

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church
Confirmation 2007-2008

Sponsor Information



Candidate's
Name: _____

Sponsor's
Name: _____

Sponsor's
Address: _____

Sponsor's
Phone No.: _____

Sponsor's E-mail Address: _____

Sponsors are a very important part of our Confirmation program. We request that sponsors please attend the large group meetings. If you are using a sponsor who lives out of town a parent may fill in for the sponsor. Please give careful thought to choosing your sponsor.

Please return this form to your small group leader by **September 30th, 2007.**

Role of Sponsor

- a. a friend who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate
- b. a mature guide, confidant and listener
- c. ideally one would use their godparent
- d. must be 16 and confirmed
- e. cannot be a parent of one being Confirmed
- f. someone who is going to continue the relationship after Confirmation

Sponsors Are Spiritual Role Models

We all have people we admire from childhood heroes to adult role models. We see certain qualities or accomplishments in others and in some way strive to imitate them. It might be the ability of a ballplayer or the skill of a doctor, or the knowledge and ease of a teacher, or the love and devotion of our parents. We see in others qualities and talents that make them great.

In the community of faith, we have role models. The most common are the saints - ordinary people who lived faith in extraordinary ways. There are priests and parishioners whose virtue and faith inspire others to greatness. Finally, there are sacramental sponsors in baptism and confirmation. They show us by word and example how to live and practice the faith we profess.

Choosing a sponsor is serious business. Sponsors are spiritual role models - future saint makers! We need to pick those who really believe, not simply because they are friends or relatives, but because they can show us or our children the way of Jesus. Good sponsors have the virtues and qualities that imitate the greatest of role models, Jesus himself. Who better to admire, to serve or to love?

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Confirmation Name

A Confirmation name will be required if a candidate does not have a saint's name in their Baptismal name. If they do, it is up to the candidate if he/she would like to take another name.

1. *Paragraphs:* The candidate should turn in two paragraphs about his/her chosen saint. One paragraph should be an *unplagiarized* brief history or biography of the saint. The second paragraph should be why he/she has chosen that particular saint.

2. *How do I choose a saint?* There are over 10,000 saints! It might be difficult to choose from such a vast number.

One way to choose is to look up a patron saint. Patron saints are special protectors or guardians over different areas of life. I could look up a specific topic that I am interested in. Then I could see who the patron saint is for that topic.

- I am interested in missions. I like to go on mission trips and do missionary work. The patron saint of missions is Francis Xavier.

- I am a musician. I love playing piano, guitar, drums, etc. The patron saint of musicians is Gregory the Great.

Another way to choose a saint is to do so based on a story in the Bible or Catholic history.

- Saint Patrick was kidnapped and taken to Ireland. He ended up converting most of the country to Catholicism. I admire him for that. Therefore I will choose Patrick as my Confirmation name.
- Saint Peter denied Jesus three times. Yet, he was the rock upon which the church was built. I connect with Peter because he was not perfect, but God believed in him. Therefore I will choose Peter as my Confirmation name.
- Saint Paul wrote most of the New Testament. He walked all over Asia and told people about Jesus. Therefore I will choose Paul as my Confirmation name.

You want to choose a saint as a spiritual role model. You want to choose a saint that you admire and want to emulate.

Here are two web pages that will help you out:

1. List of patron saints by subject: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php>
2. Index of saints: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

You may write your two paragraphs on loose leaf or type them on the computer. Please attach the paragraphs to this paper and turn it in by Sunday, December 2nd, 2007.

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church
Confirmation 2007-2008 Service Hour Record

NAME: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

Small Group Leader: _____

Service Requirements:

Students are required to do 25 hours of service.

- 10 hours: must be completed *in the parish*. Any service you sign up for through the parish is considered in the parish.
- 10 hours: must be completed *outside the parish*. A service you are not expected to do as a chore or do not get paid for counts.
- 4 hours: must be completed by participating in *parish life*. Two of the four hours will be completed when the candidate participates in the two youth masses coordinated by his/her small group. Being a cantor, musician, usher, or server for liturgy are good examples. The candidate must then attend one high school youth council meeting.
- 1 hour: must be completed by attending a complete **parish meeting**. Some examples are: parish council, youth council, faith formation, school commission, liturgy committee, family life committee, building and grounds, and stewardship. If you choose to attend youth council for this requirement, you will be attending twice since the first time counted for parish life.
- Confirmation service hours cannot count for school or any other organization.
- The first ten hours must be completed by January 6th, 2008. Complete service hour requirements are due at the August retreat.

