

## **Confirmation Information Booklet**

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**

(Updated Fall 2013)

Within the Archdiocese of Mobile, Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi has decided to move the age of Confirmation to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Starting in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, students are eligible to commit to a two year process of formation which will consist of the following components:

- Catechesis
- Community Service/Fellowship
- Spirituality/Prayer

While these are the requirements for the Archdiocesan program, how these are fulfilled is left up to the individual pastors. In response to this challenge, and because our students attend Catholic, private, and public schools, Our Lady of Guadalupe has instituted the following Confirmation program. We have coordinated with other parishes in the Montgomery deanery so that our programs would be as similar as possible.

In this booklet you will find a detailed description of the program requirements as well as forms that should be filled out and turned in to the Confirmation Coordinator. We ask that you please familiarize yourself with the requirements so you can better understand what is expected of you over this two year program.

Should you have any questions regarding the Confirmation program, please do not hesitate to ask our Confirmation coordinator or email [ologlifeteen@charter.net](mailto:ologlifeteen@charter.net). We look forward to working with you during this 2 year period and are excited that you have chosen to grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and to become a full and active member of His Church.

In Christ,

Fr. Albert Kelly, Pastor

Mrs. Sharon Ducote, Youth Minister

## **Catechesis:**

Each student must have adequate knowledge of the faith in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; therefore, they must participate in an approved catechetical formation program. In the process of catechetical instruction, each student will fall into one of the following categories:

1. **MCPS Students:** Catechetical instruction is fulfilled by passing the required Theology courses.
2. **Homeschooled Students:** Catechetical instruction is fulfilled if your homeschool program has an approved Catechetical component. Present your program to the Pastor or YM director for approval.
3. **Private School and Public School Students:** Catechetical instruction is fulfilled by attending the scheduled confirmation classes throughout the two year period.

## **Service:**

Each Confirmation candidate will be required to participate in 5 parish service projects over a 2-year period. Parish service projects include but are not limited to: Parish work days, Parish Family Picnic, Parish sponsored outreach, etc.

Families of the candidates are encouraged to participate in these projects together. Candidates will be notified of service opportunities through the Parish Bulletin, Life Teen Life Nights, and the Life Teen Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/olog.lifeteen>.

## **Spirituality/Prayer**

This component will be accomplished in 3 ways:

1. Active participation in the youth ministry program (Life Teen).  
Our **Life Teen** Mass at 5pm and a program (Life Night) follows.
2. Attendance at one retreat annually.  
Examples include: Archdiocesan SEARCH Retreats, NET retreats, OLOG youth retreats, etc.
3. Participation in Confirmation specific retreat at the conclusion of the 2 year program. During this retreat, candidates will be interviewed by the Pastor.

## **Other Requirements:**

**Sponsor:** A sponsor is required for the person being confirmed in the Faith. Parents cannot be sponsors for their own children. Any Catholic, sixteen years of age or older, can be a sponsor if he or she has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and is practicing the Faith. Good choices for a Confirmation sponsor would be one of the candidate's Godparents (to show the close connection between Baptism and Confirmation) or a confirmed Catholic whom the candidate admires and who bears witness to the Gospel in his or her everyday life. Sponsors do not have to be the same gender as the candidate.

**Interview:** A personal interview with the Pastor is required and will be accomplished during the Confirmation Retreat Day.

**Confirmation Name:** Candidates are encouraged to use their baptismal name in the rite, once again showing that Confirmation is an affirming and strengthening of the commitment of Baptism. However, a saint's name other than your baptismal name may be selected as an option. During the interview, the Candidate will be asked which saint they have chosen and to provide a brief summary of that saint's life as well as importance to the Church and to the candidate.

**Administrative Paperwork:** The following documentation must be provided to the Confirmation Coordinator:

- a. Copy of Baptismal Certificate from Baptismal parish
- b. Sponsor Agreement/Eligibility Form
- c. Confirmation Candidate Registration Form
- d. Inscription Promise

# Confirmation Registration Form

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

*Information on this form is held in confidence and is not shared without your permission.*

### I. CONTACT INFORMATION

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen lives with: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. RELIGIOUS HISTORY

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include church name, city, state)

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all other Sacraments you have already received:

Reconciliation (Confession)       First Communion

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### III. SPONSOR (If you don't know who your sponsor will be, please leave blank.)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Inscription Promise

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Wetumpka, Alabama, desire to affirm my belief in Jesus Christ and His Church through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Therefore, I ask to become a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation and to enter the program of preparation being offered to me by my parish.

To the best of my ability, I agree to take part in the learning sessions and activities that are a part of the program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I accept the responsibility to open my mind and heart to the activities of the Holy Spirit during this time of preparation.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor Eligibility Form

I have been asked to be the Confirmation Sponsor for the following individual:

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(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

In establishing proof of my ability to meet the Canonical requirements for sponsorship, I hereby promise the following to be true and accurate:

- I am a baptized member of the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- I am at least sixteen years of age
- I regularly attend Sunday Mass, holy Days of Obligation, and worthily receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season.
- I am a registered member of a Catholic parish and I fulfill the obligations to my parish to the best of my ability.
- If married, my marriage is a sacramental marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

In addition, I intend to support the person being conferred this sacrament by my prayers, by my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, and by the Christian example of my daily life.

*I do solemnly declare that I fulfill all the requirements listed above to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Printed name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I am a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Parish,  
located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(city) (state)

*Attestation by Pastor of acceptable fitness for sponsorship based on all requirements above:*

**CANDIDATE DOCUMENTATION / REQUIREMENT CHECK-LIST**

Catechetical Requirement Program (Circle one)

- MCPS
- Home School
- RCIA/CCD Program

Registered for Life Teen

Youth Group Attendance Record

- \_\_\_\_\_ Absences in Fall Year One
- \_\_\_\_\_ Absences in Spring Year One
- \_\_\_\_\_ Absences in Fall Year Two
- \_\_\_\_\_ Absences in Spring Year Two

Copy of Baptismal Certificate

Inscription Promise

Candidate Registration Sheet

Sponsor Agreement/Eligibility Form

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

Catholic Retreats

- \_\_\_\_\_ Year One
- \_\_\_\_\_ Year Two
- \_\_\_\_\_ Final Confirmation Retreat

Parish Service Projects:

	Date	Place	Event
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____