



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confirmation Overview

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Important Dates and Deadlines

- October 19th - Saint Reflection Due
- October 24th – Confirmation Retreat at OLPH 2:00pm-8:00pm
- November 20th- Sponsor Form Due
- November 20th – Sacramental Record Form Due
- January 25th – Letter of Intent Due
- February 28th – Presentation of the Confirmandi 11:00am Mass
- March 5th – Confirmation at the Cathedral 11:00am
- Defense of Faith Project (TBD)
- Works of Mercy Reflection (TBD)



When is Confirmation?
(March 5th at 11:00am)

1. When is my confirmation? (March 5th at 11:00am)

- a. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, March 5th 2015 at 11:00am
- b. Confirmandi **MUST** arrive by 10:15am
- c. Parents, Friends, and Family should arrive by 10:30am 10:45 at the latest
 - i. The earlier the better for parking
- d. Confirmation Mass will conclude around 1:00pm

2. Where is my confirmation?

- a. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43610

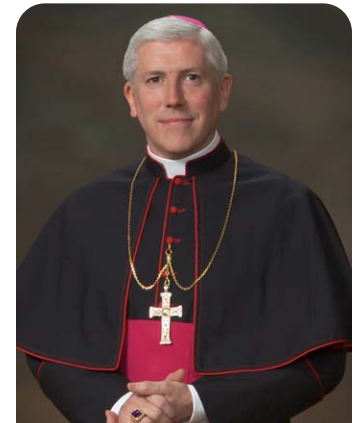


3. What I can wear to my confirmation.

- a. Men
 - i. Dress shirts, pants, shoes, and a tie, a dress blazer or suit coat is suggested but not required
- b. Women
 - i. An appropriate knee length dress or skirt and blouse with appropriate shoes
 - ii. May also wear dress pants and blouse with appropriate shoes
 - iii. Shoes.
 1. Flats are ideal
 2. Pumps but not high heels (you will be standing and walking on slick floors)
 - iv. **SHOULDERS MUST BE COVERED**

4. What I cannot wear to my confirmation.

- a. Tennis shoes
- b. High heels
- c. Flip Flops
- d. T-shirts
- e. Jeans
- f. Casual Clothes



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop Designate of the Diocese of Toledo

Why am I Here?

- ❖ When one seeks Confirmation they are doing so to receive more fully the gifts of the Holy Spirit which bind him or her more perfectly to Christ and His church and provide strength to face persecution for the sake of righteousness as well as to spread and defend the faith in both word and deed. (Can. 879; CCC. 1289, 1303; YC. 205; LG 11) This program seeks to prepare you to take on these responsibilities and be receptive to the gifts of the spirit.

What am I Committing To?

- ❖ When one seeks Confirmation they are really responding with a fiat or YES to God and are trying with that yes to conform their will to God's will.
 - Some Ex.
 - Luke 1:26-38
 - When the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary and announced that she would be the mother of the Son of God she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
 - Mark 14:36
 - The night before Jesus died he went off to pray in the garden of Gethsemane and there said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."
- ❖ What does this mean?
 - It means you are making a commitment to come to Him weekly in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.
 - It means you are committing to learning more about your faith.
 - It means that you are committing to spreading the message of the gospels through word and deed.
 - It means you are committing to defending the faith.
 - It means you are willing to suffer all kinds of persecution for the sake of righteousness.
 - It means you are committing to living the beatitudes.

What are some scriptural foundations of the sacrament?

- 1) Acts 2: 2-4
- 2) Acts 8:14-17
- 3) Acts 19:1-6

Who can receive the sacrament of confirmation?

- a. Every baptized person not yet confirmed who is properly instructed, capable of making reasonable, educated, and rational decisions about their wellbeing on their own, is in a state of grace, and in this diocese is in their eighth grade year or beyond is allowed to receive the sacrament licitly. (Can. 889 - 891; Diocese of Toledo Guidelines for Sacramental Preparation)

What does the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Community ask of those seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation?

1. Attendance at Class (applicable to PSR students)

- a. Attendance at classes is required unless you are ill with a doctor's note. Three absences will be considered excessive, and will prevent one from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 7th, 2015.

2. Retreats

- a. There are two engagements we ask the confirmandi to attend:
 - i. NET Ministries Confirmation Retreat
 1. October 24th from 2:00pm-8:00pm
 - a. 2:00pm--- Arrival
 - b. 5:00pm--- Family members and sponsors are invited to attend Mass with us
 - c. 6:00pm--- A pizza dinner following Mass in the basement of the church for the Confirmandi only
 - d. 7:30pm – Adoration in the Church all friends and family are invited to participate with us
 - ii. Presentation of Confirmandi
 1. February 28th 11:00am – 2:00pm
 - a. 10:30am arrive for Mass
 - b. 11:00am Mass
 - c. 12:00pm Lunch in Meeting Rm#2 and Final Prep Meeting and Practice
*Sponsors and family are encouraged to attend. Sponsors will have a role in the mass and may wish to attend for the practice.

1. Saint Reflection (Due by October 20th)

The tradition of picking a saint's name for Confirmation is rooted in the early church practice of taking a new name when one received Baptism. It was a way of fully embracing the new Christian life. For confirmandi the practice exists as a way of reaffirming their baptismal commitment to Christ. If you find that you are having trouble finding a saint start with your own name. Perhaps you are already named after a saint.

- a. What to include in your reflection
 - i. Answer these questions: What is it about this saint that intimately connects you with them? What about their life touched you in such a profound way that you would like to use their life as a model for your own? This can be a one page double-spaced, but it must be substantive. If it does not reveal enough about why this Saint personally influences you then you will be asked to revise. This is for you and not for us. It is your faith journey.



