

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
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Dear Parents of Confirmation Candidates **2018** and Candidates,

Welcome to the 8th grade and your final year of formal Religious Education at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish. At this time the Diocese is in the planning stages of dates and times for Confirmations 2018 winter and spring. As soon as the date and time for Confirmation is received we will be sure and make you aware of it. In the meantime there are aspects of the sacrament that you will need to begin working on:

- **Service hours** – each candidate is expected to give **15 hours of service** to a not-for-profit business/organization (at no pay) in preparation for the sacrament. This service can be to a nursing home, a shelter, beach clean-up, church projects, etc. A form that is provided must be signed by the administrator of the project to verify hours completed. In recent years there have been a number of students who have given this form to their school guidance department and had them complete it. **This is not acceptable**. As is underlined above it is your responsibility to have the director/administrator of the project you are working at sign the form when the work is complete. The forms should be kept in a safe place and turned into the religious education office of the parish when the 15 hours have been completed. Please do not turn them in one at a time. You may have a few forms to take care of but we have the forms of all the candidates and it is much easier to get them for each candidate together at one time rather than one at a time. You may mail these forms in when completed or drop them at the parish office. May I suggest that you not wait until the last month to complete the forms. **If you did not take advantage of the week of service in July offered to all who are to receive Confirmation in 2018 you will need to find your own service opportunities to complete the requirement.**
- **Saint Name** – each candidate is expected to research the life of a saint and decide upon the one saint life that in some way touches their own. It would be that Saint name that they should consider taking for their Confirmation Name. Please know that they must take the direct name of the saint and not a derivative of the name such as (EX. St. Patrick – Patrick would be the name to take and not Patricia if a girl) A typed saint report will need to be submitted by each candidate.
- **Handbook** – on the notredamedelamer.org website under the heading sacraments you will find a Confirmation Handbook. The handbook answers a number of the questions that are related to the sacrament of Confirmation. This handbook will not be duplicated so please visit the site to access the handbook.
- **Bishop Letter** – Each child is expected to write a letter to Bishop Sullivan asking to be confirmed. The letter is to be typed and sent to the Director of Life Long Faith Formation by the February 2018 class date which is February 3, 2018.

- **Sponsor** – Every candidate needs **one sponsor** for the sacrament of Confirmation. There is no gender stipulation for the sponsor but the sponsor must have received Confirmation themselves and be at least 16 years of age. Young men and young ladies may have sponsors from either gender. The Sponsor must be an active practicing Catholic in their home parish. They must be able to obtain a form of eligibility from their home parish which states they may serve as a sponsor and present the form to the Director of Religious Education prior to the sacrament of Confirmation. (The form should be in at least a month in advance of the date of Confirmation.) Please remember to fill out the **sponsor form** as soon as possible.
- **Confirmation Fee - \$55.00** (includes the confirmation gown, retreat, and other sacramental needs)
- **Paperwork** – There are a number of forms that need to be completed for Confirmation. Please see the list below and use it as a check off list to be sure you have turned everything in.
 1. Information form –Please complete this form in its entirety, complete all dates with month, day and year, this information helps us to be able to send the information to the parish of baptism and keeps are records correct as well
 2. Confirmation name form
 3. Sponsor name form and parish of sponsor - please return as soon as you know the name of your sponsor
 4. **Bishop's letter** – Due **NO LATER THAN** Class in FEBRUARY 2018 **typed** to the Life Long Faith Formation Office of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
 5. **Saint's report** – Due **NO LATER THAN** Class in JANUARY 2018 **typed** to the Life Long Faith Formation Office of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
 6. Height of your child as of November 4, 2017 to order the confirmation robes if you have one from an older sibling you can use you need not order a second one.
 7. Payment of the confirmation fee - **\$55.00 is due by the FEBRUARY 2018 CLASS DATE.** Please make the payment IN check payable to NDDLDM or Notre Dame de la Mer parish or in cash in the Parish Office. You may also call the office with a credit card payment.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with all that is needed to be completed to prepare for Confirmation.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the office at 609-522-2709 Ext. 218. If I am not there please leave me a voice message and I will return your call.

May God bless you abundantly,

AnnaMae Muryasz

AnnaMae Muryasz – Director of Life Long Faith Formation

Confirmation Dates to Remember 2018

Confirmation Classes

November 4, 2017 –Information form and Sponsor form are due by this class

January 13, 2018 – Saint Report and Confirmation Name are due by this class

February 3, 2018 – Bishop's Letter and Payment of the Confirmation Fee (\$55.00) are due by this class

March 17, 2018 – Any missing or outstanding eligibility forms or other Confirmation forms are to be turned in at this class.

Confirmation Retreat – late March or April – date to be determined

The date of Confirmation is received from the Diocese at a future time and at that time we will be sure to let you know the day and time of Confirmation.