

**CHECKLIST OF DUE DATES FOR CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE**

This sheet summarizes the requirements and due dates for STM School Students.

Please see the detailed requirements section following this sheet.

DUE FALL 2018

- **CONFIRMATION DATA SHEET:** Due WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

- **MASS BOOKS:** Must be completed weekly, beginning with SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

- **BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES (if not already on file):** Due WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

DUE SPRING 2019

- **SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:** Due WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

- **CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORT:** Due WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

- **SERVICE HOURS CHART AND REPORT:** Due WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

DUE FALL 2019

- **SUMMER SERVICE HOURS CHART AND REPORT:** Due WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

- **CONFIRMATION RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP AND FEE:** TBD (SEPT 2019)

- **CONFIRMATION ROBE FEE:** TBD (SEPT 2019)

- **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** TBD (A SATURDAY IN SEPT/EARLY OCT 2019)

- **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:** TBD (WEEK PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION)

- **CONFIRMATION MASS:** FALL 2019 (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE SPRING OF 2019)

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

“Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit-his actions, his gifts and his biddings.” (CCC 1309)

Other than the forms that must be turned in for appropriate recording of the sacrament, these requirements have been designed to help the student and family engage with the Mass and the community to help the student mature in the Catholic faith. Please obey the listed due dates.

CONFIRMATION DATA SHEET: Due WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

This form is your way of indicating your desire to have your child confirmed, and it must be filled out with all the vital information we need for parish records.

MASS BOOKS: Must be completed weekly, beginning with Sunday, October 14, 2018

- All students are required to complete a Mass report for every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. These Mass reports are designed to focus the student on key elements of the Mass to assist their growth in understanding of the Mass.
- The Mass sheets are stapled into book form, and it is the student’s responsibility to keep the Mass Book in good condition.
- If you do not attend Mass at St. Thomas More, when you turn the Mass Book in you must include a copy of the bulletin from the church you attended.
- The Mass Book will be turned in to Ms. K on Tuesdays for grading and returned to you by Thursday.
- If you are not fulfilling this requirement on a regular basis, a meeting will be arranged with you and your parents to discuss this matter.
- If you are sick on a particular weekend and cannot get to Mass, you should have your parent sign verifying that you were sick, locate the Sunday Gospel readings or watch Mass online, and complete as much of the Mass sheet as possible to receive credit for the Mass sheet.

BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: Due WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Each candidate must submit a copy of his/her Baptism and First Communion Certificates if not already on file, even if you were baptized or received First Communion at STM. If baptized outside of the USA, please allow ample time to retrieve a copy of the certificate from the parish of the Baptism.

We will notify you whether or not we have your certificate on file.

SPONSOR FORM (OR LETTER) OF ELIGIBILITY: Due WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

THIS FORM (OR LETTER) IS OBTAINED **BY THE SPONSOR** FROM THE SPONSOR’S PARISH.

- The candidate is required to select a person to be his or her sponsor. The sponsor must meet the following criteria:
 - 1)** must be 16 years of age or older;
 - 2)** must be a baptized, practicing Catholic registered in a Catholic parish;
 - 3)** must have received First Communion and Confirmation;
 - 4)** must not be the parent of the person being confirmed;
 - 5)** must regularly attend Mass on

Sundays and Holy Days; and **6**) if married, must have been married by a Catholic priest or deacon.

You may choose a sponsor who may not physically be able to be present the evening of our Confirmation Mass. Notify the Religious Education Office if your sponsor cannot physically attend the Confirmation Mass so we can arrange a proxy for them.

CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORT: Due WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

You must research your saint and find a saint with whom you share a connection. This will then be your Confirmation name.

Only canonized saints should be chosen. Write a saint report thoughtfully using your own words to explain what you have learned from your research. Use legitimate Catholic sources for your research. DO NOT use Wikipedia or blogs or other non-conforming sites. You may also use books or other published resources for your research.

SERVICE HOURS CHART AND REPORT: Due WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

Each candidate is required to perform a minimum of 25 hours of community service with at least five different projects. We will have some group opportunities for service but you may also find other opportunities with your school or community. You may not count babysitting younger siblings or cousins, washing your uncle's car, or other acts that family members would normally help each other with. Look outside your family for opportunities to help your church, your school, and your community. After completing the service hours and recording them on the chart, the student must complete a service reflection paper.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS CHART AND REPORT: Due WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

To maintain continuity of Confirmation preparation over the summer, students must complete at least five hours of participation and service and at least three different events. Events include field trips, service opportunities, youth adoration, and youth Masses over the summer.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP AND FEE: TBD (SEPT 2019)

The retreat site and date will be determined in Spring 2019.

CONFIRMATION ROBE FEE: TBD (SEPT 2019)

Each student wears a solid red robe during the Confirmation Mass. The robe must be purchased from us for \$15 unless you have a solid red robe from a sibling or friend.

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