

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Beeville, Texas

Confirmation Handbook
for
High School Students



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Dear Candidate and Parent(s):

Greetings from St. Joseph Parish!

The Sacrament of Confirmation was instituted by Jesus Christ and given to the Church as a visible sign of God's love for us. It is also one of the three Sacraments of Initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes down upon each candidate and gives him or her seven Gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. Each gift is uniquely fashioned by God to aid us in certain areas of our spiritual lives in order "to make us more docile to the prompting of the Holy Spirit" (CCC #1830). The Catechism also tells us that the Gifts of the Spirit "sustain the moral life of the Christian" (CCC #1830) Therefore, the entire program is centered on the Gifts of the Spirit. The candidates learn what they are and how they can be used in their lives.

The preparation process for Confirmation begins at home. The Church then builds upon that at the parish level through catechesis, formational meetings, and retreat experiences. It is through this "community effort" that the candidate becomes truly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an important part of every Catholic's spiritual development. The goal of this preparation process is to make it as meaningful as possible for each candidate while bringing them into a more intimate relationship with Christ. I invite you to enter into this process with an open mind and a desire to know the Lord in a deeper way. If you do, I guarantee you will experience the Sacrament of Confirmation as a holy and profound sign of God's unconditional love for you. May the Lord bless you with peace as you and your family consider this important decision.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office. I would be happy to discuss our preparation process with you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this decision.

Sincerely,

Santos R. Jones III
Director of High School Faith Formation

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation program, a candidate must be baptized and meet the following:

1. **Be Registered Parishioner of Saint Joseph Catholic Church.** The candidate's family must be registered parishioners of the parish in order to enter the program. This may be taken care of at the reception desk of the rectory.
2. **Be of High School Age:** Each candidate must be a minimum of a freshman in high school. An exception is made if a perspective candidate was retained a year in the public or private education system, yet continued ahead in a religious education program.
3. **Has Completed the Proper Religious Education:** Each candidate must have completed a minimum of grades 6, 7, & 8 in a Catholic religious education program. Students who have not completed such and wish to enter the program must first meet with the Director of High School Faith Formation.

Age

In the Diocese of Corpus Christi, the usual age to receive the sacrament is between the ages 12-17. The ninth, tenth or eleventh grades seem to be an appropriate age for the reception of the Sacrament. Individuals who are 17 years of age or are in the twelfth grade should seek the sacrament through the RCIA program. The RCIA program is also available through St. Joseph Church. See bulletin for details.

Attendance Policy

1. **ALL** activities that are included in our program are included in this policy. Therefore, attendance will be taken at **ALL** events.
2. If a candidate is going to be absent, it is the **candidate and parent's responsibility** to contact by telephone or email the Director of High School Faith Formation prior to the absence. The candidate must also present a written excuse to the Director on the next scheduled class meeting.
3. Candidates are expected to be at all group sessions and all required events unless illness or a family emergency arises. **Sports events/practices, trips, weekends away, homework, and all other reasons are not acceptable for being absent.**
4. Upon the second absence, the candidate, a parent or guardian, and the Director of High School Faith Formation will meet to discuss which course of action is to take place concerning make-up work or continued participation in the program.
5. Any candidate who misses more than two required events within a program year may need to repeat the same program level during the next program year.
6. A make-up class will need to be completed for **EACH** session missed regardless of reason.

Behavior Policy

We are very proud of the behavior of the young people who have gone through previous programs. However, we wish to remind candidates that proper behavior and conduct is

expected at all activities. Any behavior or conduct problems will be addressed directly with the Director of High School Faith Formation:

Three Strike System: Behavior problems or inattentiveness will be handled based on the following “three strike” system:

1. The leader will speak to the candidate directly as to the problem and what must be done in order to correct the situation. **(STRIKE 1)**
2. If the situation continues, the leader will notify the Director of High School Faith Formation who will meet with the candidate, her or his parent or guardian, and the leader (if possible) to discuss what must be done in order to resolve the situation. **(STRIKE 2)**
3. If the situation continues, the leader will notify the Director of High School Faith Formation, who in turn will notify the pastor and request that the candidate be removed from the program. **(STRIKE 3)**

Readmission will be done only after a consultation meeting of the Pastor, the Director of High School Faith Formation, the parents and student, and a written contract of acceptable behavior and consequences is issued.

Outline of Confirmation Program

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year program. Students are expected to attend eighth grade Religious Education classes before enrolling in the ninth grade Confirmation program. In a summary outline, our program is:

Year I

(Ninth Grade Year)

- Candidate and Parent Orientation Meeting
- Community Worship
- Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Discipuli*
- Study Guide
- Service Project
- Confirmation Name / Saint Research
- Selection of Confirmation Sponsor
- Book of Commitment

Year II

(Tenth Grade Year)

- Community Worship
- Liturgical Ministry
- Religious Education Classes
- Discipuli*
- Witness Night
- Confirmation Exam
- Confirmation Retreat
- Sacrament of Penance
- Confirmation Liturgy Practice

After Confirmation

- Parish involvement
- Discipuli* (Discipleship)

Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Program at St. Joseph Catholic Church in accordance with the polices set forth by the Religious Education Office of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, is a two-year process (usually 9th and 10th grade), and involves classroom time, monthly Student Masses, service opportunities, and retreats. Classes meet from 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM on Wednesdays (as noted in the yearly Faith Formation Calendar), using the *Didache* series textbook entitled *Introduction to Catholicism*.

While the Confirmation Program provides an intense study of Catholic Theology the emphasis during the time of preparation for Confirmation is placed on helping individuals to develop a relationship with the Holy Trinity and a living faith as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are two Confirmation Parent Meetings: The first in the fall of the ninth grade term, and the second in the fall for the tenth grade term. Parents and candidates must attend these meetings together.

Year I

1. **Orientation meeting**—Candidates and parents attend an initial Confirmation meeting in the fall and become familiar with the Confirmation Preparation Process.
2. **Community Worship**—Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. **Liturgical Ministry**— The Church calls us forth to Liturgical Ministry as part of our Baptismal Call to service. Candidates are invited to respond to this call on scheduled Sundays during the 6:00 P.M. Mass, serving as lectors, ministers of hospitality, musicians, and gift bearers. A parish formation program is established to properly prepare students for their role in liturgical ministry. (see #5, *Discipuli*)
4. **Religious Education Class**— Attendance at all religion classes is required. No unexcused absences will be accepted.
5. **Discipuli**- All candidates are required to participate in the *Discipuli* program. (see details on pg. 8)
6. **Study Guide**— At the initial Confirmation Meeting the candidates will receive a **Study Guide** which will be the basic outline of the material they will be tested on in the spring of Year II.
7. **The Service Project**— Over the course of the first year of preparation, the candidate is asked to devote a minimum of 20 hours to a chosen service project and to write an account of this experience. A brief description of the service project and some suggestions are given in this booklet. (see pgs. 11-15)
8. **Confirmation Name / Saint Research**— The name chosen for Confirmation should be a strong name, one that identifies a person as a Christian, as does their Baptismal name. In fact, candidates may retain their Baptismal name rather than choose another. This is

pastorally and liturgically preferred because it manifests the unity between Baptism and Confirmation. However, a special Christian name may be chosen. Candidates are required to do research on the saint they have chosen to emulate, and to write a brief account in this booklet and present to his/her class. (see pgs. 16-17)

9. **Confirmation Sponsor** – During their first year of preparation the candidates themselves must select a sponsor that will help guide them in their faith journey. (see pgs. 18-21)

10. **Completion of Book of Commitment:** (see pgs 10-25)

Completed books are presented at the end of the Ninth grade year. Please be sure that all pages are complete, and all required paperwork is enclosed **before** presenting books.

