

Immaculate Conception Religious Education

510 Oakwood Avenue East Aurora, NY 14052 655-0067

Confirmation Preparation 2012

Retreat: Jan. 29, 2012

Confirmation Check List

- 100% participation in the weekly Mass
- Letter to Fr. Bob and Mrs. York requesting Confirmation due Thursday, November 3, 2011. In your letter tell us why you want to be Confirmed. You may also describe the role God/faith has in your life and what Confirmation means to you personally.
- These 4 items are due in the Religious Education Office on the night of your first class (February 2, 2012):
 1. Completed Application Form and chosen Confirmation name
Choose your Baptismal name, the name of a saint or a prophet from the Hebrew Scriptures; if you choose a saint's or prophet's name please write a paragraph about this person in the space provided on the application form
 2. Completed Sponsor Form & Recommendation Letter from Sponsors' home parish
Sponsor recommendation letter needed only if the sponsor is not a parishioner of Immaculate Conception
 3. Copy of Candidate's Baptismal Certificate (Check Confirmation Application Form to see if it is needed)
 4. Catholic High School Candidate's Only—Sacramental Fee \$25 (See attached if it is still needed)
- Confirmation Enrollment → Saturday, January 21st at the 4:30pm Mass for Last Names A-K SIT
Saturday, January 28th at the 4:30pm Mass for Last Names L-Z
- Participate in a Sharing Session with your sponsor on Sun., Feb. 5th from 10:30am-12pm or bring your sponsor to class with you on Thur., Mar. 1st from 7-8:30pm
- Each candidate will complete an interview on Tue. Feb. 7th from 3-5pm OR Thur. Feb. 9th from 6-8:30pm
- Make up work from first semester due December 31, 2011 (all make up work is done online)
- Record of 100% Participation in the Confirmation Preparation Classes 7-8:30PM

Class 1: Thursday, February 2, 2012	Class 5: Sunday, March 18, 2012
Class 2: Thursday, March 1, 2012	Class 6: Thursday, March 22, 2012
Class 3: Sunday, March 4, 2012	Class 7: Sunday, April 1, 2012
Class 4: Thursday, March 15, 2012	
- Participate in a Sunday retreat on January 22nd or 29th (see assigned date above) from 1-7pm at the school
- Participate in service work You need to complete a minimum of 4 hours of service. The signed and completed Service Form must be at the Religious Education Office by March 18th to fulfill your requirement for Confirmation.
- Participate in an evening to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation TBA
- Participate in the Confirmation Rehearsal TBA April/May 2012
- Confirmation will be celebrated TBA April/May 2012
- Participate in the Post Confirmation Gathering on Thursday, May 10th from 7-8:30pm (*optional*)

??? Questions – Contact Denise York at 652-6400 or via e-mail at icyouthea@gmail.com

Website: www.tinyurl.com/iceayouth (Contains pertinent information and forms may be downloaded)

Rev. Robert Wardenski, Pastor; Sr. Judith Beiswanger, DRE; Mrs. Denise York, Confirmation Coordinator

Confirmation Application Form

Candidate's Name* _____

*Please list the name as you wish it to appear on the certificate.

Address _____

Phone # _____ Date of Birth _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's First Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Baptismal Information

After checking the Candidates file we have found that your Baptismal Certificate is:

NEEDED **NOT NEEDED**

Confirmation Name

Choosing a Confirmation Name

You may use your Baptismal name, a saint's name or the name of a prophet from the Hebrew Scriptures. If you choose to use a saint's or prophet's name, you must submit a paragraph about the saint and why you are making this choice.

Confirmation name you are choosing: _____

Paragraph (if other than baptismal name is chosen):

Sponsor Form

The candidate's selection of a sponsor is something to be taken seriously. The sponsor should have a close relationship with the Confirmation candidate. It is important that the candidate and sponsor share a common bond as well as their faith stories. The sponsor attests to the candidate's sincerity and willingness to celebrate the sacrament, and fulfill his/her Baptismal promises.

Criteria to be used in selection of a sponsor:

1. Ability to support the candidate in their commitment to an ongoing Christian life
2. Registration and full membership in the Catholic Church (already having celebrated Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation).
3. Male or female adult 19 or older who is mature enough to carry out faith sharing responsibilities.
4. May be a Baptismal Godparent. This person clearly connects the initiation sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
5. Your parents are not eligible to be your sponsor.
6. A letter of recommendation from a parish (necessary if sponsor is not a member of Immaculate Conception as they must also qualify).

(Please note: If a sponsor is from Immaculate Conception, no letter of recommendation is necessary.)
We will consult our files and contact the sponsor personally if there are any questions.

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Address _____

Sponsor's phone # _____

Sponsor's Home Parish _____

Reminder:
Sponsor-Candidate Sharing Session
Sunday, February 5th from 10:30am-12pm
or
Bring your sponsor to class with you on
Thursday, March 1st from 7-8:30pm



Found on the cover of our church bulletin:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Letters of Recommendation are given only to registered parishioners in good standing. In order to receive a recommendation as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, you must be a registered parishioner, attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments regularly, be Confirmed in the Catholic Church, and if married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Please call the Rectory to obtain a letter.

Service Information

Christian service is a life long endeavor for fully initiated Catholics. Some of our most profound experiences of sharing the love of God can occur while participating in community service. This service is a requirement for your Confirmation preparation and should become a part of your everyday life.

May we make of our lives
 And our service to others
 Something loving and beautiful
 For you, O God.
 Amen.



The following are a small sampling of ideas for Community Service:

- Work Immaculate Conception Bazaar, Mardi Gras, Etc.
- Project Linus (blanket making for children)
- St. Luke's Mission of Mercy soup kitchen
- Vive refugee center
- Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center
- Response to Love Center
- Area walk-a-thons to raise money and awareness
- Buffalo New's Kids Day (distribute papers indoor only)
- Aurora Waters (activities with seniors)
- Habitat for Humanity
- FISH

A minimum of 4 hours of service time is necessary to fulfill your requirement for Confirmation preparation. Your service needs to have been completed within 2010 to March 2012. Your signed and completed Service Form (on reverse side) needs to be turned into the Religious Education office no later than March 18, 2012.

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Date	Time	Activity	Contact Person	Contact's Info.
Sat., Oct. 1, 2011	8:30am-1:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen	Denise York	652-6400 or icyouthea@gmail.com
Sun., Oct. 16, 2011	10:30am-7:00pm (4 hour shifts or entire day)	Sisters of St. Francis Spaghetti Dinner	Sr. Judy Beiswanger	655-0067
Sun., Oct. 23, 2011	1:30-4:00pm	Vive la Casa's Playroom	Denise York	652-6400 or icyouthea@gmail.com
Monthly at the parish	9:30am Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Marge Trzyzewski	652-0248
Sat., Nov. 5 or 12, 2011 Date will be confirmed soon	8:30am-12pm	Fall Clean Up at Christ the King Seminary	Denise York	652-6400 or icyouthea@gmail.com
Sat., Dec. 3, 2011	Morning/afternoon	Christmas Bazaar Set Up	Immaculate Conception School	652-5855
Sun., Dec. 4, 2011	Morning and afternoon	Christmas Bazaar Children's Games	Immaculate Conception School	652-5855
Fri., Feb. 17, 2012	Evening	Mardi Gras Set Up	Kathy Grew	655-4394
Sun., Feb. 19, 2012	Morning or afternoon	Mardi Gras Take Down	Kathy Grew	655-4394