



ANNUNCIATION - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

470 WESTCHESTER AVE. CRESTWOOD, NY 10710

2024 Confirmation Package

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Parish

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Sunday November 5th**, 2pm Annunciation Church
 - **Inscription Mass + Reception** (both AES & Rel. Ed students)
- **Tuesday November 14th**, 7pm Our Lady of Fatima Church
 - **Student Confirmation Retreat** (both AES & Rel. Ed students)
- **Thursday November 16th**, 7:30pm Our Lady Fatima Church
 - **Parent Confirmation Retreat** (both AES & Rel. Ed parents)
- **Saturday December 2nd**, Breen Hall (10am or 2pm)
 - **Christmas Service Project** (both AES & Rel. Ed students)
- **Confirmation Practice**, Annunciation Church
 - **Tuesday April 2, 2024**, 7pm (**Religious Education students only**)
 - **Thursday April 4, 2024**, 7pm (**Annunciation school students, Confirmation only students**)
- **Saturday April 6, 2024**, Annunciation Church
 - **Confirmation Day Masses**
 - **Religious Education Students, 10am**
 - **AES & Confirmation Only Students, 1pm**

**All dates are subject to change*



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Requirements for Confirmation 2024

All information is due back by Friday March 15, 2024.

Part 1: To be submitted as a **SINGLE PACKAGE** to:

*Annunciation Rectory
470 Westchester Ave, Tuckahoe, 10707
**Attention: Ms. Tarantino, Religious Education
Confirmation Package***

**You will receive an email from reledadmin@annunciation-fatima.com
to confirm receipt of your package.*

1A- Sponsor Form

This form identifies and certifies the Confirmation Sponsor.

1B- Letter to the Bishop

This letter is given to the Bishop prior to the Confirmation.
*It allows him to "get to know" the candidates prior to the Confirmation.
See attached description for complete details of the contents.*

1C - Confirmation Fee of \$150 due by Friday March 15, 2024.

Payment can be made any of the following ways:

- *Check made out to "Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima"*
- *Cash*
- *Online at www.annunciation-fatima.org/fee-payments.*

*We are grateful for those families who can pay this fee.
If your family is suffering financial hardship, please contact
Jenna Tarantino at jtaranino@annunciation-fatima.com.*

PART 2: Confirmation Service Program + Other Requirements



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1A

Confirmation Sponsor Form

Due Friday March 15, 2024.

This is to certify that _____
(Sponsor's Name)

of _____
(Name of Parish)

accepts the invitation to be Sponsor at the Confirmation of

(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

I affirm that I am a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing

(Signature of Sponsor)

Sponsors are to ask their parish priest to complete the following section:

PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____ is in good standing in
(Name of Sponsor)
this parish and meets the requirements for Confirmation Sponsorship.

Parish Seal
here

Signed	Rev.	_____
Date		_____
Parish		_____
Address		_____



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1B

Letter of Request to the Bishop

Due Friday March 15, 2024.

Confirmation Candidates are asked to formally request the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by writing a letter to the Bishop. Please use the following format. This letter should be typed.

Greeting

Begin your letter with the greeting: ***Dear Bishop Bonnici,***

Body of the Letter

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell the bishop something about your family, your background, what grade you are in, where you go to school and your interests.

Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament. Give some reasons why you would like to be confirmed and remain an active member of the Catholic Church.

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament by describing the community service that you have completed.

Paragraph 4: Tell the bishop the name of your Confirmation sponsor and why you chose that person.

Paragraph 5: Tell the bishop your Confirmation name and why you chose that name.

Paragraph 6: Write about how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

Conclude the letter and write your complete signature.

ALSO, PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENT TO SIGN THE LETTER.

Please place your letter in a sealed envelope. Please put your name and your Confirmation name on the OUTSIDE of the envelope.



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***Information Regarding the Choice of
a Confirmation Sponsor and Confirmation Name***

When choosing a Confirmation Sponsor, you should choose a person who is fully initiated into the Catholic Church (meaning, he or she has received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), who regularly practices his or her faith within the Catholic Church by attending weekly Mass and is someone you think is a good Christian role model for you. You may choose a family member, if you would like, but not your mother or father.

When choosing a Confirmation Name, you should choose a name of a saint that is inspirational to you. By choosing this name, you should feel that this saint reflects a characteristic that you want to shine forth from you too!



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Confirmation Service Program for 2024 Confirmation Candidates

This year, Confirmation candidates are asked to complete **24 hours** of service by **Friday March 29, 2024**. The updated program is outlined below.

Part 1: 20 hours of in-person community service

Part 2: 4 hours of Spiritual or Corporal Acts of Kindness

Community Service: Community Service hours can be fulfilled by students volunteering for any organization/institution whose mission is to help or benefit others. This can be places of education, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.,

Acts of Kindness:

“Spiritual” activities are prayers for the benefit of others.

Examples:

- *Pray the rosary for the intention of a special person*
- *Make a novena for a specific intention*
- *Attend weekly Mass (virtual or in-person) for a special intention*

“Corporal” activities benefit a person’s physical needs.

Examples:

- *Tutoring younger students*
- *Rake/shovel/trash removal for a person in need*
- *Write thank you notes to people who help you and others*

Name: _____

has completed the following activities:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description (Activity/Location)</i>	<i>Spiritual/Corporal Act of Kindness <u>or</u> Service Activity?</i>	<i># Of hours (total of 24)</i>
<u>TOTAL:</u>			

I am pleased to verify the completion of the above activities.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Confirmation Candidate signature

Date



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Other Requirements:

Each candidate is required to attend **both** the following:

1. Student Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday November 14, 2023 at 7pm

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Guest Speaker, Tony Bellizzi

2. Confirmation Student Christmas Project

Saturday December 2, 2023

Breen Hall (gym under Our Lady of Fatima Church)

Two Sessions: 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm