

Confirmation Assignment Instructions:

Letter Requesting Confirmation

As you prepare for Confirmation you are expected to write a letter to the Pastor requesting that you receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

A few points to guide your letter:

- The letter should be addressed to Monsignor Rosie
- Your letter should be type-written and printed
- It should be 250 to 400 words long.
- Remember, you are asking to receive the sacrament. *You do not deserve the sacrament; it is a GIFT from God.*
- Explain something about yourself (family, school you attend, hobbies)
- Describe some of the things you are or have been doing to prepare for this important sacrament.
- Describe the service project that you have done or are going to do and how it reflects the command given to us by Jesus to serve others.
- Explain what Confirmation will mean to the rest of your life (here you might include something about the gift of the Holy Spirit which you believe will be most helpful or meaningful to you)
- Finally...sign your letter "Sincerely," your name.

Saint Report

In the Bible, when God chose someone for a new task or role, He gave that person a new name. God changed Abram's name to Abraham when he was to be the father of the Israelites. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, when Peter was chosen to be the "rock" on which Jesus would build His church.

As you approach Confirmation, choose the name of a saint that you admire.

**This is your Confirmation name,
and it is the person about whom you will write your saint report.**

Your Saint report should include the following information:

- Saint's name
- Saint's feast day
- What did he/she do to make them a saint? (Was your saint martyred?)
- What special virtues did this saint have?
- What do you admire about him/her?
- Why did you choose this saint?
- By imitating the qualities of this saint, how can you become a better Christian.
- An illustration of your saint or a symbol that represents him/her.
- If your saint has a special devotional prayer or novena, this should be included.
- Your report should be type-written and 400 to 600 words long

Confirmation Service Project and Essay

*Jesus told us that He came not to be served, but to serve.
He then charged all Christians to do the same.*

Candidates are expected to complete a one-day (minimum 7 hours) service project related to one of the Corporal or Spiritual works of Mercy.

A list of approved service organizations is attached.

Service hours performed at any organization other than those on the list requires written permission from the Office of Faith Formation (lfiorenza@sjredbank.org)

Following the completion of service:

- Candidates are to write a five-paragraph essay (400 to 500 words) type-written.
- The essay should describe the service they completed, (list the name and address of the organization).
- List and describe the Work of Mercy chosen.
- Describe how their service relates to the Work of Mercy chosen.
- Explain what they learned from the experience.
- Explain how it applies to Confirmation.
- Explain how they will apply what they learned to their life in the future.

Candidates must submit a Completion of Service Form (attached) signed by an authority figure at the organization where service was performed. This form is not to be signed by parents.

Attendance and Assignment Completion

Sunday Mass attendance is the focus of our faith and the first of the Six Precepts (Rules) of the Church. It is our time not only to be in the presence of God, but to connect with Him spiritually and physically through the reception of the Holy Eucharist. As a candidate for Confirmation, you are expected to do the following: Attend Mass regularly, complete all Confirmation assignments on time, attend all Confirmation events, attend all classes in which “Gifted with the Spirit” lessons are being taught.

Students meeting the following criteria will receive a special pin to wear for Confirmation

- Attend **All** Confirmation Events
- REP students are expected demonstrate proficiency regarding all Confirmation information as presented in the “Gifted with the Spirit” program. **Students must attend “Gifted with the Spirit” classes in person (as noted in the 8th Grade Syllabus)**
- SJS students are expected to demonstrate proficiency regarding all Confirmation information presented in the “Gifted with the Spirit” program as determined by their religion teachers. (Note: The Office of Faith Formation does not prepare a syllabus for Saint James Elementary students)
- **A minimum of 25 Masses (documented on Mass Attendance Card)**

Mass cards must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 18, 2027.