



Sacrament of Confirmation Letter of Intent Packet

January 2018

Dear High School Teens and Parents,

All teens who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to officially enroll in the immediate preparation for the sacrament. This preparation can be done once the teen (or candidate) has completed the requirements indicated in the L.I.G.H.T. guidebook.

Candidates who have completed the necessary requirements should complete the "Letter of Intent for the Sacrament of Confirmation" form AND the "Course and Retreat Registration" form included with this letter. Candidates should choose a sponsor and Confirmation name before they return this form. This information needs to be included on the form (details on both of these is included).

Once candidates have returned the letter of intent (***The absolute Deadline is Monday, February 26, 2018***), they will be asked to attend the Orientation Seder Meal & Potluck Dinner on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in the Parish Life Center. This meeting is required for the candidate, sponsor and at least one parent. A Candidate and Sponsor Guidebook will be given out at this meeting.

The 4 week preparation course begins the week of April 8th. For those teens who have not yet completed Harvest Saturday, that event will be held on April 21st. The Discovery Retreats will be held during summer (2 will be offered, one in June and the other in July). Please use the enclosed form for registration for both the Confirmation prep course and retreat.

The last step before receiving the sacrament will be a short 15 minute Interview. This will be done in August or September and include the candidate, sponsor (or a parent can stand in for the sponsor) as well as the interviewer (a member of the L.I.G.H.T. team and parish).

Finally, the rehearsal and ceremony will be planned for the fall, usually in October or November. Details on this will be given out once we receive our date from the Bishop.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely In Christ,

Dave Miserendino

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Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Information on Choosing a Confirmation Name & Sponsor

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The Candidate must choose a sponsor before entering the preparation program. The sponsor **MUST** be a confirmed, practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years of age. **The sponsor may NOT be the father or mother of the Candidate.** When feasible, the Candidate's baptismal sponsor (God Parents) may be chosen as the Confirmation sponsor.

We urge the Candidate to choose someone who lives nearby so he or she can participate in the program along with the Candidate and lend spiritual support to the Candidate in the coming years. Sponsors are asked to attend the Opening Session/Seder Meal (for Candidates, parents and Sponsor), the Interview, Rehearsal, and Confirmation Ceremony.

Sponsors are encouraged to meet frequently with the Candidate to share in the preparation process. The name, address, and parish of the sponsor should be documented on the Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form. Sponsors will also be given a handbook at the Opening Session/Seder Meal to guide in their role as sponsor.

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

A Candidate must choose a Confirmation name before entering the preparation program. A name identifies us in a unique way, not just our physical selves, but who we are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history.

You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life.

Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says "Yahweh calls each of us by name." The name should be documented on the Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form.

To learn more about the saints of the Catholic Church, see the website listed below

Patron Saints Index: <http://saints.sqpn.com/>

Sacrament of Confirmation Intent Form

2018

I would like to participate in the preparation program to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Mercy Church. I have completed the requirements set forth by the parish and I am now ready for the immediate preparation.

Please fill out the information below: *(Please note that teen Candidates will need to choose a Confirmation Name and Sponsor before returning this form—please see the attached information on choosing a name and sponsor.)*

Candidate's Name: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place and Date of Baptism: _____

Church Address: _____
City State Zip

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name (Maiden): _____

Confirmation Name Chosen: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Sponsor's E-mail: _____

Service and Discipleship Documentation

Teens are asked to complete the following sections describing their service and Discipleship projects.

Service Projects-must have completed 3 different projects

Please list the 3 projects you completed: ***If you have not yet completed a project, please still list it here and indicate when you will complete it.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Please explain how this service helped those in need. Please be as specific as possible.

Discipleship Credits-must have completed 4 credits

Please list what you did to complete the 4 Discipleship Credits (include names of projects or events that fulfilled this requirement). ***If you have not yet completed a project, please still list it here and indicate when you will complete it.

How did completing these projects help you become more of a disciple of Jesus Christ? Please give specific examples of how this occurred.

**** PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY Feb. 26, 2018 TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE**
Located at 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora IL 60504 ~ Fax: 630-851-3468 ~ Email: DaveM@olmercy.com

Our Lady of Mercy Youth Ministry L.I.G.H.T. 2017-2018

Sacrament of Confirmation

Course and Retreat Registration Form

Candidate Name: _____

Family Home Phone: _____

Family Email: _____

Confirmation Preparation Course

Please put a **1** for your first choice and **2** for your second choice.

1 or 2	Code	Course	Dates	Day	Time
	17-601	Confirmation Prep	4/8,4/15,4/22,4/29	Sunday	9:00-10:30 am
	17-602	Confirmation Prep	4/8,4/15,4/22,4/29	Sunday	10:45 am-12:15 pm
	17-603	Confirmation Prep	4/8,4/15,4/22,4/29	Sunday	6:45-8:15 pm
	17-604	Confirmation Prep	4/8,4/15,4/22,4/29	Sunday	6:45-8:15 pm
	17-605	Confirmation Prep	4/10,4/17,4/24,5/1	Tuesday	6:45-8:15 pm
	17-606	Confirmation Prep	4/12,4/19,4/26,5/3	Thursday	6:45-8:15 pm

Only 15 teens allowed per course. We will fill the courses on a first come, first serve basis.

Discovery Retreat

Please check (✓) the space of the retreat you wish to attend. Space is limited to 60 students for each retreat.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code	Dates	Day/Times
	RET 17-620	June 15-16, 2018	6:30 PM Friday to 4:00 PM Saturday @ Hilton Hotel in Lisle
	RET 17-621	July 6-7, 2018	6:30 PM Friday to 4:00 PM Saturday @ Hilton Hotel in Lisle

Fees: \$100 for Preparation Course
\$70 for Discovery Retreat

The full fee payment is expected with the registration form. However, if you wish to make payments please indicate that below. Checks are made payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church.

_____ Full Payment enclosed

_____ Payment Plan option (2 payments-one in March 2018 and one in April 2018)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

* Please return this form (with payment) along with the completed Letter of Intent Forms to the R.E. Office located in the Parish Life Center.