

Sacrament of Confirmation
Guardian Angels Church 2023-2024



“All were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:4

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Confirmation Overview

Welcome to the preparation process for Confirmation! I hope it is a faith-filled time for you and your sponsor. I hope this process deepens your participation and commitment with our church. Please bring this booklet and a pen to each of the Confirmation sessions as it contains the outlines you will need for taking notes at the sessions. Contact **Paul Deziel** with any questions at **pdeziel@guardian-angels.org** or 651-789-3173.

Confirmation Requirements

Our goal is to prepare young people who are ninth grade or in high school to grow in faith and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next fall. Students preparing for Confirmation must complete:

- Attend four education sessions (Sign of the Cross, Anointed with Oil, the Holy Spirit, and Unity)
- One retreat of choice (TEC, NET, Catholic High School, Guardian Angels, or Mission Trip).
- One Safety Session (skills to prevent teen sexual abuse as required by the Archdiocese)
- Two hours of service to the poor or vulnerable (see guidelines in booklet)
- Participate in at least one Liturgical Ministry at 11 am Mass (see schedule).
- Paperwork- Sponsor Form, Service Form, Candidate Form, Evaluation Form , and an updated Certificate of Baptism if not baptized at Guardian Angels.

Confirmation is celebrated at the Cathedral in St. Paul in the fall of 2024. Date to be determined.

Steps to Complete Your Preparation:

- 1) **Register** at <https://www.guardian-angels.org/> using the Growing In Faith Together registration form.
- 2) **Choose a Sponsor and Submit the Sponsor Form.** We ask that you choose a Confirmed Catholic, a person of faith you admire who is not your parent, and someone who can attend all four of the education sessions with you. This person can support your growth in faith this year and beyond.
- 3) **Sign-up and complete a Confirmation Retreat** - Challenge yourself to choose a retreat from the retreat options listed on page 14 of the Confirmation booklet that will help you grow spiritually.
- 4) **Attend the four education sessions** (with sponsor) **and one safety session** (with a parent) of your choice (see schedule on page 3)

- 5) **Participate in at least one Liturgical Ministry at 11 am Mas at GA (see schedule).**
- 6) **Plan and complete your Service to the Poor or Vulnerable-** Serving the poor and vulnerable is an essential element of living our Catholic Faith. See GA schedule to do with us or use the resources listed on page 15 or your Confirmation booklet to arrange on your own time. Fill in the **Service Form** and give it to Paul by August 30, 2024.
- 7) **Choose a Confirmation Name** (or choose to use your own name from Baptism if it is a Saint's name). Read the guidelines in your booklet. You will communicate the choice of your name by returning the Candidate Form in the Confirmation booklet.
- 8) **Fill out the Evaluation and Candidate Forms** (see booklet) and send them to Paul by August 30, 2024.
- 9) **Certificate of Baptism-** If you were not baptized at Guardian Angels Church please contact the church of your baptism and get an updated copy of your Certificate of Baptism sent to Guardian Angels. **Wait until May to complete this step** as all copies of certificates of baptism must be within six months of our Confirmation date. Note– a copy of the one you have at home will not suffice per policy of the Archdiocese.
- 10) **Confirmation Rite of Sending Mass-** Plan to attend the 11 AM Mass at Guardian Angels the weekend before Confirmation so you can receive a the Rite of Sending blessing and recognition from our community.
- 11) **Confirmation in the fall of 2024-** Attend Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral in St. Paul and receive the Sacrament. You will also receive a Confirmation Certificate that day. Date TBD.