*** If you question whether or not the hours you want to do will be accepted as service hours, or if you want to know if they will fulfill the above requirements, please seek pre-approval by your small group leader or youth minister.*

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENT:

Organization where service was done: _____ Date(s): _____
Nature of the service (what did you do?): _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SUPERVISOR:

Name of person verifying service: _____ Signature: _____
Telephone #: _____ Number of hours worked: _____ Date(s): _____

Comments: _____

WHAT WERE THE GREATEST LESSONS YOU LEARNED FROM THIS EXPERIENCE?

(Continue on back if more space is needed)

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church
Confirmation Formation Program Registration

Please Print

Candidate's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: Home : _____

Parent's Work : _____

Parent's Cell : _____

Student's Cell: _____

E-mail Parent's Home: _____

Addresses Parent's Work: _____

Student's: _____

Grade and School as of Fall 2007: _____

Birth Date: _____

Year Baptized: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

Address of Church: _____

Phone # of Church: _____

Year of First Eucharist: _____

Church of First Eucharist: _____

Mother's Name (including maiden) : _____

Father's Name: _____

Are you/your family registered members of St. Lawrence Parish? Y N

Candidate's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

*** All candidates must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.**

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church *Confirmation Class of 2008 Schedule*

Date	Period	Time	Place
August 12 th	New Parent/ Candidate Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
September 16 th	Invitation #1	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
September 23 rd	Invitation #2	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
September 30 th	Invitation #3	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
Sponsor info sheet due	Sponsor info sheet due	Sponsor info sheet due	Sponsor info sheet due
October 7 th <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting <u>Sponsor present</u>	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i>
October 14 th	<i>Invitation #4</i>	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
October 21 st	OFF	XX	XX
October 28 th	Invitation #5	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
November 4 th <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting Entrance Ritual <i>Sponsor present</i>	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i>
November 11 th	Progressive Dinner	TBA	FCH, then to homes
November 18 th	OFF	XX	XX
November 25 th	OFF	XX	XX
December 2 nd <i>Confirmation name sheet due</i>	Formation #1 <i>Confirmation name sheet due</i>	6:00- 7:15 p.m. <i>Confirmation name sheet due</i>	Father Conen Hall <i>Confirmation name sheet due</i>
December 9 th	Formation #2	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
December 16 th <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall
December 23 rd	OFF	XX	XX
December 30 th	OFF	XX	XX
January 6 th <i>1st 10 service hours (documented) due</i>	Formation #3 <i>1st 10 service hours (documented) due</i>	6:00- 7:15 p.m. <i>1st 10 service hours (documented) due</i>	Father Conen Hall <i>1st 10 service hours (documented) due</i>
January 13 th	Formation #4	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
January 20 th	Formation #5	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
January 26 th /27 th <i>Sponsor present for mass</i>	Overnight Retreat and Covenant Ritual <i>Sponsor present for mass</i>	9 a.m. Saturday- 9 a.m. on Sunday <i>Sponsor present for mass</i>	Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present for mass</i>
February 3 rd	OFF	XX	XX
February 10 th <u>Sponsor option</u>	Valentine Gift Bags Service Project	12:00 mass at Saint Lawrence, fill and deliver gift bags	Church, then Father Conen Hall, then nursing homes
February 17 th	OFF	XX	XX
February 24 th	Formation #6	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall

March 2nd	Reflection #1	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
March 9th	OFF	XX	XX
March 16 th <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting <i>Sponsor present</i>	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i>
March 23rd	OFF EASTER!	XX	XX
March 30th	OFF Spring Break	XX	XX
April 6 th	OFF Spring Break	XX	XX
April 13 th	Reflection #2	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
April 20th	Reflection #3	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
April 27 th	Reflection #4	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
May 4 th	Mission #1	6:00- 7:15 p.m.	Father Conen Hall
May 11 th	OFF Mother's Day!	XX	XX
May 18th <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting Mission #2	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i>
May 25 th	OFF Memorial Day Wkd	XX	XX
June 22nd <i>Sponsor present</i>	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting Mission #3	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i>
<i>July 19th</i> Completed and documented service hours due	Day Retreat and Youth Mass Mission # 5, 6	9:00 a.m.- 5 p.m. mass at Saint Lawrence	Knights of Columbus (St. Joe) <i>Completed and documented service hours due</i>
July 20th	Interviews	5:00 p.m.- ? First come, first serve	Parish Office
August 10 th Confirmation ceremony rehearsal	Youth Mass and Large Group Meeting Confirmation ceremony rehearsal	4:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i> Confirmation ceremony rehearsal	Church, then Father Conen Hall <i>Sponsor present</i> Confirmation ceremony rehearsal
September 17th	Confirmation Ceremony <i>Sponsor present</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Sponsor present</i>	SS Peter and Paul Cathedral <i>Sponsor present</i>

- Calendar is subject to change
- Adverse weather cancellations will be posted on the Indianapolis television stations.
- During regular meetings, FCH will open at 5:30 p.m. for food and fellowship.