

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish  
2015-2016 Confirmation Registration Form

Last Name:	First and Middle Name:
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Street:	City & Zip:
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Mailing Address, if different:

	Home Phone:	Cell:	Email:
Candidate's:			
Mother's Full Name:			
Father's Full Name:			

It is important that we have both candidate's and parent's phone numbers and e-mails! We mostly correspond by e-mail, therefore it is important to have this information and for you to check your email!

Candidate's Birth Date:	Baptismal Date:	Baptismal Church Name and Full ADDRESS:
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**If you were not baptized at St. Mary and we do not have a copy of your baptismal certificate on file, please include a copy when you return this completed form.**

Current School:	Grade:
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Fee of \$50 is required for the first class. Cost varies if you have already made a payment to the school or PSR program. Please read fee form CAREFULLY. Check are to be made out to "St. Mary" with "Confirmation" on the memo line. This fee covers the cost of the retreat center and books.

**Book and retreat fee due date: Sunday, December 13th!**  
Please return the money and fee form together.

## CONFIRMATION FEE FORM

\*\*\*\*To be returned to Caitlin Schratz, Coordinator of Youth Ministry by December 13<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*

Please check those that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is currently enrolled in the PSR or Day School religious education system. By doing so, we have already paid the book fee of \$35 and *only owe* \$15 for the retreat in the summer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$15 in cash

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$15 as a check written to St. Mary Church ck # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is *not* currently enrolled in the PSR or Day School religious education system. The book fee and retreat fee total to \$50.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$50 in cash

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# Confirmation Class Dates

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## *Part One:*

### *School year: Catechesis*

**Parent/ Student Meeting: To begin the process, you must attend one of these meetings; otherwise you will be asked to wait for the upcoming 2017 class. Thank you for your understanding!**

December 6<sup>th</sup> during PSR time

December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm

**Classes are during the PSR Sunday school time. This begins at 9:30am and ends at 10:45am.**

#### ***December 13th***

Lessons 1 and 2: "Why am I here? What makes me happy?" (An introduction to chosen and discovering God as the source)

#### ***January 3rd***

Lesson 3: "What's your story God?" (A look at salvation history)

#### ***January 10th***

Lesson 4: "How do I know God is real?" (Understanding divine revelation)

#### ***January 17th***

Lesson 5: "Who is Jesus?" (The Person and Mission of Christ)

#### ***January 24th***

Lesson 6: "Why be Catholic?" (Discovering the church Jesus founded)

#### ***January 31st***

Lesson 7: "Where am I going?" (A look at the last four things) Parents to attend class and rite of welcoming at 11am Mass.

#### ***February 7th***

Lesson 8 and 9: "How do I get there? When did my journey begin?" (The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments/Baptism, your initiation into God's family)

#### ***February 14th***

Off week: President's weekend

#### ***February 21st***

Lesson 10: "Why tell my sins to a priest?" (The Healing Power of Confession) Confession Opportunity available

#### ***February 28th***

Lesson 11: "How does God help when it hurts?" (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive suffering)

#### ***March 6th***

Lesson 12: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" (Meeting the third person of the Trinity)

#### ***March 13th***

Lesson 13: "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?" (Gifts along the journey)

#### ***March 20th***

Off week: Palm Sunday

#### ***March 27th***

Off week: HE IS RISEN! Happy Easter!

#### ***April 3rd***

Lesson 15: "Why do I have to go to Mass?" (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist) Parents to attend class

#### ***April 10th***

Lesson 17: "Who's calling?" (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)

#### ***April 17th***

Lesson 16: "What does it mean to say, I do?" (Marriage, a Sign of God's Love)

#### ***April 24th***

Lesson 18: "Are you talking to me?" (Getting to know God through prayer)

#### ***May 1st***

Lesson 19: "Who is Mary?" (Meeting the Mother of God and your heavenly family)

**Part Two:**

**Summer: Spiritual Discernment**

At the end of the last class, you will be given a journal that you will use over the course of the summer. These three pages are to be gone over with your sponsor: *What would Jesus do?: a look at the beatitudes. Do I have what it takes? A look at cardinal and theological virtues. Why wait? God's plan for love.*

The other portion of the journal will have room to write about the saint name you have chosen to take for your Confirmation. Each student is to have (at least) a page dedicated to who the saint is, facts about the saint and why they have chosen the name. Even if you are taking your baptismal name, you are to research information about the saint.

