

## School-to-Family Letter

Dear Parent(s):

Welcome to our confirmation-formation program! This program will not only prepare your child for confirmation Mass: it will also prepare your child for life as a practicing Catholic Christian adult.

This folder contains information, requirements and projects which need to be completed and returned to your child's teacher. Please refer to the checklist to ensure everything is completed.

Confirmation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for spiritual growth, so during this formation time other activities will have to go on the back burner. If your speech and actions show that this confirmation program is a priority in your family life, your child will see it that way too.

We urge you to pray with your child on a regular basis. The entire school will be praying for you and your child during these weeks of formation.

God bless you!

The SJV Catholic School

*Please look over all that is required in this folder and sign below.*

We have read through the contents of this folder and agree to fulfill our obligation to the Confirmation process required by the SJV Confirmation Team.

**Candidate** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**My child will be receiving:**  
(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation only**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation and Communion**

# Mensaje para Padres de Familia

Querida Familia:

¡Bienvenidas a nuestra preparación para confirmación! Este programa no prepara solamente su candidato para la Misa de confirmación: también prepara su candidato para la vida como adulto cristiano católico practicante.

Este cuaderno contiene información, requisitos y proyectos que necesita completar y regresar a sus maestros. Por favor refiera a la lista asegure que todo este completado.

Confirmación es una oportunidad en la vida para un crecimiento espiritual, entonces, durante este tiempo otras actividades tienen que venir segundo en su vida. Si sus palabras y acciones demuestran que este programa es una prioridad in su vida familiar, su candidato también lo vera así.

Nosotros aconsejemos que usted resé que con su candidato durante este tiempo tan especial. La parroquia estará rezando por usted y su candidato durante estas semanas.

Que Dios los bendigan,  
La Escuela de SJV

*Favor de revisar y firmar lo siguiente.*

Hemos leído a través del contenido de este cuaderno y aceptamos satisfacer nuestra obligación el proceso de confirmación requerido por el Equipo de Confirmación de SJV.

**Candidato(a)** Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**P/Madrino(a)** Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Padre de familia** Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mi niño(a) recibirá:**  
(Compruebe por favor uno)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Solamente Confirmación**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmación y Comunión**

## Selecting Your Confirmation Name

It's time to choose your confirmation name, which is special because **it's the name of the saint** who will be your heavenly sponsor. The Church encourages you to use your baptismal name, but if your baptismal name isn't a saint's name or if you want a separate confirmation name, it must be a saint's name.

What is your baptismal name? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What saint does that name come from? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Write three things you already know about this saint or look up this saint and write three things about him or her.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pick two other saints. Find three facts that make you think you might want those names.

Saint 2 \_\_\_\_\_

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Saint 3 \_\_\_\_\_

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which Saint Name do you choose to be your Confirmation Name?

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## Seleccionando Su Nombre de Confirmación

Es tiempo de seleccionar su nombre de confirmación, que es especial porque es **el nombre del santo** que será su padrino celestial. La Iglesia le sugiere usar su nombre bautismal, pero si su nombre bautismal no es un nombre de un santo o si desea un nombre de confirmación diferente, debe de ser un nombre de un santo.

¿Cual es su nombre bautismal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

¿De qué santo proviene el nombre? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Escribe tres cosas que ya sabias sobre este santo o investigue al santo y escribe tres cosas sobre de el/lla.

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Escoje otros dos santos. Busca tres datos que piensas podrían hacerte elegir estos nombres.

Santo 2 \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Santo 3 \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

¿De estos tres santos, cual es el mejor modelo a seguir para ti? ¿Porqué?

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## Sponsor Requirements

Confirmation sponsors must meet parish and diocesan requirements as well as the following qualifications set by the Church:

- You must be a fully initiated Catholic: you've received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist.
- You must be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass every week and on holy days of obligation, is eligible to receive the sacraments, prays often, and registers as a member of a parish to which you contribute your time, talent, and money.
- You must be a good role model whose life points the way to God as you bring the Good News of Jesus to everyone you meet. You need to be comfortable explaining to and sharing with your candidate how you live the Gospel message.
- You must be someone the candidate respects and will listen to.
- You must be at least 16 years of age.
- You may not be the candidate's parent.
- You and the candidate must have a solid relationship built on mutual respect or be willing to build such a relationship by means of e-mails, letters, phone calls, or visits. The candidate must be very comfortable around you.
- **If the sponsor that you have chosen for your child resides out of state please see Sr. Ignacia to discuss some options.**

*Being a sponsor isn't a temporary job that ends with confirmation Mass. It's a vocation that requires a lifelong commitment.*

## Sponsor-Information Form

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's parish\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You must be a registered member of a parish.*

Parish address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached qualifications for confirmation sponsor and affirm that I meet those requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

## ***REQUISITOS PARA LOS PADRINOS DE CONFIRMACIÓN***

Los padrinos / madrinas deberan acceder a los requisitos que implementa la parroquia y la diocesis, siguiendo asi las normas dictadas por la Iglesia:

- Debera haber recibido los sacramentos de Iniciación: el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristia
- Debera ser un catolico que asiste a la Misa dominical y dias de obligacion; Es elegible para recibir los sacramentos, ora seguido y esta registrado en una parroquia a la cual contribuye con su tiempo, talento y oferta monetaria.
- Debera, con su vida, ser modelo y testigo de la fe. Puede compartir la Buena Nueva de Jesus con otras personas y sabe compartir con el candidato el mensaje del Evangelio.
- Debera ser un adulto que respeta y sabe escuchar. El padrino / madrina del Bautismo seria la mejor seleccion, simbolizando la relacion que hay entre el bautismo y la confirmación.
- Los padres no podran ser padrinos / madrinas.
- El padrino / madrina debera tener una relacion solida basada en el respeto mutuo y construir tal relacion por medio de e-mails, cartas, llamadas telefonicas o visitas. El padrino / madrina ayudara a guiar el confirmando a una vida de compromiso cristiano.
- **Si en padrino elegido para su hijo/a reside fuera del estado, por favor comunicarle a Sor Ignacia lo mas pronto posible para hablar sobre esto.**

