

CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT



7TH. GRADE SACRAMENT PREPARATION DATES 2021-2022

One parent is asked to attend ONE of the meetings. Each meeting should last approximately 30 minutes. If you are not able to attend, please contact the Religious Education Office at (609) 587-1131, x227. Here are all of the key dates for Confirmation Preparation:

Event	Date	Time	Location
CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT			
7 TH GRADE PARENT ZOOM MEETING	TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2022	7 TH GRADE PARENTS 6:30PM	ZOOM

REMOTE PREPARATION CONFIRMATION PACKET

2021-2022

Overview of the Remote Preparation Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Program is now a two-year process. Candidates must be registered members or live within the Parish boundaries of St. Gregory the Great Parish, or students attending St. Gregory the Great Academy, and in the seventh grade or above. They must be practicing Catholics attending weekly Holy Mass, and receiving the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion regularly.

Seventh Grade Year:

- Parent Information Meeting
- Religious Education Classes (SGGA or CCD program)
- Candidate Commitment Form
- Confirmation Program Enrollment Mass
- Proof of Baptism
- Confirmation Name/Saint Report
- Begin Service Requirements at least 10 hours the First Year.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for questions regarding the Remote Preparation for Confirmation at 609-587-1131 extension 227.

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church

Guidelines for Remote Preparation Confirmation Procedures

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Class participation, completion of requirements and all paperwork are essential for the preparation of Confirmation. A test will be given in the eighth grade. A student who fails to fully participate in all requirements may be considered **NOT PROPERLY PREPARED** for the reception of Confirmation at this time. It may be recommended that Confirmation be deferred until a later date.

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT FORM

Candidate Commitment forms will be handed out in class during November. **This form will be due to the Religious Education office on or before January 31, 2022.**

ENROLLMENT MASS

All seventh grade students will attend an Enrollment Mass with their parents ***TO BE ANNOUNCE IN THE FALL***

CERTIFICATION OF BAPTISM

You will be notified if a copy of Baptism is not in our file. This is critical for the recording of the sacrament in the Parish Sacrament Registry. **This is due to the Religious Education office by January 31, 2022.**

CONFIRMATION NAME/SAINT RESEARCH

A Saint's name should be chosen at Confirmation as a role model or inspiration for our imitation. The name symbolizes a new identity as a disciple of Christ. It is important that the candidate studies and knows about the life of his/her patron saint. **The Saint Report is due to the Religious Education office by March 16, 2022.** Student may keep Baptismal name.

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. Students will begin their service in seventh grade and complete it in the fall of eighth grade. A Service Summary is provided in this packet to record service activity for Religious Education students. **This Service Summary must be reviewed and signed by the candidate's parents and returned to the Religious Education Office by November 28, 2022.** A service project is required of Saint Gregory the Great Academy students. Please see your religion teacher for more information.

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. 227 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 attend and will fully participate in all class 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 JANUARY 31, 2022

Overview of Remote Preparation Confirmation Program

Important Dates

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January 25, 2022

7th Grade Parent Zoom Meeting – Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:30 pm.

January 31, 2022

Candidate Commitment Form turned in to Religious Education office.

January 31, 2022

Proof of Baptism Certificate. We will go through the file and you will be notified if we do not have a copy of Baptism Certificate.

March 16, 2022

Confirmation Name/Saint Report (RE students only). School students will hand in to classroom teacher.

November 28, 2022

Service Summary Sheet (only Religious Education students)

Confirmation Name and Saint Research

Type or write on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this form.

I have chosen the following Confirmation name (this name should be that of a saint that you would like to imitate and whose life inspires you).

- Write about why you chose this Confirmation name.
- Write a summary of your saint's life story.
- What event in the life of this saint most impressed you? Why?
- What special virtues did this saint have?
- How could you imitate this saint today?

Name and Saint Research is due March 16, 2022

If possible please Type your Saint Report or write neatly in pen, no less than a page.

GUIDELINES FOR DECIDING SERVICE COMMITMENT

As a Saint Gregory the Great Confirmation Candidate, you are called to bear witness to the Gospel Message by reaching out to the needs of others. This experience is meant to encourage a lifetime of service and stewardship. Read the suggestions and discuss all possible service projects and options with your parents. A service summary is provided to record your service activity. This document must be reviewed and signed by the Candidate's parents and returned to the Religious Education office by **November 28, 2022**.

Questions to consider

- Is this a practical choice for me?
- What kind of assistance will I need for this project?
- Does this require transportation?
- Is this something I can do with others?
- Have I considered projects that may be done with my sponsor or family?
- How will I gain insight or learn from this service to others?

Estimate your time commitment

For a project to be meaningful, it should take at least one hour. The total time involved for your projects must be a **minimum of 15 hours**, with at least **4 hours in each** service areas of **Church, Family and Community**.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Church

- Sign up as an Altar server, usher, or choir member
- Check church bulletin regularly for upcoming special projects and events
- Volunteer at Religious Education or parish ministry events
- Share the Gospel message with the elderly or homebound
- Assist with the Parish picnic
- Volunteer to help with the clothing drive and/or other Parish organized drives
- Organize service projects with other Confirmation candidates and their families

Family

- Make something for family members to enjoy – card, poem, artwork, gift, dinner
- Cheerfully offer services – babysit, assist with errands and chores
- Teach younger siblings prayers
- Help younger siblings with homework
- Spend time listening to a sibling's problem and then pray together for guidance
- Visit with elderly relatives

Community

- Visit residents in a nursing home – pray, talk, play a game, bring flowers or baked goods
- Volunteer at senior citizen events or activities
- Organize or volunteer at a food, clothing, blood, book, or toy drive
- Do chores for a neighbor with special needs
- Volunteer at scouting, school or community events

Service Summary

*“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.” – John 12:26*

Please fill in the attached Service Summary Log. The following needs to be filled in completely on the log:

- Description of Service
- Dates completed
- Number of hours

All Service Summary Logs must have your name on it and a parent/guardian must sign it.

Please answer the following questions regarding your service project on a separate piece of paper:

- Now that you have completed your service project(s), how would you describe your experiences?
- Did you feel that God was present as you were doing service for others?
- How will you continue to be of service to the Church after Confirmation?

This Service Summary is due by November 28, 2022

Church of St. Gregory the Great Confirmation Service Hour Log



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

Parish Service Hours:

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Family Service Hours:

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Community Service Hours:

Description of Service	Date Completed	# of Hours

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____