- **The Baptismal Certificate** – Please staple a copy (*not the original*) to the proper page in this booklet. If your child was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, simply write the date of Baptism. No certificate is needed, as our office will verify this information to the Baptismal Register.
- **Information Sheet** – Parents are asked to complete the Information Sheet in the back of this booklet. This information is the basis for the parish documentation of your child's sacrament of Confirmation. **Parents are asked to sign this form verifying information listed is complete and correct.**
- **Note: Service hours may be completed over the summer months, and Service Project Reflections turned in on the first night of classes.**

Year II

1. **Community Worship** –Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. **Liturgical Ministry** -- The Church calls us forth to Liturgical Ministry as part of our Baptismal Call to service. Candidates are invited to respond to this call on scheduled Sundays during the 6:00 P.M. Mass, serving as lectors, ministers of hospitality, musicians, and gift bearers. A parish formation program is established to properly prepare students for their role in liturgical ministry. (see #4, *Discipuli*)
3. **Religious Education Classes** – Candidates must attend regular Religious Education classes. (**Note:** new parishioners may be admitted to the second year Confirmation class if they obtain a letter from their former Parish stating they had been faithful in their attendance to Religious Education classes.)
4. **Discipuli**- All candidates are required to participate in the *Discipuli* program. (see details on pg. 8)
5. **Confirmation Meeting (Witness Night)** – Parents and candidates must attend the second Confirmation Parents Meeting. This meeting is called “**Witness Night**” as Catholics witness to their faith as they respond to: “*What the Church Means to Me.*” A time line of events for the second year is also given at this meeting.
6. **Confirmation Retreat** – All candidates are expected to participate in a retreat or day of recollection just before Confirmation.

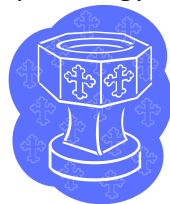
7. **Confirmation Exam** – Before Confirmation, candidates will be tested on their knowledge of the Catholic Faith (*as outlined in the Study Guide*) during regular class time. Failure to pass the test will mean that the candidate will take an oral exam with the Pastor or his delegate.
8. **Penance Before Confirmation** – The opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance will be possible at a special celebration for both the candidates and their parents. Candidates are required to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Confirmation. People preparing for an important event in their lives, such as Marriage or Confirmation, should certainly meet the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before taking such a big step.
9. **Confirmation Liturgy Practice:** There will be one practice with the sponsor for Confirmation which will be scheduled the day before Confirmation. Sponsors are asked to attend this practice or to arrange for a proxy.

After Confirmation

The opportunity to participate in discipleship activities in *Discipuli* as well as joining **The Youth Group** is open to all. Ongoing parish service and involvement is always available. Please check the parish bulletin for details.

Discipuli

Saint Joseph's youth program *Discipuli* is a ministry for High School youth that provides opportunities for teens to actively participate in the church's mission. The overall goal of the program is to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Young people are searching for a noble adventure, a compelling and challenging vision of life, and a cause worth their commitment. They hunger to hear the Good News that finds response in discipleship. Participants will participate in the church's work and mission through programs of catechesis, spiritual formation, liturgical leadership development, social justice, mission awareness and vocational discernment. Each participant will be asked to take an active role in one of the church ministries. In this way they will continue their faith formation as active members of the church community while serving as role models for the youth of the parish. This group will meet on Sundays from 4:30pm-7:00pm not only to cover course material but also to prepare for and participate in the 6pm liturgy.



*“The laity is a sacramental structure in the Church.
The Church is realized, though not completely, in the Christian laity.
From baptism in Christ to confirmation anointing in the Spirit,
from communion with Christ and the Church in Eucharist
to the mirroring forth of the church in the sign of marriage
and other vocations, to hallow the world,
the laity is part of everything meant by discipleship in Christ.”*

- “Church in Our Day”, U.S. Bishops, 1968

Responsibilities of the Parent

- The primary religious educators of their children.
- Initiating their children into the sacramental life.
- Serve as models of Gospel values for their children.
- Worship with their families on a regular basis.
- Nurture their child in the faith.
- Encourage their child to reflect on and thoughtfully consider the decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Attend the Parent Information Meeting and other Rites planned to help their child prepare for Confirmation.
- Assist their child with the immediate preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation through prayer, study and service work.
- Emphasize the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation by taking an active part in the celebration of Confirmation.
- Stress the initiation aspect of the sacrament by encouraging their children to continue learning more about their faith.
- Help their child in understanding that the acts of service they perform should be a beginning to a life committed to Christian service.

Confirmation Mass Dress Code

Below is the dress code that is to be followed for the Confirmation Ceremony. Please keep in mind that this is a church event and should not be compared to the dress style that would be appropriate for a graduation or a prom. Please use good judgment in selecting your attire.

Ladies' Dress Code:

Ladies are to wear either a blouse and skirt of conservative length, or a dress of the same fashion. Dress slacks and blouse, sweater or jacket are permissible, however, blouses must be tucked into the waistband of the slacks or must overlap the slacks in such a way that waist and midriff are completely covered.

Shoulders are to be covered – no spaghetti straps or sleeveless blouses. Necklines should be conservative. No open back dresses or tops. Sheer or see through wraps are not an acceptable cover-up for sleeveless or spaghetti strap blouses and dresses. Color is choice of the candidate.

Men's Dress Code:

Men are to wear a dress shirt of any color, dress pants (of the proper waist size and inseam length) and tie. Sports jackets are optional. A belt and dress socks should also be worn.

Shoe Code: THIS APPLIES TO BOTH MEN AND LADIES

NOT TO BE WORN: Sneakers, boots of any kind, hiking shoes, sandals or flipflops. Shoes should be of a dressy nature. Ladies shoes should be of a conservative heel height. Open-toe dress shoes for ladies are acceptable and should be worn with the proper hosiery or stockings.

Confirmation Covenant

Dear God and Father,

I thank You and praise You, for You have given me life, and supported by those who have loved me, You have welcomed me into Your people, the Church, through the waters of Baptism.

Now I prepare to seal my life in Your family through the sacrament of Confirmation, and I therefore promise to accept and fulfill the following responsibilities of Catholic Christian life:

I believe that one of the most important signs of who and what we are as a Catholic Christian people is our prayer, and so, I promise to make some time each day to speak and listen to You. I promise as well to join the people of our parish in the celebration of Mass each Sunday.

I believe that it is very important for me as a Catholic Christian person to know about my faith, and so, I promise to study my faith through the Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Program as well as at home with my family. I promise also to be prepared to answer questions about my beliefs to show that I have taken my commitment seriously.

I believe that being a Catholic Christian means that I should always be willing to serve other people, and so, I promise to look for ways to do that as I take a more active role in the life of the Church. I promise to remember that I am called to be a voice for the voiceless and to help others with an open heart.

I understand all these things are ways which will show that I am ready to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and so, I promise to live up to these responsibilities by working with my parish community. I promise to do all these things for You, Father, and for all the members of my family, the Church.

Date

Candidate's Signature

Parent's Promise:

As a member of the Church, I promise to support my child in this time of preparation. I will work to be a good example to by attending Sunday Mass, by committing to prayer at home, and by supporting our parish and community. I know that as my child's primary catechist it is important to show my desire to live, learn and share the Good News in all aspects of my day.

Parent's Signature

Confirmation Service Project



*“Christ has no body on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the feet with which He goes about doing good,
And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.”*
- St. Theresa of Avila

In the time of Confirmation preparation, each student will be expected to give some form of Christian witness and service. To be a mature Christian means not only to “*know*” one’s faith, but to also accept the responsibility of acting in the name of Jesus Christ to our community.

The Confirmation service project is a good beginning. The following is a suggested list of projects which would enable you to serve others, free of charge. You may work by yourself, or with others. You are asked to devote a minimum of 20 hours to this work. The time may be spent on one project or on several different activities.