Guardian Angels Confirmation Schedule 2023-2024

Requirements	Dates and Times	Location
Sign of the Cross Youth and Sponsors attend one to learn about our faith.	Sunday, September 10 12:15-1:30 PM Sunday, January 14, 12:15-1:30 PM	Peter O'Neill Hall
Holy Spirit Youth and Sponsors attend one to learn about our faith.	Sunday, October 1, 12:15-1:30 PM Sunday, February 4, 12:15-1:30 PM	Peter O'Neill Hall
Anointed with Oil Youth and Sponsors attend one to learn about our faith.	Sunday, November 5, 12:15-1:30 PM Sunday, March 3, 12:15-1:30 PM	Peter O'Neill Hall
Unity Youth and Sponsors attend one to learn about our faith.	Sunday, December 10, 12:15-1:30 PM Sunday, April 7, 12:15-1:30 PM	Peter O'Neill Hall
Safety Session (VIRTUS) Youth and a parent attend one to protect youth..	Sunday, October 22, 12:15-1:30 pm Sunday, January 21, 12:15-1:30 pm	Peter O'Neill Hall
Serve the Vulnerable Youth serve at one or arrange separately to live our faith. (*Email Paul to sign up)	*Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday, Oct, 28, 9:30 am. *Feed My Starving Children, Saturday, Dec. 16, 8:30 –11:30 am (Bus provided) *Open Cupboard Food Shelf, Sat, April 27– TBD	
Retreat Youth attend one to grow closer to God and build community. (*Email Paul to sign up)	*Sunday, May 5, 2024, 12:15-3:00 pm *Sunday, August 11, 2024, 12:15-3:00 pm NET, Catholic School Retreat, or Youth Camp. *GA Mission Trip– TBD	Youth Center
Liturgical Ministry Youth do one or more to serve our parish. (*Email Paul to sign-up)	Lector, Greeter, or Projectionist at 11 am Mass *September 10 *January 14 *May 5 *October 1 *February 4 *June 2 *November 5 *March 3 *December 10 * April 7	Worship Space
Confirmation Mass	October or November 2023, TBD	Cathedral in St. Paul

***Spaces are limited, sign-up with Paul at pdeziel@guardian-angels.org or 651-789-3173**

Outline Sign of the Cross Session

Who do you think God the Father is? What do you think God the Father does?

What do the Hebrew words hesed and emeth from the Bible mean to describe God?

Summarize the following paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church on God :
CCC 268

CCC 370

Summarize the Nicene Creed statements on God the Father.

What do the following Bible passages suggest about God?

Numbers 11:10-12

Isaiah 66:10-13

Luke 15:11-32

Matt 6:6

Luke 12:4-7

Who do you think Jesus is and what did he do?

How is the mission of Jesus described in Luke 4:18-19?

What are the images of Jesus from these Gospels readings:

John 6:35

John 10:11-18

John 8:12

John 11:26

John 15:1-8

Matthew 16:13-17

Summarize the Nicene Creed's belief on Jesus.

What is the Paschal Mystery?

What are some Paschal Mystery stories from your own life? Times of loss, suffering or change followed later by growth, new learning or life?

Outline- Anointed With Oil Session

Three Ministries of Jesus we are anointed into at Baptism- Priest, Prophet and King.

1. Priest- How do you like to pray?
2. Prophet- When do you speak up for God?
3. King- How does Jesus rule your life?

What is the mission of Jesus described in Luke 4:16-19?

Who is poor today?

Who are captives today?

Who are blind today?

Who are the oppressed or powerless today?

Catholic Social Teaching

Summarize what Pope Leo XIII taught in his encyclical letter ***Rerum Novarum*** in 1891.

Summarize what each of the following themes of Catholic Social Teaching mean:

- 1) Dignity of the Human Person
- 2) Call to family, Community and Common Good

3) Rights and Responsibilities

4) Option for the poor

5) Dignity and rights of workers

6) Solidarity

7) Caring for God's creation

Summarize Pope Francis' teachings from the following paragraphs in ***Laudato Si***

#14

#23

Outline for Holy Spirit Session

1What do you think are symbols for the Holy Spirit? Who do you think the Holy Spirit is?

List the **symbols for the Holy Spirit** from these paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

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| CCC 696 | CCC 701 |
| CCC 694 | CCC 695 |
| CCC 697 | CCC 700 |
| CCC 699 | |

Andrei Rublev’s Icon of the Holy Trinity based on three angels visiting Abraham in Genesis 18. Examine the icon and guess which angels represent the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit- based on visual evidence.
Write your opinion here.

What do you think the Icon teach us about the Holy Trinity?

After discussion which person is which and why?

What are some lessons the Icon teaches about the Holy Trinity?

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Who is the Holy Spirit according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 685 and the Nicene Creed?

List the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22?

Where have you experienced any of the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

List the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit from Isaiah 11:2-3?

Where have you experienced the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

How does Elijah describe the Holy Spirit in Kings 19:11-18

How might the Holy Spirit be calling you?

Outline for Unity Session

Unity of Early Church Practices-What do the following Greek words mean?

kerygma

koinonia

leitourgia

diakonia

What does Paul tell us about unity in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 and Ephesians 4:3-6?

