

Checklist for Celebrating Confirmation in 2022

For first year candidates

All forms and other paperwork are available on the web at www.gsrcc.net.

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- [] Attend Mass every Sunday (as required by the Catholic Church)
- [] Complete a **Faith Formation registration form** & submit a copy of your **baptism certificate**
- [] Submit your **Sponsor Certificate Form** by **Nov. 30th, 2020**

- [] Attend the **Introduction to Confirmation** meeting (**with a parent**): (Sign up on the following links:
 - In Person Class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f44a9ad2ea3fb6-year6>
 - Virtual Class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f44a9ad2ea3fb6-year5>

- [] Confirmation candidates must have **regular participation** in the Life Teen Program which includes:
 - o Option #1: In Person: Attend Life Nights or Wednesday Deep with Pizza at least twice a month,
 - o Option #2: Virtual: Attend Deep Life Live Streamed at least twice a month,
 - o Option #3: At Home Faith Formation (with parents).

- [] Complete the three **service projects** and submit the **completion forms** (forms online at <https://gsrcc.net/faith-formation/confirmation/>)
 - () Family Completion Form (1)
 - () Church Completion Form (1)
 - () Community Completion Form (1)

Detailed explanations & examples of these projects can be found on the next page.

- [] Attend at least one hour of Eucharistic Adoration with your sponsor or parent. ***You must spend one hour in adoration at some point during the year. You may split the time into 30 minute intervals if you want.***
 - You may do a virtual Adoration experience with this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rz5gekTkF0o>

- [] Attend the Advent & Lenten Penance Services* (should also attend Reconciliation other than the Penance services) **** Catholics are required to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year to remain a Catholic in good standing and must participate in it prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.***

Service Project Ideas

Family Service Project Examples:

- Cooking family dinner, once a week, for 2 months (& cleaning up)
- Cleaning out the attic/basement & holding a yard sale, then using the \$ for the family
- Helping dad/mom build/repair something in the yard
- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic 404-763-4357
- Cooking Thanksgiving & Christmas meals & cleaning up afterwards
- Helping an elderly neighbor who has trouble maintaining their yard (must be more than one time—like mowing their yard during the summer), or repairing something in their house that they can't do themselves (without being paid)

Church Service Project Examples:

- Elementary Faith Form. assistant (for the school year)
- Altar servers (for the entire year)
- Assist with the All Saints Day Celebration
- Help decorate the church for Christmas & Easter
- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic
- Assist in summer VBS program
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Assist with St. Vincent de Paul

Community Service Project Examples:

The Community project must be completed with the teen's sponsor and/or parent.

- Volunteer with the Pro-Life Pregnancy Aid Clinic 404-763-4357
- Volunteer with the MSG Foundation (www.msgfound.org), boxing and delivering food to the less fortunate around Forsyth county.
- Volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Society (email John Cavanagh at john@cavanaghgrp.com)
- Participate at the March for Life or other Pro-Life events
- Participate on a mission trip
- Volunteer at Walker Therapy (<http://walkertherapy.com/>)
- Volunteer with the "Fuller Center for Housing" (like Habitat for Humanity): www.fullercenterlakelaniel.com

Choosing a Sponsor

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, we ask candidates (not the parents) to select someone to be their sponsor. We ask that you spend time thinking and praying about who would be the best sponsor for you. The relationship between the Confirmation candidate and their sponsor is one that can add a significant dimension to this preparation time.

The role of your sponsor is to "accompany" you in your journey toward greater faith, hope and love. What is most important, therefore, is the quality of the relationship that you have with this person and this person's faith. Your sponsor should be someone whom you admire and has qualities in his / her life that you would like to emulate. Your sponsor does not need to be related to you or live locally.

Your sponsor will need to spend some special time with you. Most importantly, your sponsor should be someone with whom you are comfortable, someone who will accept you and your questions about your life, and with whom you can share your experiences of God. A good sponsor for you is someone who cares about you and will be with you in your growth toward a more mature experience of Christianity.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR:

- Must be an active, practicing, confirmed Catholic in good standing;
- Must be 16 years old or older;
- Must be able to participate in your preparation;
- Cannot be a parent (but may be a sibling)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR SPONSOR:

- To pray for and with you;
- To be a 'role model' and witness and example of a Catholic Christian lifestyle;
- To present you to the Archbishop at Confirmation
- To help you recognize your own gifts;
- To help you select your service projects and critically evaluate them

Checklist for Making Confirmation in 2021

For first year Parents

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- ☐ Attend Mass every Sunday (as required by the Catholic Church)
- ☐ Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year (as required by the Catholic Church)
- ☐ Attend the **Introduction to Confirmation** meeting with your teen.
- ☐ Volunteer with or attend **two** of the following:
 - Chaperone a teen retreat (Men's/Women's, Christmas or Confirmation Retreats)
 - Join the Core Team that helps plan and present Sunday Life Nights
 - Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend (wwme.org)
- ☐ Participate in some service work with your child

Please note that all chaperones and volunteers must complete the Volunteer Safe Environment program. You go online to <http://archatl.com/ministries-services/safe-environment/volunteers/> and complete all the listed steps.

There is no cost to chaperone a retreat.