

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
2015-2016 REGISTRATION

Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his actions, his gifts, and his biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end, catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church, as well as the parish community. **The latter bears responsibility for the preparation of the confirmands** (CCC 1309). *

Although Confirmation is sometimes called the “sacrament of Christian maturity,” we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need “ratification” to become effective (CCC 1308).

Confirmation is a gift and is offered to those who have been properly prepared and who freely choose to be confirmed. **Parishes have the responsibility to provide adequate opportunities to prepare for celebrating this sacrament.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance at a Catholic high school for at least two years prior to the sacrament.
OR
2. If not enrolled in a Catholic high school, attendance for at least two years prior to the sacrament at weekly Parish School of Religion (CCD) classes. These classes are held on Sunday mornings except for the first Sunday of each month when they are held at 6 PM along with the CYO meeting. Please pick up an information sheet about this program.

PARISH ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a member of St. Pius X Parish *OR* you must obtain a letter of permission (release) from the pastor of the parish in which you reside. This letter must be forwarded to the Confirmation coordinator or St. Pius X Parish Center.
2. If you are a registered member of St. Pius X Parish and you will, for whatever reason, be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in another parish, you must obtain a letter of permission (release) from the pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Very Reverend Patrick J. Williams.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A copy of the candidate’s Baptismal certificate
2. A letter of permission (release) if not a registered member of St. Pius X Parish.
3. A completed registration form (attached) with the registration fee (\$100.00).

THESE MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH CENTER AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE MEETING.

THESE ARE DUE AT THE MANDATORY INTRODUCTORY MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

* Catechism of the Catholic Church

PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the religious educational requirements, called remote preparation, Confirmation preparation also consists of a deeper, more explicit program specifically designed for the Confirmation candidate. This is called proximate preparation. The following are the requirements:

1. Attendance at the Introductory Meeting for candidates, parents, and sponsors:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
2. Six seminars on six Sunday evenings following 5PM Mass.
Dates TBA. You will be expected to attend the 5PM Mass as a group on these evenings.
3. An overnight retreat – **Date TBA.**
4. Confirmation rehearsal – **Date TBA** following 5PM Mass, your sponsors should be in attendance.
5. A service project or accumulation of 20 community service hours. Note: There is a service hour form on the parish website. The form must be completed and signed by both the coordinator of the service organization and a parent. **A typed reflection paper answering the question on the service hour form must be attached. YOU MAY USE SERVICE HOURS YOU HAVE COMPLETED FOR YOUR SCHOOL. YOU MUST HAVE THE SIGNATURE OF THE SERVICE COORDINATOR AND A PARENT.**
You are encouraged to work on and/or complete your service hours this summer.
6. A typed paper with your chosen Confirmation name, a brief biography of the saint you have chosen, and a brief reflection on why you chose this saint.
Note: Because of the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation, it is completely appropriate (but not required) to keep your Baptismal name as your Confirmation name. The name you choose should have significance to both you and the Church. You are encouraged to choose a name and work on the paper this summer.
7. Choosing of a sponsor. Your sponsor should be at least 16 years old, a confirmed practicing Catholic who can act as a spiritual and moral role model for you. Your sponsor may be one of your Baptismal godparents, but not one of your parents. Both the saint and sponsor forms can be found on the parish website
8. Interview with a member of the catechetical team. The meeting times will be scheduled beginning throughout the year.
9. Participation in the life of the parish community: regular Mass attendance, reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, involvement in parish ministries and activities.

**PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DATES AND DEADLINES.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL Kate Coyne at 504-282-3332.**

**YOU MAY TURN IN YOUR REGISTRATION, WITH DOCUMENTS AND FEE AT ANY TIME TO THE
PARISH CENTER BEFORE THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 at 7PM IN CHURCH**

St. Pius X Church
Parish School of Religion
6666 Spanish Fort Blvd
New Orleans LA 70124-4324
Phone: 504-282-3332
Fax: 504-283-8984

Confirmation Fee
Cash _____
Check _____

Baptismal Certificate
Received _____

Out of Parish Release
Needed _____
Received _____

ST. PIUS X CHURCH Confirmation Registration 2015-16

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (Formal): _____ Home Phone: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX

Nickname: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Address: _____
NUMBER & STREET NAME CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Current School: _____ Grade 2015-2016: _____

Confirmation preparation is a two-year course of study. Where are you currently receiving religious education? Please check below: _____ High School _____ CCD (Name of parish/city) _____

Birth Date: _____ Current Church Parish _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

Date of Baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____
MONTH / DAY / YEAR

City: _____ State: _____

Father's Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX NICKNAME

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
NUMBER & STREET NAME CITY STATE ZIP CODE Cell Phone: _____

Father's Religion: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME MAIDEN NAME LAST NAME

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
NUMBER & STREET NAME CITY STATE ZIP CODE Cell Phone: _____

Who should be the primary contact? _____

Parent(s) Email: _____

Please list any other information. (special circumstances, medications, allergies) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact Cell Phone #: _____

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
Retreat Permission Form 2016

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter, guardianship, is eligible to participate in a parish-sponsored activity that requires transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from St. Pius X Parish. A brief description of the activity follows:

Destination: Camp Abbey Retreat Center

Designated Supervisors of Activity: Kate Coyne, Grace Marie Rose, and Fr. Jonathan Hemelt

Date & Time: Saturday, March 19, 2016—Sunday, March 20, 2016
Begin with 8:00AM Mass at St. Pius X Church; Return between 2-3:00PM Sunday

Mode of Transportation: School Bus

Please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent, or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the parish grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated parish employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

Candidate's Full Name

Parent's Name/Signature

Address

Emergency Phone Number

List all Allergies:

List all medications and dosage amount:

Medically Prescribed Diet:

Further, participants and their legal guardian(s) agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Archdiocese of New Orleans and St. Pius Parish from any and all claims for damages that might arise as a result of their participation in the event.

**ST. PIUS X CHURCH
Confirmation 2015-16**

**SPONSOR INFORMATION
&
CONFIRMATION NAME**

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX

Due Date: November 8, 2015

Sponsor's FULL Name: _____
FIRST MIDDLE NAME MAIDEN NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX

Confirmation Name (Saint): _____

You are to type and attach a two-page reflection paper answering the following question. Please type this paper in proper format. (12pt, double spaced, Times New Roman, 1' Margin)

“Describe your Saint. Why did you choose your saint to be a role model for your life?”

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**SERVICE HOURS
(20 hours minimum)**

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME SUFFIX

NOTE: These hours can be hours that you complete for your school requirements.

This form and reflection paper are due: January 10, 2016

Reflection Paper:

You are to type and attach a one-page reflection paper answering the following question. Please type this paper in proper format.

“What did I learn about what it means to be a Confirmed Catholic from my service?”

In the space below, describe the service activities you completed and the number of hours completed. Please include the dates of your service.

Signature of service representative (or person for whom you did service):

Signature of Parent:
