



ST. PETER CATHEDRAL

Confirmation Preparation Process & Application



Fall 2025

311 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855

(906) 226-6548

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

2025-2026 St. Peter Cathedral Faith Formation

Requirements for Confirmation:

- ☐ Regular Mass Attendance
- ☐ Regular Faith Formation Attendance
- ☐ Write a letter to the Pastor (one year before Confirmation)
- ☐ Turn in Confirmation application form
- ☐ Turn in Confirmation Name sheet (p.6)
- ☐ Turn in Confirmation Sponsor form (p.8)
- ☐ Provide Baptismal Certificate from church of Baptism
- ☐ Two Retreats:
 - One Sophomore Year
 - One Junior Year
- ☐ Turn in letter to the Bishop (two months before Confirmation)
- ☐ Service hours to the community (2 hrs)
- ☐ Service hours to the church (4 hrs)

**If you have questions about Confirmation, please feel free to contact Annalisa Ogle
at annalisaogle@gmail.com or call at (906)226-6548.**



ST. PETER CATHEDRAL
Confirmation Candidate Application Form
2025-2026

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL

GRADE

FATHER'S NAME

MOTHER'S NAME

CURRENT PARISH

ADDRESS OF PARISH

CHURCH OF BAPTISM*

ADDRESS OF CHURCH

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Attach to this form:

1. *a copy of your baptismal certificate, if you were not baptized at St. Peter Cathedral.*
2. *Candidate's Letter to the Pastor requesting to begin formal preparation for Confirmation*

Confirmation Priest Letter

Letter to Pastor (attach to your application, pg 2)

- A youth, together with his/her parents, who desires to enter into the formal process of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, must make their request in writing to their pastor.
- This letter must be typed neatly!
- The letter should be submitted prior to **MAY 4th of their 10th GRADE YEAR.**

Suggested format for letter to Your Pastor

Date

Rev. Brandon Oman
St. Peter Cathedral
311 Baraga Ave
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Fr. Brandon Oman,

Sincerely in Christ,

(Signature here)

YOUR FORMAL NAME



ST. PETER CATHEDRAL

For Candidate- Candidate & Sponsor Information

CHOOSING A SPONSOR:

This is an important role and careful consideration and prayer should be involved in selecting your sponsor. The Church requires the sponsor be:

- a. Of sufficient maturity to fulfill the role of sponsor (at least 16 years of age)
- b. A member of the Catholic Church
- c. A practicing Catholic in good standing (this may require a letter from their pastor to your parish)
- d. Be a fully initiated Catholic, i.e, have been baptized, confirmed, and received Eucharist
- e. May not be the father or mother of the candidate

Please see your “Chosen-Parent Guide” for additional guidance selecting a Confirmation sponsor.

After careful, prayerful consideration by both the candidate and sponsor, the candidate should give the sponsor:

1. the Confirmation Sponsor Form (page 8)
2. the Sponsor’s copy of sponsor/candidate Monthly Communication Suggestions (pg 5)
3. The “Chosen- Sponsor Guide”

Items 2 & 3 are for the sponsor to keep and will help candidate and sponsor in sharing and growing in faith.

Item 1, the Confirmation Sponsor Form, should be completed and returned along with the items noted on the form. Please submit these to the St. Peter Cathedral Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

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CANDIDATE'S COPY: SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MONTHLY COMMUNICATION SUGGESTIONS

In today's culture, technology makes communication, especially long distance communication easier than ever. It is recommended that you take advantage of email and social media to communicate with all involved in this process. The hope is that this will allow the sponsor to be more deeply involved in the preparation process.

It is important that open communication take place between the candidate and sponsor. Through the entire preparation process, the sponsor is an example of faith for the candidate. Below is a list of conversation starters and suggested questions to encourage this communication. This is not an all-inclusive list, both sponsors and candidates can choose other topics or questions as appropriate.

1. Candidate should contact the person they desire to have as their sponsor. They should tell them why they are asking them. Some reasons may be: You are my baptismal god parent; You are a model of faith, etc.
2. Discuss confirmation names. The Baptismal name is the norm, but another Christian name may be chosen.
3. Talk to your sponsor about baptism: Were they present at your baptism? Who were the sponsor's Godparent's? Why do you (the sponsor) think my parents chose you?
4. Share with your sponsor the requirements for Confirmation. Ask if they can help in some way.
5. Ask who is their favorite saint and why?
6. Contact your sponsor and provide them with the details of the celebration of Confirmation. Don't wait until the month before; do it as soon as you get those details. Remind them again several times!
7. Share some of your struggles with the concept of the Trinity or other teachings of the Faith.
8. Tell your sponsor about your retreat experience(s).
9. If the candidate lives close to you, invite them to participate in a service project with you.
10. If your sponsor lives far away and comes to visit you, take the time to go to Mass with them, celebrate reconciliation, and just spend some one on one time.
11. Ask your sponsor how many sacraments they have celebrated; ask which one was the most memorable.
12. Pray the rosary together.
13. Ask your sponsor if they have a favorite sacramental.
14. Did your sponsor ever consider another vocation or state of life?
15. Ask your sponsor what memories they have of growing up Catholic. How does that compare to your experience?
16. At what age was your sponsor Confirmed? What do they remember? Who was bishop when they were confirmed?
17. After a little research, share some information about your patron saint (the saint with whom you share a name).
18. What is your favorite prayer and why?
19. Have a discussion on political topics that affect a life of faith.
20. Share the struggles of living a chaste life.

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.*

Confirmand: _____

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 Letter Guide 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.

Confirmation Sponsor Form

A confirmation sponsor must be at least 16 years of age & be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church. This means that the person follows the commandments of God by participating each week in Sunday Mass, frequents the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their marriage has been blessed by the Catholic Church. The sponsor must have received all sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and may not be a parent of the Confirmation Candidate.

Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____

Sponsor Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Birth date: _____

Name of parish you attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

What is your relationship to the candidate? _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

Sacraments

Have you been baptized?	Yes/No	<input type="checkbox"/> I have included a letter from my parish validating that I am a Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church.
Have you received First Penance?	Yes/No	
Have you received First Eucharist?	Yes/No	
Have you been Confirmed?	Yes/No	

Responsibilities

The confirmation sponsor's role is one of a mentor in the Catholic faith. He/she will present the candidate to the Bishop on the day of confirmation and in doing this, state that the candidate is fully prepared to not only receive the sacrament of Confirmation, but also to live the Christian life. The sponsor should continue to support the candidate in his/her Catholic faith in the years ahead.

Any questions about your responsibilities: _____

What you can do

Pray for your candidate daily. Participate in service project with your candidate.
Live an exemplary Catholic lifestyle. Go to adoration, confession or Mass together & share your own faith.
The candidate received a list of conversation ideas. Ask them about the list each time you talk.

Sponsor Signature

Date

Please turn this form along with a **letter of good standing from your parish** to Annalisa Ogle, St. Peter Cathedral
311 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette MI 49855. Fax: 906-226-8683 Phone: 906-226-6548

SPONSOR CONVERSATION SUGGESTIONS

(Give to your sponsor)

Congratulations on being chosen as a Confirmation sponsor! Now what? Confirmation sponsors are to be examples of faith for candidates. Here are some prompts for you to initiate faith-focused conversation as you walk with your candidate during preparation:

1. First, commit to pray daily for your candidate and their preparation for Confirmation
2. Discuss the requirements for Confirmation and their preparation. Ask them how it's going, what kind of things they're learning, what sort of questions they have about the Catholic faith, how they're putting their faith into action, and how you can help.
3. Ask about their plans for a retreat, and share about their retreat experience.
4. Find an opportunity to share your experience of the Holy Spirit and how Confirmation has helped you follow the way of Jesus. Help them understand you walked this path and are excited to walk it with them.
5. Make it a point to attend the same Sunday Mass with your candidate. Share why the Eucharist is important in your life. Talk about ways they can better prepare their mind and heart for Mass.
6. Read Luke 24:13-32, the road to Emmaus. Discuss how meeting Jesus in the Eucharist helps you see Him in other people. Describe an experience when you've felt solidarity with those in need. How did you take action? How did you feel?
7. Share your favorite Scripture story and explain why it has special meaning for you. Share how the Scriptures have influenced the way you live. Ask them how they can regularly read and listen to God's Word in the Scriptures.
8. Name someone who is a witness of faith for you and why. Share with each other what makes you enthusiastic about your faith and why you want to share it with others. Discuss how you can publicly witness to your faith in Jesus in daily life.
9. Read together the renewal of baptismal promises. Talk about a promise you made at some point in your life and what it meant to keep that promise. Share about a decision you faced and how your decision showed you are a disciple of Jesus.
10. Think about the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, courage, piety, wonder and awe). Share the gift you most desire to grow in and why. Ask when they are most aware of the Spirit's presence as Helper and Guide.
11. Share your Confirmation Saint name and why you chose it. Ask if they've been reading any Saints' lives and what name they want to choose and why.
12. Call, text, email, and exchange letters throughout the process. Teens rarely believe any adult is concerned about them, so intentionally reaching out will be affirming.
13. Find opportunities to just enjoy one another's company. Go to a movie, concert, ball game, or just out for a walk. Invite them to participate in a service project with you.
14. Share your favorite prayers. Pray the Rosary together.
15. Share how you have continued learning about the Catholic faith after Confirmation, and ways they can continue to learn and grow as Catholics after Confirmation.

Confirmation Preparation Overview

For your use-to help you stay on track!

Starting in 10th grade:

- ___ Complete and return the **Confirmation application**
- ___ Write a **letter to the parish pastor** requesting to prepare for Confirmation
- ___ Verify record of **baptism** is on file at the parish
- ___ Actively participate in the **sacramental life** of the Church
 - Mass each Sunday or Saturday evening
 - Regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ___ Actively participate in the parish high school **formation program**
 - Weekly formation/catechesis/youth group
 - Attend Confirmation **meeting for parents & teens**
- ___ Choose a Confirmation **sponsor**. A sponsor must:
 - be a Catholic at least 16 years old who has been Confirmed, received the Eucharist, and leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on
 - not be bound by any canonical penalty imposed or declared
 - not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized
 - can fittingly be one of the baptismal godparents
- ___ Meet for **monthly conversations** with your Confirmation sponsor
- ___ Begin Confirmation **Saint** selection process
 - read a life of a Saint each week to become familiar with saints of interest
- ___ Participate in a **retreat** (two are required over two years leading up to Confirmation)
 - One-day retreats put on by the parish or by the diocese (Spiritus Ministries)
 - Weekend retreats (Youth Encounter, Going Deeper, Steubenville)
- ___ Provide **service** to the Church
 - At Mass, serve a lector, musician, or altar server
 - Volunteer to help with K-8 faith formation classes
 - Help beautify, clean, or decorate the parish grounds or sanctuary
- ___ Provide **service** to the community
 - Volunteer doing the corporal works of mercy in some way (serving others)
 - Provide help in some way to local pregnancy resource center

Going into 11th Grade:

- ___ Continue active participation in the **sacramental life** of the Church
 - Mass each Sunday or Saturday evening
 - Regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ___ Continue active participation in the parish high school **formation program**
 - Weekly formation/catechesis/youth group
 - Special Confirmation meeting for parents & teens
- ___ Continue **monthly conversations** with Confirmation sponsor
- ___ Write a **Letter to the Bishop** requesting to be Confirmed
- ___ Participate in a **retreat** (two are required over two years leading up to Confirmation)
 - One-day retreats put on by the parish or by the diocese (Spiritus Ministries)