Service projects performed by Confirmation classes are given here as suggestions:

1. Aide at St. Joseph Catholic Church Summer Vacation Bible School
2. Altar Server
3. Collated Church bulletins, helped with parish mailings
4. Donated clothes to Emergency Services, Goodwill
5. Donated hair to Locks of Love / Wigs for Kids
6. Donated Thanksgiving and Easter baskets to Emergency Services
7. Donated socks and mittens to Emergency Services
8. Helped elderly neighbors with yard work
9. Library Summer Reading Program aide
10. Liturgical Ministry
11. Served as Religious Education helpers: classroom and office
12. Served at Graduation and Confirmation receptions
13. Sang Christmas Carols
14. Volunteered at a Family Fun Day

Christian service should reach out beyond the “*family circle*” to the larger Christian Community. Hopefully, the candidate is already contributing as a responsible member of his/her family.

Confirmation Service Project Reflection

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." - John 12:26

1. A. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

B. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

C. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

D. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

E. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

F. Project Name: _____

Dates Completed: _____ Hours Worked: _____

What I did: _____

2. Now that you have completed your service project(s), how would you describe the experience? _____

3. Did you feel that God was present as you were doing service for others? _____

4. How will you continue to be of service after Confirmation? _____

My Confirmation Name

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram to Abraham, “*Father of many nations*”. Again, in the New Testament, we find Simon’s name changed to Peter, meaning “*rock*”, because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith. You may also choose your Baptismal name as Confirmation is the completion of the Baptism experience.

“I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints . . .”



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta discovered God’s mission for her life in serving the poorest of the poor. Her simple yet profound message rings out clearly in today’s world: We are all called to this earth in order that God’s love and compassion might be given human form through our actions. She believed that:

*The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.*

Feel free to use the following website to help guide you:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

The Role and Eligibility of a Sponsor

Role: Individual sponsors must be selected. A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her on his/her spiritual journey and can share his/her own faith. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's immediate preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has been already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate (*remote preparation*), such as a godparent or member of the local parish.

Opportunity for the inclusion of the sponsor should be provided during the candidate's immediate preparation program in order to enhance the sponsor's role in the final rite.

Eligibility:

- Must be a practicing member of the Catholic Church who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- A person who is actively participating in their own faith community.
- Must be free of Canonical penalty, which means the person is a Catholic in good standing and able to receive the sacraments.
- Must be at least 16 years of age and sufficiently mature for the role.
- A parent is NOT an option for a sponsor. It is not an option to have a proxy sponsor, that is someone taking the place of your real sponsor.
- The sponsor does not have to be the same sex as the candidate.
- If available, your Godparents at baptism may also be your sponsors at Confirmation, thus emphasizing the integral relationship between the two sacraments. If this not an option, choose an adult you feel you can relate to, maybe someone from the parish community.
- Possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic faith, sacraments and an understanding of the essential nature of the Christian community. Open to renewing their spiritual life and religious knowledge during the process.

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Parish:
Name of Church _____

City / State _____

- If your sponsor is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, simply complete the information on this page – our office will verify information to parish records.
- If your sponsor is not a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, he or she will need to obtain **Sponsor Affirmation Form** to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation. ***Please attend to this early*** so that this detail does not prevent you from handing in your **Confirmation Commitment Booklet**.

Sponsor Eligibility Form

STATEMENT OF SPONSOR

I hereby attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic Faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; and that I meet the fundamental obligations as a Catholic by participating in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist often and Penance when necessary, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be of service to others for the love of Him. I recognize that in accepting the role of sacramental sponsor, I become responsible to give good example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be support to his/her parents in the practice of mutual faith.

Signature of Sponsor _____

As Pastor/ Associate Pastor I recommend the Sponsor (listed above) chosen by the candidate as spiritually qualified for the office and satisfies these requirements:

1. He/She is sufficiently mature for this role (must be 16 years of age or older).
2. He/She belongs to the Roman Catholic Church and has been initiated in the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
3. He/She is a practicing Catholic in good standing.

Name of Sponsor's Church _____

Address of Sponsor's Church _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Signature- Sponsor's Pastor/ Associate Pastor _____

Seal of Sponsor's Church:

Attach the letter you receive from your sponsor telling you what his/her faith means to him/her to this page.

