

Year 2 Confirmation Program Checklist

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

All forms are available online at the Good Shepherd website: gsrcc.net

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Confirmation Mass Date: Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 16th from 7 -9pm

- [] Complete a **Faith Formation registration form** & submit a copy of your **baptism certificate**.
- [] Attend an **Exit Interview** between candidate, parent, & confirmation coordinator during spring semester.
- [] Submit your choice for your **Confirmation Saint** prior to January 1st.
- [] Attend the **Year 2 Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 2:30 – 4:00pm (see class schedule)**
4 absences are allowed, however, more than 4 means you will need to repeat the year.
*The March 17th class is not required if you attend the Spring Retreat in March

Confirmation Year 2 Classes

Sunday 2:30pm-4:00pm

September 10 th	January 7 th
September 17 th	January 21 st
October 1 st	January 28 th
October 8 th	February 4 th
October 15 th	February 11 th
November 5 th	February 25 th
November 12 th	March 17 th

- [] Attend a Catholic **Retreat**:
 - () December 2nd – 3rd Christmas Retreat at Camp Hidden Lake
 - () March 16th – 17th – Spring Retreat at Camp Hidden Lake
- [] Confirmation candidates must have **regular participation** in the Life Teen Program which includes:
 - o Attending either Sunday Life Nights or Wednesday Deep with Pizza at least once a month.
- [] Submit your **letter to Fr. Diosmar** by January 31st
- [] Complete the three **service projects** and submit the **completion forms** (forms online)
 - () Family Completion Form (1)
 - () Church Completion Form (1)
 - () Community Completion Form (1) (*See project examples below.*)
- [] Attend at least 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration with your sponsor or parent. ***You must spend one hour in adoration during the year.***
If you'd rather divide the hour into two 30-minute visits, go to the Adoration Chapel once each semester for 30 minutes.
- [] Attend the Advent & Lenten Penance Services* (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. You must go to Reconciliation 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 Good Shepherd website (www.gsrcc.net). We ask that you make your name selection during the fall of your 2nd 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 completed no later than January 1st.

Service Project Ideas

Family Service Project Examples:

- Cooking family dinner, once a week, for 2 months
- Helping dad/mom build/repair something in the yard
- Cooking Thanksgiving & Christmas meals & cleaning up afterwards
- Helping an elderly neighbor who has trouble maintaining their yard

Church Service Project Examples:

- Elementary Faith Form. assistant (for one semester)
- Altar servers (for one semester)
- Volunteer with Vacation Bible School
- Help decorate the church for Christmas & Easter
- Contact Vicki Carney or Tamie Cagle to help with Faith Formation projects for the younger students
- Assist in summer VBS program
- 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society (email John Cavanagh at john@cavanaghgrp.com)

Participate at the March for Life or other Pro-Life events

Participate in a mission trip

Letter to Father Diosmar

Every candidate is required to write a personal letter to Fr. Diosmar. This letter asks 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 or two paragraphs. Complete the letter online at www.gsrcc.net. Look under the "Faith Formation" tab for "Confirmation".

This letter is due in January.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Coan at kcoan@gsrcc.net

Parent Checklist

Parent Involvement Requirements

- [] 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 **one** of the following:
 - Chaperone a teen retreat (Christmas or Confirmation Retreats)
 - Volunteer to help with Confirmation Classes or Events
 - Volunteer to help with Life Nights or Food for the teens
 - Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend (wwme.org)
- [] Participate in a service project with your teen

Please note that all chaperones and volunteers must complete the Volunteer Safe Environment program. 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.