

SUGGESTED PROJECTS OF SERVICE

1. Liturgical Ministry—Volunteer as a liturgical Minister/ Lector, altar server, usher or gift bearer.
2. Music Ministry—Volunteer and join the choir or play a musical instrument under the guidance of the Music Director.
3. Community Projects—Volunteer at a non-profit organization. Examples: Food for Families Drive, Special Olympics, Shots for Tots Programs or St. Joseph's Diner
4. Parish Project — volunteer to help out at the parish "Food Drive", Volunteer at St. Genevieve School to help out with the "After School Program", or volunteer to help out around church.
5. Spiritual Service Hours can be met by attending the monthly Youth Group meetings or attending adoration at area chapels (Fatima Church, St. Peter's Church, Community of Jesus Crucified Chapel etc.) Attending Parish Morning of Recollection when scheduled.

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 with the exception of Spiritual Service Hours. The forms are available 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.

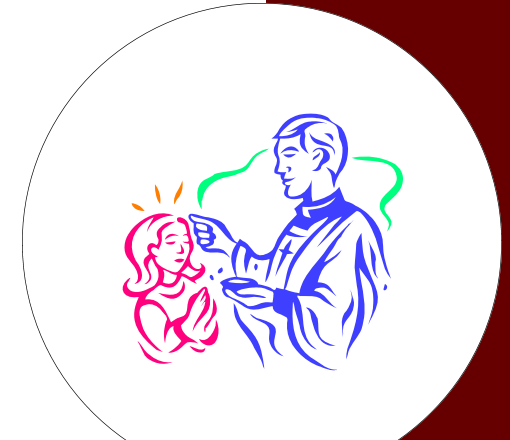
Guide us by your wisdom. Protect us by your justice. Comfort us with your healing mercy, as we pray for those who are to be confirmed.

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 Spirit who will come to them 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 Process



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Church Parish**

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Confirmation

According to theology of the Catholic Church the purpose of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to confirm one's Baptismal Faith and promises and one's participation in the local church community. The Sacrament also completes one's initiation into the church. It should be understood that ACTIVE PARTICIPATION in the faith community of St. Genevieve Parish is mandated and, therefore, expected. The purpose of the Confirmation Program of this parish is to ascertain the readiness of the individual candidate to accept the rights and privileges as well as the responsibilities of a fully initiated member of the faith.

Confirmation emphasizes the transformation of life by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in his fullness. Confirmed Christians claim as fully their own the new life into which they were first initiated at baptism. The church community expresses its continued support and concern for the spiritual growth of those confirmed, while the latter promise in turn to help others grow and mature in the Christian life.

Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, Teurlings Catholic High School or St. Thomas More High School conforms to Diocesan Policy, all students wishing to be Confirmed MUST do so in their own Parish.

Therefore, Teurlings or St. Thomas More 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 confirmation should be a free choice on the part of the candidates. 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 sponsors, 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 the St. Genevieve Parish:

1. The Confirmation Process at St. Genevieve is a 2-Year Program.
2. Regular attendance at the weekend liturgies of this parish. (Candidates must sign in after Mass)
3. Attendance of all scheduled classes, special events, retreats and ceremonies. Absences must be excused before the scheduled class or event by Coordinator or Pastor.
4. All candidates must accumulate **20 hours of Christian Service Work** through various church and civic organizations and **10 hours of Spiritual Devotion**. A total of 30 hours must be completed. All hours of service with the exception of Spiritual hours must be turned in to the Instructor on the "Service Report Form" signed by the supervisor of work before the scheduled retreat.