the hungry.
- ☐ Giving drink to the thirsty.
- ☐ Clothing the naked.
- ☐ Sheltering the homeless.
- ☐ Visiting the sick.
- ☐ Visiting the imprisoned.
- ☐ Burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ☐ Counseling the doubtful.
- ☐ Instructing the ignorant.
- ☐ Admonishing sinners.
- ☐ Comforting the afflicted.
- ☐ Forgiving offenses.
- ☐ Bearing wrongs patiently.
- ☐ Praying for the living and the dead.

What specific work(s) did you complete?

What was easy or difficult about it?

Who benefited from your work?

How are they now closer to God and His Church because of your work?

In what ways were they in a position to thank you?

How are you now closer to God and His Church because of your work?

What would be a more challenging work of mercy for you?

Why?

What works of mercy do you think you could do on a regular basis?

Which works of mercy is your Confirmation Saint known for?

What would it take for you to do the same work(s) of mercy?

SAINT REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Taking on a new name has been a sign of mission since the days of the Old Testament. It is customary that the candidate for Confirmation select a patron saint with whom s/he identifies for that same purpose, as a sign of the mission God intends for the candidate.

Students of Blessed Sacrament School will perform extensive research on a Saint and submit a report in the spring before Confirmation.

Students in Religious Education will research independently and submit a one-page report on October 1. The report should include at least one paragraph summarizing the life of the chosen Saint, and one paragraph explaining why the particular Saint was chosen by the candidate.

PASTOR'S LETTER—Due October 1

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE PASTOR

“Sample” means you may use this for ideas, but your letter should NOT look exactly like this!

Date

*Reverend John D. Kelly
Blessed Sacrament Church
1427 W. Braddock Rd
Alexandria, VA 22302*

Dear Father,

[open with a greeting such as, “God bless you as you lead us our parish” or “The purpose of my letter is to request the Sacrament of Confirmation”]

During this past year, I have studied the Catholic Faith, and it is very important to me because...

The saint that I chose for my patron for Confirmation is Saint/Blessed...

St. _____ is well known for...

The reasons I chose St. _____ for my patron are...

As a requirement in preparation for Confirmation, I have participated in an apostolic project.

My project involved...

I wish to be confirmed because...

Thank you, Father Kelly, for...

Please say a prayer for me as I continue preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. I will pray for you and your intentions.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created,
and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my understanding always be submissive to your heavenly inspiration and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide; may my heart ever be inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will always conform to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen.