

**PARISH OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
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Dear parents of First Year 6th grade Confirmation Candidates,

As the first year candidates of the two year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation there are guidelines I would like to bring to your attention. The 6th grade students are asked to seriously think about their sponsor at this time so they are able to begin the journey together next year. They are required to attend mass and have a mass attendance sheet presented monthly. The candidates are to do 10 hours of service. This service does not have to be specific to St. Francis de Sales Parish. They are asked to complete and submit the hours and reflection by **May 22, 2021**.

Confirmation Candidate - Activities:

All First Year Candidates (6th grade) are asked to complete each of the following activities:

1. Attend Sunday Mass together. After Mass, introduce your sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 together and return it to your Catechist/teacher, Religious Education office or Rectory.

2. Participate in one community service activity (2hrs.) together. Complete worksheet #2 together and return it to your Catechist/teacher, Religious Education Office, or Rectory.

These activities are to be completed by September 30,2021 and returned to catechist/teacher, Religious Education office or Rectory.

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**Sponsor and Candidates Shared Activities: All Second Year
Candidates (8th grade) in 2021**

The Candidate and Sponsor are asked to complete the following shared activities.

1. Each sponsor and candidate is asked to write a letter to the other. The sponsor letter should give the candidate some helpful advice or suggestions about making good decisions to stay on the “right path” as they begin their confirmed faith journey. The candidate letter should express the reason that the candidate chose them. Some good qualities the candidate should mention are, spiritual leadership in word and deed, character and moral standards they feel the sponsor exhibits to them.

The letters are to be exchanged at the Confirmation Holy Hour on Wednesday AUGUST 18, 2021 at 6:30. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

2. Attend Sunday Mass together. After mass, introduce your Sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 (attached) together and turn it in to your Catechist/teacher by **September 30, 2021**.
Suggestion: This might be a great time for the Sponsor to take the Candidate out to lunch or Starbucks for some one-on-one time to complete the worksheet, share their faith, and talk about any challenges they might have and/or what they are looking forward to doing after Confirmation as they grow in their faith.

3. Participate in one community service activity together (2 hrs). Complete worksheet #2 (attached) together and turn it in to your Catechist/teacher, Religious Education Office or Rectory **by September 30, 2021**

Please take this opportunity to share in this journey of faith for both the Confirmandi and Sponsor.

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The letters are to be exchanged at the Confirmation Holy Hour on Wednesday AUGUST 18, 2020 at 6:30. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

2. Attend Sunday Mass together. After mass, introduce your Sponsor to the Priest that said Mass. Complete worksheet #1 (attached) together and turn it in to your Catechist/teacher by **OCTOBER 6, 2021**
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3. Participate in one community service activity together (2 hrs). Complete worksheet #2 (attached) together and turn it in to your Catechist/teacher, Religious Education Office or Rectory by **OCTOBER 26, 2021**

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Worksheet #1 for Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Activity

Name of Confirmation Candidate:

Name of Sponsor:

The date we attended Mass together:

Name of the Church:

Name of the Priest that said Mass:

Today's Gospel was about:

Today's Homily made these points:

How and why does attending Mass help our relationship with God?

Worksheet #2 for Confirmation & Sponsor Activity

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Name of Confirmation Candidate:

Name of Sponsor:

The Community Service Activity we worked on together was:

We performed the service at:

Date:

Candidate's thoughts/observations on this project:

Sponsors thoughts on this project:

How are we following the "Two Greatest Commandments" that Jesus gave us when we perform Christian Service?

If the two of you were to work on another Christian service project together or independently, would you do this type of service, or chose something else?

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