What do the following **4 Marks of the Church** mean from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see paragraph numbers below).

one- CCC 813 and 815

holy- CCC 823 and 825

catholic- CCC 836 and 834

apostolic- 857 and 862

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about the Eucharist- CCC 1324

Discuss with Sponsors

- 1) Is Eucharist important to me? What does it seem to do for me?
- 2) Do I feel unity in our church community?
- 3) What questions do I have about Eucharist?

Diversity of the Church

What were 5 early centers of Christianity that were diverse?

What does Paul say about diversity in the church in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and Ephesians 4:11-13?

What did the Council of Nicaea decide about the nature of Jesus in 325 AD?

What did the Council of Constantinople decide about the Holy Spirit in 381 AD?

What did the Council of Ephesus say about Mary in 431 AD?

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church teach about our conscience:

CCC 1776

CCC 1782

CCC 1785

Discuss with Sponsors

- 1) What do I see as my role in the church?
- 2) What I most celebrate or enjoy about being Catholic is...
- 3) What I question most in church teaching or practice is...

Safety Session Vocabulary:

Boundaries

Sexual Assault

Date Rape

Date Rape Drugs

Stalking

Cyber Stalking

Uncomfortable Situations -Talk with your tables about what you would do?

- A) My coach seems to be always tapping, rubbing, or slapping me. She does it to everyone, yet, I feel uncomfortable when she does it to me. Is it just me? What should I do?
- B) The halls at school are crowded between classes. One student seems to have a lot of “accidents” that cause him to rub against me every day. What should I do?
- C) When my stepfather comes home drunk late at night he comes into my room and touches my private parts. How should I handle it?
- D) One day after practice, a group of us went over to our coach’s house to shoot pool. Lying there on a table in the den were magazines full of pictures of nude women. I was uncomfortable, but everyone else was laughing and joking looking at the pictures. If I tell my parents, everyone will think I’m a dork. What should I do?
- E) My boyfriend wants to come over to my house when my parents are gone, but he’s been pushing me to have sex with him and I’m afraid I won’t be able to say “No” if he and I are alone in the house. What should I do?

Date Rape Drugs

GHB- Street names: G, Cherry-meth, Everclear and Fantasy

Rohypnol- Names: Forget pill, Landing gear, Mexican valium, Mind eraser, Rope

Ketamine-Name: cat valium, Jet, K, Super C, and Vitamin K.

MDMA- Ecstasy, X, XTC and Clarity

SOMA-Street names: D, D’s, Dance, Dans

Protect Yourself from Date Rape:

NEVER accept an _____ drink from anyone at a party (only drink from a sealed can or bottle that you have opened)

NEVER leave your drink or beverage _____ at a party.

NEVER go to a party or teen club _____. Always go with one or more friends and make a point to stick together and look out for each other.

If you ever feel intoxicated, _____, sleepy, or nauseated **DO NOT** go to the restroom without one of your trusted friends accompanying you. Never allow yourself to be led off anywhere away from the group-even by someone who seems to be trying to help you. In a house, always stay in a well-lit open area with your trusted friends and rigorously ask them to help you. Explain you feel ill and tell them to call your parents or make other safe arrangements to leave with you immediately.

NEVER continue to _____ anything that has an unusual taste or appearance.

Grooming Behavior- Seeks to build trust through attention, gifts, secrets, and manipulation.

Safety Rules for Internet Use:

Write 3-5 Trusted Adults You Could Talk To if You Need Help:

Retreat Options for GA Confirmation Program

We ask students to explore and grow in their faith life by participating in one of the following retreats after they have registered for the Confirmation program. Please choose a retreat that will challenge you best and help you grow. Retreats fill up on a first-come, first-served basis so plan to register early. Retreats sometimes require a non-refundable deposit to register. E-mail Paul to sign up for

1) Guardian Angels on Sunday May 5, 2024 or Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 12:15-3:00 PM in the Youth Center. Limited to 30 youth. E-mail Paul to sign up at pdeziel@guardian-angels.org

2) NET Retreats (National Evangelization Teams). These are weekend retreats out of the NET Center in West St. Paul. For more information or to register contact them at www.netusa.org/confirmation

3) Catholic High School Retreat— if your son or daughter attends a retreat at their Catholic high school simply e-mail Paul to inform him and that will cover the requirement.

4) Church Mission/Service Trips— See Paul or another local church for more information.

