

# Checklist for Celebrating Confirmation in 2021

**For second year candidates**

All forms and other paperwork are available on the web at [www.gsrcc.net](http://www.gsrcc.net).

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## **Confirmation Mass Date: May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM & 2PM**

- [ ] Complete a **Faith Formation registration form** & submit a copy of your **baptism certificate**.
- [ ] Attend the **Exit Interview** between candidate, parent, and youth minister during the spring semester.
- [ ] Submit your choice for your **Confirmation Saint** prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
  
- [ ] Complete the required class attendance: *(All classes are 2:30PM – 4PM on Sundays)*
  - **Or submit completed Home Study Assessments.**
    - Fall Classes 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)**
      - ( ) Sept 13<sup>th</sup> = Sacraments (2:30PM - 4PM)
      - ( ) Oct 11<sup>th</sup> = Church History - Part I (2:30PM - 4PM)
      - ( ) Nov 8<sup>th</sup> = “Evangelization - Called by Name” (2:30PM - 4PM)
      - ( ) Dec 13<sup>th</sup> = Church History - Part II (2:30PM - 4PM)
    - Spring Classes 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)**
      - ( ) Jan 10<sup>th</sup> = Morality (2:30PM - 4PM)
      - ( ) Feb 21<sup>st</sup> = The Mass - (2:30PM - 4PM)
      - ( ) March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> = Confirmation Retreat (chaperones are needed and go for free)
  
- [ ] Attend the **Confirmation Retreat** (March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)
  
- [ ] Confirmation candidates must have **regular participation** in the Life Teen Program which includes:
  - o Option #1: In Person: Attend Life Nights or Wednesday Deep with Pizza at least twice a month,
  - o Option #2: Virtual: Attend Deep Life Live Streamed at least twice a month,
  - o Option #3: At Home Faith Formation (with parents).
  
- [ ] Submit your **letter to Fr. Diosmar** by January 31<sup>st</sup>
  
- [ ] Complete the three **service projects** and submit the **completion forms** (forms online at <https://gsrcc.net/faith-formation/confirmation/>)
  - ( ) Family Completion Form (1)
  - ( ) Church Completion Form (1) *Detailed explanations & examples of these projects can be found on next page.*
  - ( ) Community Completion Form (1)
  
- [ ] Attend at least one hour of Eucharistic Adoration with your sponsor or parent. **You must spend one hour in adoration at some point during the year.** *You may split the time into 30 minute intervals if you want.*
  - **You may do a virtual Adoration experience with this link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rz5gektkF0o>
  
- [ ] Attend the Advent & Lenten Penance Services\* (should also attend Reconciliation other than the Penance services) *\* Catholics are required to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year to remain a Catholic in good standing and must participate in it prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

# Confirmation Saint Name

The name you choose for your Confirmation name reflects all that you have learned during your preparation period. It tells others what you think is important and what kind of person you would like to be. Your selection should reflect how you interpret your Christian responsibility. You can find information about saints online at: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/> or <http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls>. There are also many great books on the lives of the saints.

In order to make your selection in a reflective fashion we ask that you complete the form found on the Life Teen website ([www.gsrcc.net](http://www.gsrcc.net)). We ask that you make your name selection during the fall of your 2<sup>nd</sup> year of preparation, so that you will have experienced a significant portion of the Confirmation preparation program. The selection of your name and the form should be returned to the Youth Ministry Office no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## Service Project Ideas

### Family Service Project Examples:

- Cooking family dinner, once a week, for 2 months (& cleaning up)
- Cleaning out the attic/basement & holding a yard sale, then using the \$ for the family
- Helping dad/mom build/repair something in the yard
- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic 404-763-4357
- Cooking Thanksgiving & Christmas meals & cleaning up afterwards
- Helping an elderly neighbor who has trouble maintaining their yard (must be more than one time—like mowing their yard during the summer), or repairing something in their house that they can't do themselves.

### Church Service Project Examples:

- Elementary Faith Formation assistant
- Altar servers (for the entire year)
- Assist with the All Saints Day Celebration
- Help decorate the church for Christmas & Easter
- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic
- Assist in the VBS program
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Assist with St. Vincent de Paul

### Community Service Project Examples:

*The Community project must be completed with the teen's sponsor and/or parent.*

- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic 404-763-4357
- Volunteer with the MSG Foundation ([www.msgfound.org](http://www.msgfound.org)), boxing and delivering food to the less fortunate around Forsyth county.
- Volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Society (email John Cavanagh at [john@cavanaghgrp.com](mailto:john@cavanaghgrp.com))
- Participate at the March for Life or other Pro-Life events
- Participate on a mission trip
- Volunteer at Walker Therapy (<http://walkertherapy.com/>)
- Volunteer with the "Fuller Center for Housing" (like Habitat for Humanity): [www.fullercenterlakelanier.com](http://www.fullercenterlakelanier.com)

## Letter to Father Diosmar

Every candidate is required to write a personal letter to Fr. Diosmar. This letter is asking for his recommendation to the Archbishop. Fr. Diosmar will list all the names that he is going to recommend and give them to the Archbishop.

This letter is short and simple. You should introduce yourself and then ask Fr. Diosmar for his recommendation. After that you should state why you want to be confirmed. This letter does not need to be more than one – two paragraphs. **Complete the letter online at [www.gsrcc.net](http://www.gsrcc.net).** Look under the "Faith Formation" tab for "Confirmation".

**This letter is due in January.**

If you have any questions, then please contact Michael in the youth office at 470-695-7734.

## Checklist for Making Confirmation in 2020

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- Attend Mass every Sunday (as required by the Catholic Church)
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year (as required by the Catholic Church)
- Attend the **Exit interview** with your teen **during the Spring Semester**
- Volunteer with or attend **two** of the following (but you're welcome to do more):
  - Attend Confirmation classes with your teen
  - Chaperone a teen retreat (Men's / Women's, Christmas, Confirmation retreats)
  - Join the Core Team that helps plan and present Sunday Life Nights
  - Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend (wwme.org)
- Participate in some service work with your child

*Please note that all chaperones and volunteers must complete the Volunteer Safe Environment program. You go online to <http://archatl.com/ministries-services/safe-environment/volunteers/> and complete all the listed steps.*

***There is no cost to chaperone a retreat.***