

Good Shepherd Church

School of Evangelization - Office of Faith Formation

1956 Batchelder Street - Brooklyn, New York 11229

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Sacrament of Confirmation **December 7, 2017 ~ 5:00 P.M.** *Immaculate Conception - Vigil*

This packet contains the following:

Candidate's Application in Grade 8

Sponsor Form for the Sacrament of Confirmation

*(The above forms and fee to be returned to the office
on October 27th, 2017)*

Excusal Letter for My Child's Public School

Excusal Letter for Sponsors and Parents-Guardians from Work

Reminders for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation

(The above forms are for parents/guardians to keep and use)

***The Confirmation Registration which includes the Application, Sponsor Form, and Fee needs
to be returned stapled together - no later than October 27th...
to the Rectory or Academy Office.***

Church of Baptism: _____

NOTE: If your child was NOT baptized at Good Shepherd Church then you will need to obtain a new copy of your child's baptismal certificate to submit with this application. If your child was baptized here at the Good Shepherd Church no baptismal certificate is required we will check Register. Reminder...if you are obtaining a copy of your child's baptismal certificate be sure the back of the Certificate includes notations on First Holy Eucharist. All certificates requires a Church Seal.

Father's Full Name: FIRST

LAST

Mother's Full Maiden Name: FIRST

LAST

Sponsor's Name: FIRST

LAST

Does your child have any special medical needs and/or concerns, this includes allergies to specific foods and medications, learning, or legal needs:

Application Fee is: **\$50.00 per candidate**. Note: Fee covers the costs for Retreat, Gowns, Sacramentals, Booklets, etc. Application and Payments Due no later than **October 27th, 2017 to the Rectory or Academy Office**.

Checks payable to: **Good Shepherd Church**.

Return this page to the Office no later than October 27, 2017

Candidate & Parent-Guardian Agreement

PRINT Candidate's Name

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

- 1) I consent to the release of utilizing my child's photo (and audio) in parish brochures, bulletins, website, videos, and all intellectual properties for the purpose of the Propagation of the Faith. In so doing you are permitting the Good Shepherd Church and anyone it authorizes to use, produce, and reproduce my child's photo, audio, etc. No personal identification will be incorporated along with photos (such as: name, home and email addresses, telephone numbers, etc.) as to explicitly identify any child. I acknowledge that neither my child nor I will not be paid any form of compensation for production or reproduction of said content. All content materials remain the (intellectual) properties of Good Shepherd Church and its subsidiaries.
- 2) I understand that my child is required to attend Holy Mass each Sunday at a Catholic Church and have his/her Mass Attendance Card signed by a priest/deacon.
- 3) I understand my child needs to attend class on Wednesdays 6:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.
- 4) I understand my child will attend the Confirmation Retreat.
- 5) I understand that my child needs to complete an original 2 page report based on my child's chosen patron saint before the date of Confirmation.
- 6) I understand that my child needs to complete 20 hours of Christian Service before the date of Confirmation.
- 7) I have read and agree to the Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Registration Agreement.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Parent-Guardian Signature

Date

Return this page to the Office no later than October 27, 2017

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Excusal Letter for My Child's Public School

1 December 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow _____
(Student/Child's Name)

Class: _____

an excusal absence on December 7th, 2017 for the purpose of participating in the Rite of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Church.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Ruggiero

Robert A. Ruggiero
Pastoral Associate

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed

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Excusal Letter for Sponsors and Parents/Guardians from Work

1 December 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Pastor of Good Shepherd Church this letter is to advise you that:

(Parent/Sponsor's Name)

() is a parent of () is a sponsor for:

(Candidate's Name)

a Candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 7, 2017 at
Good Shepherd Church, Brooklyn, NY.

It is requested that the above individual be granted an excusal to attend this important religious rite.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Ruggiero
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Pastoral Associate

Reminders for the Sacrament of Confirmation

~ KEEP THIS INFORMATION - FOR YOUR REFERENCE ~

1) The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on:

December 7, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

NOTE: Arrival time of both Candidate and Sponsor is 1 hour (4:00 P.M.) prior to Holy Mass on the day of Confirmation, please go to the Academy Hall.

**2) Confirmation Retreat at Good Shepherd Academy & Church for Candidates only -
TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**3) Rehearsal (in Church) for both Candidate and Sponsor is Monday, November 27th
2017. Arrival time to Church is 6:30 P.M.**

**4) Candidate is to choose a name from the Canon of Saints. A helpful website to review
Canonized Saints is www.catholiconline.org**

**5) Complete and obtain the following documents and return to the Rectory or Academy
Office by OCTOBER 27TH. Please return all the documents at the same
time stapled together - no candidate can be accepted into the Sacrament of
Confirmation without all of the below documents submitted:**

- a. Sacrament of Confirmation Application**
- b. Candidate's Baptismal Certificate (including notations of First Holy Eucharist) with
Church Seal**
- c. Sponsor's Certificate with Church Seal**

NOTE: The sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, 16 years of age, and not
the parent of the candidate.

Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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Church Seating: there are no tickets required for entry into Church and no reserved seating except for Candidates and their Sponsors.

Attire: Appropriate attire is mandated. No sneakers, flip flops, jeans, or sweats are to be worn by either candidate or sponsor.

Video/Photography: a professional videographer may be available and a DVD may be distributed. Photos are permitted by family. Photos can be taken from side aisles only, no one will be permitted to enter into the sanctuary or cross the transept. Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers. Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass. There will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with the Bishop and Parish Priests after Holy Mass.

Rite of Communion: is under both Sacred Species - The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Holy Communion will be distributed to candidates and sponsors first then to the congregation.

Church Protocol: We appreciate your cooperation as to assure solemnity throughout our liturgy in support of our candidates who are about to be sealed with the Holy Spirit. Your attention to please observe the following:

- Turn off all cellular phones and communication devices.
- Please refrain from unnecessary talking.
- Please remain in your seats.
- Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass.
- We encourage all to participate in responding and singing during Holy Mass (Program Booklets will be available).
- Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers.

We look forward to celebrating your child's Sacrament of Confirmation with the greatest love and reverence as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and become full members of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

For your convenience we have included in this Packet - Excusal Letters for Sponsor, Parent, and Candidate for their employers and school administrations.

**At any time you have a question or need assistance, kindly contact us at
Telephone: 718-758-4143 or www.goodshepherdparish.org**