



CHRIST CHURCH
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July 15, 2011

Dear Potential Christ Church Confirmands and their Parents,

Summer is in full swing, yet the fall is fast approaching. I want to touch base with you before the fall gets too close to let you in on the details of this year's Confirmation class. Confirmation is the special time in your life to renew the covenant made in your Baptism and receive again the Holy Spirit in a special way as you make an adult profession of faith before the Bishop and in the midst of your community, the Church.

Confirmation requires more than reading the responses from the Prayer Book. It requires that you know what you are promising, that you understand the solemn commitments and great joy of being a Christian, and that you share in the mission and ministry of this parish. We have designed a year-long process to help you understand what the Christian faith is, how it is expressed in this community and the Anglican tradition, and how you express it each day of your life. Enclosed with this letter are several important pages that you need to read through before committing to Confirmation.

1.) Confirmation Requirements and Important Dates

The classes on Sunday morning are very important, but there is so much more to being a Christian: it involves your entire body. Connecting your hands, feet, heart, soul, and mind are just as important as academic knowledge so a variety of other activities have been included. Read through them and make sure you understand why they are important.

2.) Mentor Recommendations

One key component in this process is connecting with an adult of our Parish (See Mentor Recommendation Form). A mentor is someone whom you see as a Christian role model and would like to get to know better. They need to be a member of our Parish, the same sex, not a relative, and not a Priest/Confirmation teacher. Enclosed is a sheet that asks you to list the top three people you would like us to consider. ***Do not contact them directly.*** We ask this for good reason; please honor this request. Return this form in the envelope provided. Once everyone has turned in their form, we will contact your requested mentors.

3.) Candidate Registration/Commitment to Confirmation Form

Once you have read everything and you understand what this year means, you and your parents can complete and sign the enclosed form. Please send it back in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

The Confirmation process is an exciting time. I know that there will be questions about this process; therefore, I have planned a **Confirmation Introductory Meeting for parents and Confirmands on Tuesday, August, 30th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the All Saints Center.**

Peace in Christ,

Caitlin Wood
Director of High School Ministries

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Confirmation 2011-2012

Confirmation Class Requirements

Confirmation is a sacrament, an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, that prepares you as a full and participating member of the Body of Christ through this parish. Like all sacraments, it is an act of the Church as a community in and of Christ and requires deliberate preparation. It is also a public affirmation of your faith and commitment to the responsibilities of being a Christian that were promised in your Baptism.

How can you make a decision about how you want to live the rest of your life without knowing to what you are committing? A process has been designed to help you experience and understand the Christian life as an adult and what it means to follow Jesus. It includes:

Teaching

The main teaching component is the Confirmation Class on Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 11:00 AM starting September 11. However, “teaching” occurs at almost every event you will experience from the Annual Meeting to the Confirmation retreat. The expectation is attendance at all Sunday classes; the requirement is at least 75%.

Service and Outreach

Christianity requires Word, Sacrament and Service. There will be several opportunities for you to do the same as a class.

Worship

The number one thing God calls us to do. The expectation is that you attend a Christ Church worship service every week. Also attending at least one Tuesday Night Healing Service is required.

Community/Fellowship

God in the Trinity is a community and our Christian life is not a solitary experience. We understand God through relationships and this class will model this understanding. To start, we have our Whitewater Rafting Community Day on September 10. In addition, you will choose an adult from the Parish who will be your mentor and will share about how his/her faith has shaped his/her life.

Prayer and Daily Devotion

A relationship with your friends can only be maintained if you communicate with them. A relationship with God is the same – you have to communicate. This is what prayer is! The expectation for Confirmation is that you will develop a daily devotion time with God to begin or strengthen your relationship with Him. Use the Daily Office in the Prayer Book, your own devotional or just read the Bible.

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Important Dates

Confirmation Introductory Meeting (for Parents and Confirmands)

Tuesday, August 30th, 2011, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the All Saints Center, room 100

Confirmation Whitewater Rafting Community Day

Saturday, September 10th, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60 per person, scholarships available

*Please bring your check to the August 30th meeting

Confirmation Class

Begins Sunday, September 11th, 2011, All Saints Center, room 200

Confirmation Retreat

March 16th, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – March 18th, 3:00 p.m.

Approximate Cost: \$100 per person, scholarships available

Confirmation Celebration Dinner for Parents and Mentors

Tuesday, May 15th, 2012, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday

May 20th, 2012

Mentor Recommendation Sheet

A mentor is an adult faith friend – someone *in the Parish* that you respect as a Christian and you feel exemplifies what it means to live a Christian life. This is a person that you will meet on several occasions – to talk, pray, listen and gain support as you journey through the Confirmation process.

You need to choose 3 people, in order of preference, that you want to be your mentor. They should be of the same sex and **not** a relative, Priest or Confirmation teacher.

After you return this sheet using the enclosed envelope, a letter will be sent to your potential mentor inviting him/her to be your mentor. If he/she accepts, we will inform you and the fun can begin.

If you need help in finding a mentor, please contact Caitlin

Do not contact your potential mentor yourself!

Confirmand's Name: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

**Mail this sheet, along with the Confirmation registration form,
to the church using the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.**

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Youth Candidate for Confirmation Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

Full Name: _____
(Need complete full name)

Name Called: _____ Male or Female: _____

Address _____
(Street, City, State and Zip Code)

Confirmand's E-mail: _____

Home Telephone # _____

Confirmand's Cell Phone # _____ Cell Phone Carrier: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____
(Baptism is required for Confirmation)

Church of Baptism: _____
(Name of Church and Denomination)

City, State of Church of Baptism: _____

Confirmand's School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Mother's E-Mail: _____ Cell # _____

Father's E-Mail: _____ Cell # _____

Godparents: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**Please return this form using the enclosed envelope to Caitlin Wood,
Director of High School Ministries as soon as possible.**

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Commitment for Confirmation

1. As a member of this class and church, I agree to attend at least 75% of all Sunday school classes. (If I miss a class I am still responsible for the work I miss and will call or email one of my teachers.)
2. I acknowledge that I must also attend the following:
 - Whitewater Rafting Community Day, Saturday, September 10, 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday Night Healing Service
 - The Confirmation Retreat, March 16-18, 2012
 - Confirmation Service, scheduled for May 20, 2012
3. I agree to behave respectfully and give the leaders my full attention, so that all members of the class may benefit from this process.
4. I acknowledge that I will be required to bring a Bible (NIV Study Bible is recommended) to class and keep a Confirmation notebook.
5. I acknowledge that I will be required to have an adult Mentor from the Parish during this Confirmation process.
6. I agree to develop my relationship with Jesus by regularly attending worship services at Christ Church and having regular personal devotions.
7. I understand I will take an exam at the end of the year which will include writing a "Statement of Faith."

Signature of Confirmand

Date

Signature of Parent(s)

Date