**El ser padrino / madrina no es algo temporal que termina con la Misa de confirmación. Ser padrino o madrina es una vocación que requiere un compromiso de toda la vida.**

### **Sponsor-Information Form**

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's parish\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You must be a registered member of a parish.*

Parish address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached qualifications for confirmation sponsor and affirm that I meet those requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TIME LINE SHEET

Check Off	Due Date	Did you complete everything?
	3/10/10	Select your Confirmation name
	3/17/10	Sponsor information form completed
	4/10/10	Completed Service Project and Report
	5/8/10	Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat (Adults only) 4:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.
	5/13/10	TEST on Communion/Confirmation Sheets(students)
	5/27/10	Mandatory Practice @ 7:00 P.M.
	5/28/10	Communion/Confirmation MASS @ 7:00 P.M.

**\*Confirmation Folders** must be completed and returned to your classroom teacher by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Candidate Instructions for Confirmation Mass

### Dress and Appearance

For confirmation Mass, dress more formally than usual:

**Boys:** Wear dress pants, dress shirt, **necktie**, dress shoes, and dark socks.  
**No jeans or athletic shoes will be allowed.**

**Girls:** Wear a dress with sleeves, a modest neckline, a hemline of no more than two inches above the knee and dress shoes *comfortable enough to walk in*.  
**No slits, no bare back dresses. No black dresses allowed.**

**Everyone:** Hair should be clean and if possible recently cut or styled. Bangs should be pinned or combed back to allow for Confirmation anointing oil.

### First Holy Communion Students

**Boys:** same as above except pants must be **black or navy blue with matching tie and white dress shirt.**

**Girls:** Same as above except **dress must be white.**

### ACCESSORIES:

candle, gloves, scapulars, bibles, purses, rosaries etc... **ARE not required.** If your sponsor provides these as a gift for the candidate please hold for them so that the candidates are not distracted during mass and their hands are free to receive communion.

### One Day Before

Look over your confirmation lessons, because the celebrant may ask you a question during Mass.

Double-check your clothes and shoes to be sure everything is ready to go. Wear your new shoes a few days so that they are comfortable for you to wear.

### Confirmation Day

You and your sponsor should arrive at 6pm and meet in the church. It's very important to be there on time because of the large group we are working with.

**Please let your invited guest know that photography of any kind will not be allowed during mass. Pictures may be taken before and after mass**

**Remember this is a very special occasion please give yourselves plenty of time to get ready and arrive safely on time and in good spirits!**

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

### **In Our School/Parish**

School Breakfast Sales  
Serve as hospitality ministers on Hospitality Sunday  
Clean up and mulch garden areas on the parish & school grounds  
Work at a parish fish fry  
Scrape and paint playground equipment  
Plan entertainment and visit a local nursing home.  
Collect winter coats from the parish and sort, clean, and deliver them  
Collect children's books from the parish and sort, mend, and deliver them  
Make sandwiches for the poor and wrap and deliver them  
Make soup or stew for the poor and freeze and deliver it  
Organize a bike-helmet safety program  
Organize an Easter egg hunt at your parish  
Organize and run a Lenten fair at your parish  
Spend time helping Sr. Roble at St. John Bosco Center  
Help the SJV School maintain playing fields –contact School Office  
Prepare books and letters for Prison Ministry –contact Deacon Nick  
Help clean the church with Martha's Ministers – contact Emma Esquivel  
Help clean closets, clean teacher lounge-Contact Sr. Ignacia  
Help wash the Sisters and priests cars-Contact Sr. Ignacia  
Prepare Letters for guests at Andre House-Contact Sr. Ignacia

### **In the Wider Community**

Make and serve breakfast or dinner at a Ronald McDonald House  
Work at a soup kitchen  
Sort clothing at a thrift shop  
Make and deliver packets of small games and projects to children waiting at a clinic  
Visit a women's shelter: some of the group runs a bingo game for the moms and the others baby-sit their children. Provide prizes for the moms and treats for the children.  
Visit a nursing home for the poor: take cards to the residents and talk with them  
Adopt a family for Christmas or Easter

SJV Parish Office (623) 932-3313  
Deacon Nick Bonaiuto Bereavement & Prison Ministries Ext. 170

SJV School (623) 932-2434

SJV Outreach Office St. John Bosco Center Sr. Roble (623) 932-3313 Ext. 113

St. Vincent De Paul (to drop off donations) (623) 266-6082

**Contact your local Catholic Charities office for more ideas. (602) 285-1999**

# Service Project Write up

Name of project \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Person of Contact

*SIGNATURE* \_\_\_\_\_ *Ph#* \_\_\_\_\_

Who was served? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you along with your sponsor and parents do?

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What was the reaction from your group?

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What did you and your sponsor learn about each other?

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What gifts did you receive from doing this service?

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Preparación para el Proyecto de Servicio

Nombre del Proyecto \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha y Hora \_\_\_\_\_

Lugar \_\_\_\_\_

Persona de Contacto

*FIRMA* \_\_\_\_\_ *No#* \_\_\_\_\_

¿A quién sirvieron? \_\_\_\_\_

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¿Qué hicieron tus padres, tus padrinos y tu en tu proyecto?

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¿Cual era la reacción de tu grupo?

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¿Qué aprendieron tu y tu padrino/madrina sobre su amistad?

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¿Qué aprendiste de este servicio comunitario?

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Comentarios: \_\_\_\_\_

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