



CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Family Information Packet

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

May 17, 2022

KEEP IN MIND

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK WEARING

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church

Guidelines for Confirmation Procedures

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT FORM

The Candidate Commitment Form must be completed and returned to the Religious Education office by **November 30, 2021**. Must be filled in completely or it will not be accepted.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE DOCUMENTATION FORM

The Confirmation Candidate Documentation Form must be completed and returned to the Religious Education office by **March 21, 2022**. **Must be filled in completely or it will not be accepted**. This form officially enrolls the student as a candidate in the Confirmation Program at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church. The information will be recorded in the Parish Sacrament Registry.

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH

The Permission to Photograph Form must accompany the Confirmation Candidate Documentation Form and be returned to the Religious Education office by **March 21, 2022**. This form grants permission for your child to be included in Confirmation Celebration photos/video.

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Assessments: Children will take assessments for each week's lesson and submit it to the Catechist no later than the end of day Saturday each week. Following this 8-week period, children will take a final exam covering this Confirmation material.

SERVICE

Service commitments require conviction, good will, enthusiasm, generosity, and responsibility. Candidates are asked to select a service project in the areas of Church, Family, and/or Community. They are encouraged to view this as the beginning of a lifetime of service to others. The Service Project information was given out to all the students in the 7th grade. A Confirmation Service Log was provided to record service activity for Religious Education students. This Confirmation Service Log must be reviewed and signed by the candidate's parents and returned to the Religious Education Office by **February 28, 2022**. **Consideration will be given due to the limitation imposed by this pandemic.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confirmation candidates are required to celebrate this Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the reception of Confirmation. **Confession will be the responsibility of the Confirmandi. Confessions are heard at St. Gregory the Great on Tuesday & Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm., or Saturday after 9:00am Mass.**

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE/LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY

All sponsor (including those from St. Gregory the Great) must have a letter of eligibility which can be obtained from the Parish office where you attend Mass. **Form is due February 28, 2022.** A certificate of eligibility is provided in this packet; however, the sponsor's parish may use their own form if desired. The certificate of eligibility submitted to the Religious Education office **must be original and contain the sponsor's parish raised seal of certification and name of the Confirmandi.**

PROXY SPONSORS

If the actual sponsor is unable to be present for the celebration, a proxy may stand in his/her place. A proxy must follow all guidelines of the actual sponsor. If using a proxy, please contact the Religious Education Office immediately at 609-587-1131, ext. 228. A candidate's own parent cannot be their sponsor or proxy.

CONFIRMATION ATTIRE

Confirmation robes will be worn by all students.

Boys are required to wear a dress shirt, tie, dress pants, and appropriate shoes.

Girls are required to wear a modest dress or skirt & blouse and appropriate shoes.

ABSOLUTELY NO SNEAKERS OR FLIP-FLOPS.

Sponsors are expected to dress properly and respectfully.

PICTURE TAKING

This celebration is a sacred event and the primary focus should be on the joy of Confirmation. An atmosphere of respect and reverence is required. Personal picture taking during the entire celebration is permitted only from your pew.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All forms should be returned to Saint Gregory the Great Office of Religious Education, 4680 Nottingham Way Hamilton Square, NJ 08690. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office (609) 587-1131, ext. 228 or chouck@stgregorythegreat.org



CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

No one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit.

- Corinthians 12

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will fully participate in all Classroom or on-line Sessions and activities.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life-plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate

Date

Witnessed by: _____
Signature(s) of Candidate's Parents/Legal Guardians

DUE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Confirmation Candidate Documentation

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT

Please type or print clearly

This information has to be recorded not only in our parish records, but also in the parish of Baptism, if the candidate was not baptized at St. Gregory the Great Church.

Please return to the Religious Education Office by March 21, 2022

Candidate's Name* _____ **Age:** _____

*Candidate's name must match baptismal certificate unless there was a legal name change. In the case of a legal name change, we will need the documentation to support it.

Confirmation Name _____

Church of Baptism _____

City and State and Zip Code _____

Date of Baptism _____

(Do not return this form unless this info. is filled in. Must have month/day/year)

Present Address _____

(Street, city, state, zip-code)

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

First Name

Maiden Name

Confirmation Sponsor _____

Please fill in all information
This is extremely important for our records.

