

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima
Religious Education Program
465 Westchester Avenue, Crestwood, NY 10707
914-779-2374

Requirements for Confirmation Spring 2021

All information is due back by March 15, 2021

Part A: To be submitted as a SINGLE PACKAGE to:

Annunciation Rectory, Attn: Mary Rose
470 Westchester Ave, Tuckahoe, 10707

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

1) A1 - Sponsor Form

This form identifies and certifies the Confirmation Sponsor.

2) A2 - 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.

3) A3 - Confirmation Fee of \$150

- 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 are able to pay this fee.

If your family is suffering financial hardship, please contact Mary Rose at mary.rose@annunciation-fatima.com.

PART B Christian Service

Submitted online. Link to be sent out in December.

Candidates are asked to complete 5-10 “Acts of Kindness.”

See attached sheet with the detailed description.

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Confirmation Sponsor Form
Due March 15, 2021

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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Letter of Request to the Bishop
Due March 15, 2021

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. The letter may be typed or neatly handwritten.

Greeting

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

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 **one** "Act of Kindness" that you performed.

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.

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 Christain Service Program
for Spring 2021 Confirmation Candidates

This year, Confirmation candidates are asked to complete between 5 and 10 “Acts of Kindness” between Dec. 1, 2020 and Mar. 15, 2021.

What is an “Act of Kindness”?

An activity that:

- a. Is done for the good of someone else
- b. Is done without pay or benefit to the student
- c. takes at least 30 minutes to accomplish

What types of activities are eligible?

Every student must do **at least one corporal and one spiritual activity**:

- a. “Corporal” activities benefit a person’s physical needs
- b. “Spiritual” activities are prayers for the benefit of others

How are “Acts of Kindness” approved?

Parents are responsible for approving and reporting the “Acts of Kindness”.

How are activities reported?:

- a. All activities must be logged online by March 15th (details on how to do this will be sent out in December)
- a. Candidates will describe 1 “Act of Kindness” in their “Letter to the Bishop”

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

Corporal Acts of Kindness:

Tutor younger students
Rake/shovel/take out the trash or recycling for a homebound person you know
Regularly write or call a relative who is alone
Write thank you notes to people who help you and others
Do a special project around the house
Prepare food for a soup kitchen or a homebound neighbor
Organize a collection for the needy

Here are links to a couple of organizations that are currently soliciting for volunteers or donations:

Feeding Westchester:

<https://feedingwestchester.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Help-from-Home-Flyer.pdf>

Hope Community Services in New Rochelle

<https://www.hopecommunityservices.org/>

Spiritual Acts of Kindness

Pray the rosary (daily or weekly) 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

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Rose at mary.rose@annunciation-fatima.com .