The Confirmation student is to write a letter to the sponsor telling of his/her commitment toward Confirmation and asking for prayers, guidance, and help. The Confirmand also asks the sponsor to answer by making a brief statement on what the church means to him/her.

Sponsors are asked to write a letter to the Confirmand. The letter is to be a personal faith witness answering the question: ***“What does my faith mean to me?”***



“Whoever has heart full of love, always has something to share.”
-- Pope John XXIII

Attach a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate to this page.

If your child was Baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, ***simply write the date of Baptism on the following line.*** No certificate is needed - our office will verify information to Baptismal Register.

My child was Baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beeville, TX on:

Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Please note:

1. We cannot confirm any candidate if we do not have a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate with a raised seal.
2. Space and office help does not make it feasible for us to keep on file Baptismal Certificates from First Holy Communion. Even if the candidate made his/her First Holy Communion at St. Joseph, we need to have you present a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate with a raised seal again.
3. If Baptismal Certificates are in a foreign language, please attach a translation.
4. If there is any change to child's legal name or parent change through adoption, please attach copy of official court document. Information must be changed in the Baptismal Register and a copy of the legal document is required in order for parishes to make these changes.



Parent Verification of Book of Commitment Completion

Please verify that all required paperwork is complete prior to presenting **Book of Commitment**.

Due to the many details involved in the documentation and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a **late fee of \$25.00** is charged for **Books of Commitment** handed in after the due date, and those that are incomplete when presented.

Parents are asked to review that all documentation is included, attached to proper pages, and that Confirmands present books on the designated date.

_____	Confirmation Covenant	page 10
_____	Service project recap and reflection	pages 11-14
_____	Saint Research	page 16
_____	Sponsor Eligibility Form	page 18-19
_____	“About My Sponsor”	page 20
_____	Letter from Sponsor to the Confirmand	page 21
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*I have reviewed my child’s **Book of Commitment** for completeness, and will oversee that it is presented by the end of the seventh grade year.*

Parent’s Signature

Candidate Information Sheet

(Please print all information on this sheet.)

Name, as you want it printed on your Confirmation Certificate:

First

Middle

Confirmation

Last

Name of Person to be Confirmed: (Baptismal Name)

First

Middle

Last

The name you have chosen for Confirmation:

Age at time of Confirmation:

Township of Residence: _____

Record of Baptism of Person to be Confirmed:

Church of Baptism: _____

City / State: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Parents' Names: (Conforms to information on Baptismal Certificate)

Father: (Legal Name) _____

Mother: (Include Maiden Name) _____

Name of your sponsor for Confirmation: _____

Home Parish of your sponsor: _____

City / State: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

All above information is complete and correct.

Office Use:

Baptismal Certificate Verified: _____ Sponsor Eligibility Verified: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____ Presider: _____

Template Letter for the Sacrament of Confirmation Petition

The letter is to be neatly handwritten and handed in on the first meeting date in April.

***Your Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone #***

Date

Dear Bishop Michael Mulvey,

I, ***(Your name)***, a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beeville, TX, ask you to confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I ask this of you of my own free will.

I would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation because ***(Why do you want to be confirmed?)***. My preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been ***(What have you done; what events have you attended and who have you talked to prepare for Confirmation?)***. As a part of my preparation I performed acts of service to others, such as ***(Tell the bishop about your service projects.)***.

I have chosen ***(Sponsor's name)*** to present me to you on this day of my confirmation and to witness to my commitment. I made that choice because ***(Why did you chose this person to be your sponsor?)***.

You will seal my commitment to Jesus and his church by anointing me with oil and by calling me by name. The name I wish to be called is ***(Patron Saint chosen)***. I have chosen this name because ***(What was it about this saint that impelled you to chose her/ him?)***.

I understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help me build up the Church. I wish to share in the building of the Church by ***(Give real, concrete, honest ways that you will continue to be active in the Church.)***.

Sincerely,