Overview of Confirmation Program

Important Dates

CONFIRMATION ROBE MEASUREMENT REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES

*Please return this form to the St. Gregory the Great Religious Education Office no later than
February 25, 2022*

Please provide an exact measurement of your child's height to ensure a proper fit
The Parish is not responsible for errors in measurements resulting in an incorrect size.

Candidate Name: _____

FEET

INCHES

May 17, 2022

Confirmation 4:00 pm (Students SGGA & Rel. Ed. Monday 4:30pm Session)

Arrive no later than 3:30 to sign in and to be seated.

Confirmation 6:00 pm (Students Monday 6:30pm, Wed. 4:30pm & 6:30pm Sessions)

Arrive no later than 5:30 to sign in and to be seated.

***Confession before Confirmation will be the responsibility of the Confirmandi.**

Confessions are heard at St. Gregory the Great on Tuesday & Wednesday from

6:30 – 7:30 pm.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION DATE			
Confirmation	Tuesday, May 17, 2022	4:00 PM SGGA Students & Rel. Ed. Monday 4:30pm Session <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px auto;"/> 6:00 PM Rel. Ed. Students Monday 6:30pm & Wed. 4:30pm & 6:30pm	You will be Seated it.

Certification of Sponsor

The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor (Diocese of Trenton)

(Please attach Letter of Eligibility to this form)

Role:

A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her during this time of preparation for Confirmation and can share his/her own faith. The sponsor should be living in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's immediate preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has been already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate, such as a godparent or member of the local parish. It will be necessary for the sponsor to attend the Confirmation rehearsal and celebration. Parents are not eligible to be sponsors of their children (1983, Code of Canon Law.)

Eligibility: A sponsor:

- Must be sixteen years old.
- Must belong to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
This indicates that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabitating (living together without marriage) are ineligible.
- May be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
- May be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.

SPONSOR DOCUMENTATION:

Student's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Parish's Address: _____

- **If your sponsor is a member of St. Gregory the Great Parish, you need to provide a Certificate of Eligibility, you can obtain a letter from the Parish office.** Please attach it directly to this page.
- **If your sponsor is not a member of St. Gregory the Great Parish, he/she will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from his/her parish, stating that he/she is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation. Please have the Certificate sent to you and attach it directly to this page**

This form is due by February 28, 2022

St. Gregory the Great Religious Education

Permission to Photograph

Dear Parent/Guardian:

St. Gregory the Great Religious Education will highlight activities and accomplishments of our students and catechists in various media outlets. It will be our policy **not** to publish the addresses of our students, but to periodically use these images in religious education materials and videos. We may also post these photos to our St. Gregory the Great Religious Education website and parish Facebook page. Additionally, throughout the school year, many photos from school masses, events, and holiday parties will be added to the St. Gregory the Great website.

I **DO** agree to allow St. Gregory the Great Religious Education Office to use photographs of my child/children in any religious education materials, in print or online.

I **DO NOT** agree to allow St. Gregory the Great Religious Education Office to use photographs of my child/children in any religious education materials, in print or online.

Name & Grade of Student(s): _____

Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the St. Gregory the Great Religious Education Office no later than
March 21, 2022

Important Dates for Confirmation Students

NOVEMBER 30, 2021 CANDIDATE COMMITMENT FORM

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FEBRUARY 28, 2022 SERVICE HOURS

This Confirmation Service Log must be reviewed and signed by the candidate's parents and returned to the Religious Education Office. Consideration will be given due to the limitation imposed by this pandemic.

FEBRUARY 25, 2022 CONFIRMATION ROBE MEASUREMENT

REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES. Form to be return to the St. Gregory the Great Religious Education Office.

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 SPONSOR CERTIFICATE/LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY

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MARCH 13, 2022 THE BEGINNING OF IMMEDIATE PREPARATION LESSONS FOR CONFIRMATION

MARCH 21, 2022 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE DOCUMENTATION FORM

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MARCH 21, 2022 PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH

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Church of St. Gregory the Great Confirmation Service Hour Log



Total Required Hours: 20 (Due February 28, 2022)

Parish Service Hours: At least 4 hours

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Family Service Hours: At least 4 hours

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Community Service Hours: At least 4 hours

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____