ST. PETER CATHEDRAL

Confirmation Preparation Process & Application

Year 2

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

311 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855

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Please complete this form in its entirety with neat, legible printing and return it to your parish. Accuracy is critical as this information will be used to complete your permanent sacramental records and by your parish to register you with the Diocese of Marquette for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Please refer to www.dioceseofmarquette.org/diocesanconfirmation for exact time and locations of Confirmation Masses

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION		
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION		
Name:		Grade in School:
Street address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Date of birth:	Date of Baptism:	Confirmation Name:
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S CURRENT PARISH		
Name:		
City:	Is this the Church of your baptism? ☐ YES ☐ NO *(If yes, skip to Parent Information)*	
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S CHURCH OF BAPTISM		
Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
PARENT INFORMATION		
Father's Name: (*First & Last)*		
Mother's Name: (*First, Maiden, & Last)*		
SPONSOR INFORMATION		
REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A SPONSOR • Of sufficient maturity to fulfill the role of Sponsor (at least 16 years of age) • Membership in the Catholic Church • A practicing Catholic in good standing (may require a letter from their pastor to your parish) • A fully initiated Catholic (have been Baptized, Confirmed, received Eucharist • May not be the candidate's father or mother		
Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Email:	
CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION PREFERENCE		
Please choose which celebration you prefer		
☐ Vicariate Celebration ☐ Diocesan Celebration		
SIGNATURES		
Signature of applicant:		Date:
Signature of parent:		Date:

CANDIDATE'S COPY

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

Many people choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is chosen it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that the person led.

Below is a worksheet which will help you in selecting a saint. Consult the Church, the Church library, parents, your sponsor, catechists/youth minister, pastor or select Catholic websites for information about our many saints. *This form is for your use only.*

SAINT'S NAME:_____ **FEAST DAY:**_____

PATRON OF:_____ **(You may like to celebrate this each year.)**

SAINT'S PLACE OF BIRTH:_____

Family Life:_____

Occupation:_____

LIFE AND/OR DEATH:_____

SAINT'S SIGNIFICANT VIRTUES:_____

WHY YOU PICKED THIS SAINT?_____

What can you do to better follow your patron saint's example?_____

Confirmation Sample Letters from the Diocese of Marquette

Letter to the Bishop

- A youth, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation must write a formal letter of request to the Bishop following the guidelines listed below.
- It must be typed neatly and free of grammatical and spelling errors!
- ***The letter must be submitted to your pastor/parish catechetical leader prior to the Period of Formation, which begins in February of the 11th grade year.*** The pastor/parish catechetical leader will then send any requests to the Office of the Bishop, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 no later than March 1 of that same year.

GUIDELINES FOR LETTER TO THE BISHOP

Greeting to be used: Bishop (Name) or Your Excellency,

Body of the letter:

Paragraph 1-State your name and parish. Say something personal about yourself, your family, and or your background.

Paragraph 2-Formally request the sacrament. Provide the Bishop with several reasons why you are seeking to be confirmed.

Paragraph 3-Share some of your experiences during the preparation process. Be specific about: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service to the parish and people of God, and what you learned that touched your heart.

Paragraph 4-Tell the Bishop how you will continue to carry out your life of discipleship through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to draw on your Confirmation and continue the mission of the Church.

Conclusion: Use an appropriate closing salutation such as "Sincerely in Christ" and write your complete signature.