



# Confirmation Preparation Schedule

| <i>2020-2021</i>                                      |   | ~   | <i>Candidate/Family Copy</i>  |
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| October 4<br>(Sunday)                                 | <b>5:30pm Mass Rite of Welcome</b><br>4:20-5:20pm<br>or 6:30-7:30pm | Parent, Candidate, & Sponsor Gathering □  | Main Church<br>Social Hall  |
| November 22   | <i>Sponsor Form is due</i>  |   | Mail/Fax/E/Drop   |
| November 30   | <i>"November Pages" are due</i>                                     |   | Mail/Fax/E/Drop   |
| December 6<br>(Sunday)                                | 4:20-5:20pm<br>or 6:30-7:30pm                                       | Candidate and Sponsor Gathering □<br><i>[during regular Faith Formation sessions]</i>   | Social Hall   |
| December 31   | <i>"December Pages" are due</i>                                     |   | Mail/Fax/E/Drop   |
| January 30  | Retreat I (45 candidates)   |   | St. John Neumann  |
| January 31  | <i>"January Pages" are due</i>                                      |   | Mail/Fax/E/Drop   |
| February 10•11•12<br><i>Wednesday•Thursday•Friday</i> | 3:30-6:30pm   | Confirmation Interviews<br><i>will be scheduled online</i>  | St. John Neumann<br><i>15-minute conversation with Pastor or parish staff</i> |
| March 13  | Retreat II (45 candidates)  |   | St. John Neumann  |
| March 31  | <i>"March Pages" are due</i>  |   | Mail/Fax/E/Drop   |
| April 11<br>(Sunday)                                  | 4:20-5:20pm<br>or 6:30-7:30pm                                       | Candidate and Sponsor Gathering □<br><i>[during regular Faith Formation sessions]</i><br><br><i>Candidate's Letter of Intent is due</i><br><i>Sponsor's Letter of Support is due</i><br><i>Information Record for Parish Records is Due</i> | Social Hall<br><br>Mail/Fax/E/Drop<br>" " " " "<br>" " " " "                  |
| May 16<br>(Sunday)                                    | 4:20 pm<br><br><b>5:30pm Mass Rite of Sending</b><br>6:30 pm        | Confirmation Final Gathering, w/ Rehearsal □<br><br><br>Parish Reception <i>(pending)</i>   | Social Hall<br>Main Church<br>Social Hall                                     |
| May 17<br>(Monday Evening)                            | <b>7:00-9:00pm THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b>                    |   | Saint Paul Cathedral  |

. . . *all components of the preparation process are required of all candidates* . . .

- If a sponsor cannot attend a "Candidate and Sponsor" gathering, a parent or guardian of the candidate needs to attend.  
Questions? Contact: St. John Neumann at (651) 454-2079.

# Confirmation Preparation Process Explanations

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| <b>Rite of Welcome</b>              | <i>October 4.</i> Formal recognition by the parish community. There is a <b>Candidate, Sponsor, and Parent Gathering</b> before or after the Rite of Welcome on October 4.  |
| <b>Initial Gathering</b>            | <i>October 4.</i> Preview of the Confirmation preparation process. Initial presentation of the details of the sacrament of Confirmation.  |
| <b>Sponsor Form</b>                 | <i>October 4.</i> Candidates submit their Sponsor Forms, indicating whom they have chosen as sponsors and why. Full contact information is requested.   |
| <b>Candidate/Sponsor Gatherings</b> | <i>October 4, December 6; April 11; May 16:</i> Required of all candidates. If the sponsor cannot attend, a parent or guardian must come.<br><br><i>May 16:</i> This final Gathering includes the Rehearsal and must be attended by all. Again, if the sponsor cannot attend, another adult must be present in the sponsor's place.   |
| <b>"Monthly Pages"</b>              | <i>Due as indicated on the Schedule.</i> <b>Four</b> months have reflection pages with questions for candidate and sponsor to ponder together, jot down responses, and turn in by date due. Candidate and sponsor meet <i>at a time/place of their own choosing</i> . "Monthly Pages" are due at the parish office <b>on time, no later than the dates indicated</b> both on the schedule and on the "pages" themselves. There are multiple methods for turning in the "Pages," as indicated. Pages for the second half of the year will be made available at the December 6 Candidate & Sponsor Gathering. |
| <b>Retreat</b>                      | There are two <i>identical</i> Saturday retreats (dates on schedule) with no more than half of the candidates attending each one. Mass is during the retreat. Sign up takes place online, and details will be sent to parents in Autumn.<br><br>Retreat leaders are needed for each retreat, as are <i>adults over 21 to chaperone</i> . ( <i>Chaperones assist as an adult presence and do not take leadership roles.</i> ) <i>All adults present must meet all Safe Environment elements.</i>   |
| <b>Interview</b>                    | <i>February 10, 11, or 12; 3:30-6:30pm.</i> Candidates meet with the pastor or member of the parish staff for a twenty minute conversation regarding the Candidate's understanding of Confirmation and desire to celebrate and live the Catholic Christian faith beyond receiving the sacrament. Sign-ups are online in January and February. More details to come.   |
| <b>Information Record</b>           | <i>Due April 11.</i> Candidates/parents submit this form with full details for <i>official parish sacramental records</i> both at St. John Neumann and at the church of Baptism. The "Information Record" will be made available several months before celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation.   |
| <b>Candidate's Letter of Intent</b> | <i>Due April 11.</i> Candidates write a letter to Fr. Tony O'Neill, pastor of our parish, to express their desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Details will be provided several months before this letter is due.<br><br><b><i>The letter is <u>addressed</u> to Fr. Tony O'Neill but <u>delivered</u> to the Confirmation Preparation Coordinator, who will forward all letters together.</i></b>   |
| <b>Sponsor's Letter of Support</b>  | <i>Due April 11.</i> Sponsors write a letter <b>to the Confirmation Preparation Coordinator</b> to express support and affirmation of their candidate as they move closer to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Details will be provided several months before this letter is due.  |
| <b>Rehearsal</b>                    | <i>May 16.</i> See <i>Candidate/Sponsor Gatherings</i> , above.   |
| <b>Rite of Sending</b>              | <i>May 16.</i> Since the sacrament is received at the Cathedral in St. Paul and not at St. John Neumann, the parish has this special recognition and celebration at St. John Neumann's 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, May 16.   |
| <b>Reception</b>                    | <i>May 16.</i> A casual reception is planned in the parish Social Hall immediately following the Rite of Sending. This reception is currently pending, given global and local health concerns. Details will be communicated.  |
| <b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>    | <b>Monday, May 17.</b> Candidates, sponsors, and families arrive at the Cathedral between 6:10 and 6:40 p.m. <b><u>Detailed</u> information will be sent several weeks before.</b>  |