2. In defense of the Faith Presentation and Reflection (Due TBD)

*The presentations will be scheduled by your classroom teacher. This project and reflection seeks to prepare the confirmandi for researching and answering questions about the faith. To complete this assignment students are to research a teaching of the church, explain it to the class utilizing one of the ways mentioned below, and write a reflection on it. This project may be completed in groups or individually, but the reflections must each be unique.



- a. What to include in your reflection (School Students will do this portion with Mrs. Susdorf)
 - i. Find a teaching of the church that most interests you, have questions about, or have been questioned on. If you are having difficulty thinking of a topic see your teacher.
 - ii. Research the topic utilizing scripture and your YOUCAT. You may also use the Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Code of Canon Law, and other church documents. For this research portion, Mr. Mocek and your teachers will work with you to help find the right places to look.
 - iii. Using what you found in your researched write a reflection that includes the following:
 1. Inform the reader what the Church teaches about the topic you chose.
 2. Include YouCat and scripture references to back up what you have found.
 3. Express your own thoughts.
 - a. How do you feel about what the Church teaches? Explain why you feel the way you do.
 - b. Do you agree or disagree with the church teaching and explain why.
 - c. If you disagree provide a scriptural reference for your disagreement.
- b. What to include in your presentation (School Students will do this portion with Mrs. Ashner)
 - i. The presentation should include what you wrote about in your reflection. The goal of the presentation is to teach the rest of your class about the topic you chose.
 - ii. You may present your findings in one of the following ways.
 1. A skit with fellow classmates who have researched the same topic.
 - a. The skit can take place in the classroom or may be filmed ahead of time.
 2. A presentation that utilizes either Keynote, PowerPoint, Prezi, or handouts. A presentation that includes any of these formats may or may not also included a class activity. See your teachers for further instruction.
 3. The presentation does not need to be very long. 5-10 Minutes tops.

3. **Letter of Intent to Fr. Dave and the Community** (Due by January 25th)

- a. Include the following in your letter?
 - i. Declare why you are seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.
 - ii. Explain why you feel you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - iii. Include two commitments you will make to the church that you will follow through with after Confirmation.
- b. When? Due by January 25th.

4. **Service Hours and Works of Mercy Reflection** (Due TBD)

- a. Over the course of the year students will perform at least one corporal or spiritual work of mercy and submit a reflection about it

b. Reflection Guidelines

- i. Guidelines for the Corporal Work of Mercy Reflection and the Spiritual Works of Mercy Reflection
- ii. 2 relevant scripture references each
- iii. 1 relevant YOUCAT reference each
- iv. The Act of Mercy you performed
- v. An Act of Mercy shown to you
- vi. How did it feel when you were shown mercy?
- vii. Why might God be calling us to perform this act of mercy?
- viii. How did it happen that this was the work of mercy you performed? What is the story behind it?



a. **Interview**

- a. Closer to Confirmation you will be asked to have a brief interview with Fr. Dave to discuss your decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. At this time you will discuss your letter and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

b. **Reconciliation** – Students will be provided an opportunity to receive reconciliation

Selecting a Sponsor

1. Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.
2. To perform the function of sponsor a person must:
 - a. Be designated by the one to be confirmed
 - i. The church suggests asking a God Parent
 - b. Have completed the sixteenth year of age
 - c. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on
 - d. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared
 - i. So no one who has been excommunicated
 - ii. This also refers to individuals who have been divorced and remarried without going through the annulment process
 - e. Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
3. Other Considerations
 - a. All sponsors are required to fill out the sponsor form to certify that s/he meets the requirements
 - b. The sponsor must also be available to present the candidate to the Bishop on March 7th.
 - i. If the sponsor is unable to present the candidate on the date of confirmation then a parent will stand in. However, this is not desirable.





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BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION RECORD

Please complete this form and return it along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and 1st Communion Certificate. If you do not have a copy in your possession call the parish of reception and request that they send certificates to OLPH at the address below. If the sacraments were received at OLPH then simply write OLPH in the boxes and return the form without certificates.

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ CITY OF BIRTH: _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION: First Name _____ Maiden Name: _____

FATHER'S INFORMATION: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU CURRENTLY NEED THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

DATE OF BAPTISM _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM _____

CHURCH ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

1ST COMMUNION INFORMATION

(Confirmation Candidates Only)

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU CURRENTLY NEED THE SACRAMENT OF 1ST EUCHARIST

DATE OF FIRST COMMUNION _____

CHURCH OF FIRST COMMUNION _____

CHURCH ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

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Sponsor Certification Form

Your sponsor is responsible for the completion of this form
(Return by October 27th to the fax number or address above)

NAME OF CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATE _____

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

Sponsor's Relationship to the Confirmation Candidate (Ex. God Parent, Aunt, Uncle etc.) _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

SPONSOR'S EMAIL: _____

SPONSOR'S PHONE # _____

1. I am a Catholic in good standing (You practice the faith in both word and deed) Yes No
2. I am a fully initiated Catholic, and at least 16 years of age (I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)
 Yes No
3. I attend Mass at my local parish every week with few exceptions Yes No
4. Have you or your current spouse ever been divorced and remarried without going through the annulment process?
 Yes No Not Applicable
5. If you are dating or engaged are you cohabitating? Yes No Not Applicable

If you answered "no" to any of questions 1-3 you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time. If you answered yes to either question 4 or 5 please contact Josh Mocek discuss your particular situation.

As verification that you are a Catholic in good standing please have your parish office fill out the information below.

Name of home parish: _____

(Arch) Diocese: _____

The person above is a registered parishioner and in good standing with the Church: Yes No

Affix Church Seal

Name of Pastor: _____ Pastor's Signature: _____