This journal is to have those pages completed before the retreat on July 29-30 at Camp Luz. Going on retreat is a crucial part of this journey. If you cannot make the retreat due to illness or death in the family, you must find retreat at another parish that is approved by Father Steve or Caitlin Schratz.

**Fall: Spiritual Discernment**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 8:30pm:** Confirmation Interviews due no later than Sept. 26; What are you saying yes to? Going through the creed.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 8:30pm:** Adoration. What does it mean to adore?

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm to 8:30pm:** Now what? Life after Confirmation and a Catholic lifestyle as a teenager.

**Practice TBA: This date is contingent upon Confirmation date**

**Confirmation TBA : This date is contingent upon the Bishop's schedule**

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## FAQ

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### ***What should I do if I miss class?***

If a class is missed, understand that the expectation is that the student will be looking up the scripture and catechism references on their own or with parental or sponsor aide in order to answer the questions for the next class. All vocab from the chapter is to be defined and typed on a separate sheet of paper. Both the questions and the vocab sheets are to be initialed by a parent to ensure that the make-up work has been completed. If 4 or more classes have to be made up, a meeting with Father Steve and the Coordinator of Confirmation.

### ***Does the sponsor come to class? Do parents have to come to class?***

Please refer to the above schedule which specifies which classes each are to attend. Both the Sponsors and Parents each have a packet that they will receive that explains their expectations and role during this process.

### ***When do I choose my sponsor?***

When picking a sponsor out, the process should be done in prayer. At the parent and child meeting, each confirmand will receive a packet to give to their potential sponsor. Commitment forms, expectations and guidelines for eligibility will be placed in the packet. During the break during Christmas time, please look over these and pray about who to ask. The commitment forms and request for sponsorship is due back to the Faith Formation office for review on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ***I have a sporting event during the retreat. Is that considered an excused absence?***

No. Just like training for a marathon, as you prepare for a sacrament you must put in the necessary time and training. Spending time with your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer and fellowship cannot be "made-up" either. Please make every effort to attend. In the case of illness or death of a family member, we ask that you find another retreat.

### ***When do I choose my saint name?***

You will discern your saint name over the course of your classes and during the summer discernment process. You are to notify the Confirmation Coordinator what name you will take at the Confirmation Retreat.

### ***When will we have the date for the Sacrament of Confirmation?***

As soon as the Faith Formation office has received confirmation of the date and time that the Mass will be, we will let you know as soon as possible through email, class announcement and postcard. Please be patient with the diocese for they have many parishes to keep in order, including our vibrant parish! PLEASE: Make sure we have an email you check often. Updates are sent often through email.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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## For candidates and families:

- December 13<sup>th</sup>: Fee form due.
- January 31<sup>st</sup>: Parents to attend class and rite of welcoming at 11am Mass.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Parents to attend class and rite of enrollment at 11am Mass.
- July 29-30: Confirmation Retreat \*OVERNIGHT\* at Camp Luz.
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: Journal pages and saint research completed for Retreat.

## For candidates and sponsors:

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Sponsor chosen and paperwork returned to the Faith Formation Office.

### Four meeting times:

Part 1: "The Way" completed by the end of February.

Part 2: "The Truth" completed by March 13.

Part 3: "The Life" completed by May 1.

Part 4 "Mystagogy" completed by August 1.

September 26<sup>th</sup>: Pre-Confirmation Interviews completed and turned in.

Electronic submissions accepted in PDF, Microsoft Word or Google Docs and sent to [ymstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:ymstmarys@gmail.com) or hard copies to the office with ATTN: Caitlin Schratz. Thank you!

## Homework Policy

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Each week an assignment will be given to each student. It will include the following:

- Reading the notes for the upcoming lesson
- Completing the “Challenge of the Week”
- Reading the section “Taking it Home”

This is the norm. Sometimes it will deviate from this and if that is the case, an instruction sheet will be sent home. **To verify that homework is completed, it is expected that the parents SIGN the page** titled “Challenge of the Week”. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Absentee Policy

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If a class is missed, understand that the expectation is that the student will be looking up the scripture and catechism references on their own or with parental or sponsor aide in order to answer the questions for the next class.

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