

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

At this time the Diocese is in the planning stages of dates and times for Confirmations Spring of 2019. As soon as the date and time for Confirmation is received we will make you aware of it. In the meantime there are aspects of the sacrament that you will need to prepare:

* **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. The form that is provided must be signed by the administrator of the project to verify hours completed.

* **Saint Name** – each candidate is expected to research the life of a saint and decide upon the one saint's 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. A typed report on their chosen Confirmation name needs to be submitted by each candidate.

* **Bishop Letter** – Each child is expected to write a letter to Bishop Denis Sullivan asking to be confirmed. The letter is to be typed.

* **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 and be at least 16 years of age. The Sponsor must be practicing Catholic in their home parish and be obtain a letter of eligibility from their parish. The sponsor cannot be a parent. (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** (includes the confirmation gown, retreat, and other sacramental needs

* **Paperwork** – There are a number of forms that need to be completed and things that need to be handed in for Confirmation. Please see the attached check off list to be sure you have turned in everything on time.

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 the office at 609-522-2709 Ext. 218.

May God bless you abundantly,

Parish Catechetical Team

Confirmation Dates to Remember 2019

Friday February 8, 2019 ... class at EEC (former St. Ann School), 6-8pm dinner will be served. Registration form must be hand in prior to this class. **Saint Report** and **payment** are due.

Friday March 8, 2019... class at EEC, 6-8pm dinner will be served. **Bishop Letter** is due.

Friday April 12, 2019... class at EEC, 6-8pm dinner will be served. Any outstanding paperwork or payments **MUST** be handed in at that time!

Confirmation Retreat... late March or April – date to be determined when we have Confirmation date.

Confirmation Rehearsal... will most likely be the Wednesday before Confirmation

Confirmation... the date will be received from the Diocese and as soon as we know you will be informed.

Confirmation Checklist

- __1. **Registration form** - Please complete this form in its entirety, complete all dates with month, day and year, this information is needed for permanent record. Return ASAP
- __2. **Sponsor form** - please return as soon as you know the name of your sponsor
- __3. **Saint Report**- Due NO LATER THAN Class in February 2019
- __4. **Bishop Letter** - Due NO LATER THAN Class in March 2019
- __5. **Payment** of the confirmation fee - \$55 is due by the FEBRUARY 2019 CLASS DATE. Payments may be made in cash, check payable to NDDLDM or Notre Dame de la Mer Parish or you may call the office with a credit card payment.