5) Catholic Youth Camps— This is a week long experience during the summer in northern Minnesota, For more information contact them at www.cyc.org or 651-636-1645.

Be still, and know
that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Confirmation Guidelines for Service to the Poor or Vulnerable

Purpose- Guardian Angels Church requires all Confirmation candidates to complete one service experience to the poor or vulnerable as a way to demonstrate or express our faith in the world. The letter of James teaches us “faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.” (James 2:17) We emphasize service to the poor or vulnerable in order to follow the example of Jesus who often reached out to the outcast and marginalized people of his day including tax collector, lepers, the blind, the lame, and the poor. He proclaimed his mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, restore sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” (*Luke 4:18-19*)

Who is Poor or Vulnerable?

Homeless people
Low-income people
The poor around the world
Pregnant women and the unborn
Immigrants and minority cultures
The elderly or sick
Physically or mentally challenged people
Young children
Chemically addicted
Others...

Resources to complete service include but are limited to:

Feed My Starving Children- meals for the poor see www.fmssc.org
Bridging- furniture for low income at www.bridging.org
ARC Value Village- proceeds for the disabled at www.arcsvaluevillage.org

Hallie Q. Brown-food shelf, clothes, kids at www.hallieqbrown.org
Habitat for Humanity- affordable housing at www.tchabitat.org
Union Gospel Mission- homeless at www.ugmtc.org

Listening House- Drop in center at www.listeninghouse.org
Common Bond Communities- affordable housing at www.commonbond.org
Catholic Charities for Dorothy Day Center or Family Services Center at www.cctwincities.org

East Metro Place- low income families at www.emwc.org
Senior Centers- Maplewood Care Center 770-1365 or Cerenity Care at www.cerenitysenior.org
Life Care Center East- pregnancy resources at www.lccr.org

Hospitals- St. John's, St. Joseph's or United, Children's etc.
Guardian Angels Church- Community Garden, Mission Trip, Hope the for Journey
Home Shelter etc. (contact Paul Deziel on how to get involved)

Your Service Must Be...

Total at least two hours
Not directed at a family member or relative
Documented using the Service Form in your booklet (Turn in by August 30, 2024).

Choosing a Confirmation Name

- 1) **Option 1- Use your current name, if it is a Saint's name.** Since Vatican Council II, the Church has taught that one may keep their Baptismal name and use it again for Confirmation as long as it is a Saints name.

- 2) **Option 2- Choose the name of a Saint you admire.** The Saints act as role models for us and inspire us to live holy lives. Learning about the lives of the Saints can be a fun way to grow in faith. You can read about individual Saints at www.catholic.org/saints or other websites. If you feel moved or inspired by a Saint you learn about- that may be a good choice for a Confirmation name. You are not limited by gender- boys can choose the names of female Saints and vice-versa. If you do this option, try to make sure the Saint is historical (a real person who lived and was canonized by the Church).

You will write down your chosen Confirmation name on the Candidate Form in this booklet and turn in by August 30 of the fall you are going to be Confirmed.

Confirmation Sponsor Form

Return To: Paul Deziel

Guardian Angels Church 8260 4th Street N. Oakdale, MN 55128

pdeziel@guardian-angels.org

Candidate Information:

Full Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsor Information:

Full Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Candidate, Please answer:

What is your relationship with your sponsor? How do you know each other?

Why did you choose this person to be your sponsor?

Guardian Angels Confirmation Service Form

Name _____

Signature of adult or parent _____ Phone # _____

Service site (name or location) _____

Date/s and times for this service site _____

1) Describe what you did and how the recipients of this service were poor or vulnerable.

2) Describe what you learned or how it relates to your faith.

Confirmation Candidate Form- Guardian Angels

Due August 30 for the year celebrating the Sacrament

(Please Print)

Legal Name: _____
Full First Name Middle Last

Chosen Confirmation Name _____

Birth Date _____ Baptism Date _____
Month/day/year Month/day/year

Church of Baptism _____
Church name Church street address

Church City _____ State _____ Church Zip Code _____

Mother's Name _____
First Middle Maiden

Father's Name _____
First Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number _____

Sponsor Information:

Sponsor Name _____
First Full Name Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number _____

Evaluation Form- Confirmation Program at Guardian Angels

Name of Candidate: _____

1) Do you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Explain why or why not?

2) What did you enjoy most in your preparation for Confirmation?

3) What would you suggest to improve the Confirmation program?

How can we contact you? Email:

Phone: _____