

Confirmation 2011



St. John the Baptist Parish

Kenmore, NY

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond belief.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,
talented and fabulous?*

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

*Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightening about shrinking so that
other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that
is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously
give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence
automatically liberates others.*

Nelson Mandela

Confirmation Data Form

Name of Candidate_____

Address_____

Telephone_____E-mail_____

Date of Birth_____School Attending_____

Father's name_____

Mother's Name_____Maiden_____

Church of Candidate's Baptism_____

Exact date of Baptism_____

Church of Candidate's First Communion_____

Approximate Date of First Communion_____

Confirmation Name_____

Name of Confirmation Sponsor_____

Parish of Confirmation Sponsor_____

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Additional Information needed:

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Baptismal Certificate

\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation

## Statement of Commitment

Confirmation is a commitment to Jesus Christ and the Catholic community. The decision to be confirmed is an important one. Entrance to the Church is completed when, through Confirmation, a Christian publicly states that he/she has personally made the choice to continue to belong to that Community of Faith.

Therefore, being fully aware that my Confirmation will be my own pledge:

1. To continue to worship God publicly and privately
  - ...through my own personal, private prayers
  - ...through my participation at Mass
  - ...through my participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
2. To comprehend the teachings of Christ and the Church
  - ...through attending classes
  - ...through participation in a retreat
  - ...through respectful and open attitude during classes and retreat
3. To actively engage in Christian service realizing I am a member of the Church which is, *“a servant community in which those who hunger are fed; the uneducated are taught; the homeless receive shelter; the sick are cared for; the distressed consoled; the oppressed set free... all so that men and women may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God now and eternally.”*
4. To teach as Jesus did
  - ...through compassion and understanding
  - ...through love, service and commitment to God and to each other.

I publicly affirm my desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to be serious and diligent in preparing for Confirmation.

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Signature of Candidate

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

## Choosing Your Sponsor

God works through people to give us the Christian faith and to support us in it. This supportive role of the Christian community is symbolized by the sponsor, a man or woman who presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands at his/her side while the sacrament is being conferred.

The sponsor:

- ...helps and guides the candidates in his/her Christian mission.
- ...as in Baptism, becomes responsible for the candidate's Christian upbringing and preparation for the Christian Apostolate.

The sponsor chosen by the candidate and his/her family must be spiritually qualified and satisfy these requirements:

- ... is a Roman Catholic
- ...has been initiated in the three sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- ...is capable of receiving a letter of recommendation from his/her parish

Today, the ministry of sponsor is being rediscovered in the rites of Christian initiation. The primary responsibility for supporting and sponsoring candidates belongs to the entire Christian community. Individual sponsors accept this ministry in the name of the entire community.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Worksheet- to be completed by the Candidate**

Who is your sponsor?

Why have you asked this person to be your sponsor?

What are some special occasions or moments you have shared with your sponsor?

Parish where your sponsor is registered?

**Please note: According to Canon Law, parents cannot be Confirmation sponsors. However, Godparents or Grandparents may serve as sponsors.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Worksheet- to be completed by Sponsor**

Please reflect upon the following questions. Write your response in a separate letter, sealed and it will be given to your Confirmation candidate on the day of Confirmation.

What are some values or “rules of life” you would like to share with your Confirmation candidate?

How do you “live” your faith in your life?

**Please note: If you are not a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish, you must obtain a letter of recommendation from your parish.**

**Both letters can be mailed to Mrs. Andy Cammarata, St. John the Baptist Parish, 1085 Englewood Ave. Buffalo, NY 14223**

## ***Confirmation Name***

At Confirmation you will be asked to give your own name, to speak for yourself, that you are ready to assume a fuller role of participation in the life of the Church. Since Confirmation is a completion of Baptism you do not have to choose a new name. However, you may choose another name if you wish. The name should be that of a Saint or other Christian person you admire for the way he/she followed Christ in his or her own life. You may wish to use the name of your sponsor or a grandparent. Please spend time reflecting on this important decision.

***Name I choose:***

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***I chose this name because:***

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# St. John the Baptist Confirmation Service Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Service site: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and phone # of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

***Describe service:***

***Describe, beyond "helping others" how this service influences your faith:***

All candidates will attend one retreat held at St. John's. Dates and times of retreats will be announced before seminar classes begin.

### **Fast Facts**

- Confirmation will take place in May 2011, we will announce the date as soon as it is confirmed with the Chancery.
- There will be Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal, date to be announced.
- Please dress appropriately for this Sacrament, gentlemen should wear a shirt with a collar/tie, khaki's or dress pants and a jacket, ladies should wear a dress, skirt or dress pants with blouse, this is a dress up affair, please look your best!
- 15 hours of community service are expected for Confirmation, please see Mrs. Cammarata if you have any questions.

### **Confirmation Biography**

In the week following Confirmation, we will post a display of biographies of our Confirmation Candidates so parishioners may see the faces and read the life stories of our newest adult members of St. John's.

Please include in your biography information about yourselves, especially as it relates to your family and faith. Also, include your interests, both in school and outside, and your hopes and aspirations. Please conclude your biography with where you see your place in the church.

Also, please include a picture of yourself. This may be a candid or school picture. You may work on your bio at the retreat or on your own, they will be **due at the confirmation rehearsal.**

**Which one suits YOU?**

**Parish Ministries**

**Circle a few you'd be willing to do!!**

Lector (read at Mass)

Eucharistic Minister (distribute Communion)

Usher (help at Mass with collection, communion)

Music Ministry, sing or play an instrument at Mass

Altar Server for Funerals

Join Pro-life Group

Teach Religious Education

Help with CYO

Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer at St. Luke's Mission

Volunteer at Vive La Casa (For Refugees)

Volunteer at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen

Join Young Adult Ministry

Participate/Coordinate a food/clothing drive

Join parish social justice group

Start a ministry of your own with help of Mrs. Cammarata

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***St. John Neumann, Pray for Us!***