

SUGGESTED PROJECTS OF SERVICE

1. Community Projects— Volunteer at a civic or non-profit organization.

Examples: *Nursing Home (Adopt a Resident), Mardi Gras Ball, Christmas Activities with City Hall, Easter Activities with City Hall, Duck Festival*

2. School Assistance - volunteer to help the school to be clean or to help a teacher with activities

3. Parish Project – volunteer to help in the parish office, around the church, or with one of the church organizations.

4. Parishioner Project - volunteer to help a member of our parish around their home.

Criteria for Christian Service Work

1. Candidates cannot work for family or relatives nor can family or relatives supervise or sign the needed Christian Service Report form.

2. Students cannot “double dip”. They cannot claim service hours for efforts that were also required by other clubs, organizations, school or individuals.

3. The pastor reserves the right to deny or modify credit for Christian Service hours. If serious doubt or confusion occurs about the value of merit of an effort or project.

Hours may be denied, or additional work may be expected.

4. Upon completion of a service project, each candidate must fill out a Christian Service Report. The forms are available on our website (saintpeterchurch.org) or from the teacher or coordinator.

5. The Christian Service Report must have accurate information and the signature and phone number of the project supervisor.

6. The Christian Service Report must be given to your teacher or coordinator in a timely manner.

A Confirmation Prayer

We believe, O Lord, may our faith grow firmer yet. We hope, O Lord, may that sure confidence never fail. We love, O Lord, may love's fire within us ever burn.

Guide us by your wisdom. Protect us by your justice. Comfort us with your healing mercy, as we pray for those who are to be Confirmed.

Enlighten their minds, O Lord, that they may see your gentle love around them. Set their hearts on fire, that they may long for friendship with you.

Make them, soul and body, ready for your Holy Spirit who will come to them anew in Confirmation. May they learn the paths to prayer, reach out to serve the weak, love the ways of holiness and know your presence in their hearts.

Enrich your Church, O Lord, with men and women of faith and hope and love, that together we may be a beacon of Gospel light in our tired and tattered world.

AMEN

The Confirmation Program

St. Peter the Apostle Church
Gueydan, LA



*Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22*

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Confirmation

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Confirmation is the completion of the action of God in Baptism. In Confirmation there is also the reception of an overflowing of the Holy Spirit and an infusion of strength to live the Christian life.

It is important to approach confirmation with seriousness. It is not a cultural phenomenon or a coming of age ceremony. Confirmation is a sacrament which imprints an indelible mark on the soul (CCC 1304). God will act in the sacrament regardless of one's disposition, but the fruitfulness of a sacrament depends on one's disposition. In other words, God can effect great changes in our lives, but only when we are willing to cooperate with him. If we do not, the grace remains only potential grace until we are ready.

The purpose of the Confirmation Program of this parish is to prepare the candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This preparation is best served when it is accompanied with the help of parents and confirmations sponsors.

Some things to remember

- Pray for the grace to prepare well for the sacrament.
- Parents and sponsors should also pray for the grace to assist the candidates' preparation.
- Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children (CCC 2223).
- Sacraments are the always a beginning not an end.

Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, Notre Dame High School and Vermilion Catholic High School conforms to Diocesan Policy: all students wishing to be Confirmed MUST do so in their own parish. Therefore, Notre Dame or Vermillion Catholic students receive no formal preparation for Confirmation at school. They must go through the preparation set forth in the guidelines of their local parish. Students from other church parishes are advised to contact their pastor or Director of Religious Education early in the school year to find out what steps need to be followed to receive Confirmation in that locale.

FREELY CHOSEN AND PERSONALLY REQUESTED

The decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should be a free choice on the part of the candidate. The candidate must personally request the Sacrament. Requirement for Confirmation should never be presented as something to earn or as a completion of one's religious education.

THE SPONSOR

The sponsor must be a PRACTICING, CONFIRMED CATHOLIC of some maturity and willing to assist the candidate, in his or her preparation. Parents may not be a sponsor but may present the candidate to the Bishop in the absence of the sponsor.

Parish Requirements for Confirmation

In view of the policies of the Diocese of Lafayette regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following policies have been adopted by St. Peter Church:

1. Regular attendance at the weekend Masses of this parish (or another Catholic Church). Candidates must have a bulletin signed *after* Mass. If the Candidate does not have a signed bulletin, it will be taken that you did not attend Holy Mass.

2. Attendance at all scheduled classes, special events, retreats and ceremonies. Absences must be excused **before** the scheduled class or event by the Pastor or DRE. Candidates missing two classes or Sunday Masses without a valid reason (serious illness) WILL JEOPARDIZE THEIR BEING CONFIRMED.

3. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Candidates are expected to make 7 Holy Hours with either sponsor or parent.

4. All candidates must accumulate 7 *hours* of Christian Service through various church and civic organizations. All hours of service must be turned in to the Instructor on the "Service Report Form" signed by the supervisor of work by the April 7, 2020 Class.