

Candidate Name: _____
PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

R.E.A.D.Y. Checklist

Below are the things St. Anastasia requires of every Confirmation Candidate during their 9th grade preparation process. Check each box as you complete the requirement and provide the information requested. The candidate, sponsor, and parent signatures are required. ***This checklist is DUE on OR before Sunday, March 25, 2012.***

- Attendance to ALL Sunday R.E.A.D.Y. Sessions.
 - Make-up sessions are offered monthly, dates are as follows:
 - o November 13th 11:30am-1:00pm
 - o December 4th 11:30am-1:00pm
 - o January 8th 11:30am-1:00pm (tentative)
 - o February 5th 11:30am-1:00pm (tentative)
 - o March 4th 11:30am-1:00pm (tentative)
- Choose a Confirmation Name by **November 27, 2011** – see attached form.
- Choose and name your Confirmation Sponsor by **November 27, 2011** – see attached form.
 - o Meeting with your Sponsor before Christmas 2011.
 - o Meeting with your Sponsor between January 1, 2012 and **March 25, 2012**.
- Complete the Archdiocese of Detroit’s workshop for teens titled “Called to Serve” – offered by St. Anastasia on **December 3, 2011 (9:00a – 12:00p)**. If unable to attend please contact Elizabeth Convery.
 - o Date: _____
 - o Location: _____
- Submit the permission slip for the Confirmation Retreat on or before Sunday, January 15, 2011.
- Attend one of the St. Anastasia Confirmation Retreats. If for a family conflict you are unable to attend the retreat there are other retreat options – please speak with Elizabeth Convery. **Please indicate** which retreat you attended below.
 - o St. Anastasia Retreat – Feb. 11-12
 - o St. Anastasia Retreat – Feb. 12-13
 - o Other: _____
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before **March 25, 2012** – this is strongly encouraged by the Church before receiving any of the other Sacraments.
- Submit a Bishop Letter stating why you’d like to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church by **March 25, 2012**. We prefer that you write them after attending the Confirmation Retreat. Further instructions will be provided.
- SERVICE REQUIREMENTS** – a 250+ word reflection is required for **each** service experience. These experiences must take place during their 9th grade year. **Prompt questions for reflections are:** *What was the experience like? How does this relate to my faith?* – attach your reflections to this checklist.
 - o **Social** (attend a BASIC Movie Night, Party, or any social event through Church)
 - Event: _____ Date: _____
 - o **Liturgical** (Mass Greeter or Altar Server)
 - Date: _____ Mass Time: Sat. 5:00p / Sun. 8:15a, 10:15a, 12:15p or 5:00p
 - o **Social Justice** (any Christian Service outreach – many opportunities offered by B.A.S.I.C.)
 - Location: _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURES

Candidate Signature _____ Date: _____
Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

Choosing A Confirmation Name

Taking a name is associated with Baptism in Christian life. Being Confirmed is connected to Baptism because it is the next part of the Rite of Baptism and is part of the process of becoming a member of the Church. Just as your parents chose a name *just for you*, now **you** choose a Confirmation name personal to you of someone who models Christian life. You can read and learn about saints and other individuals who model God by how they use/used their time, gifts and talents fully for the glory of God, in the service of others. Choosing and accepting this Confirmation name, each person may truly grow themselves.

“God calls each one by name.” (Is 43.1)

“Everyone’s name is sacred. The name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it.” (Jn 10:3)

***The name one receives is a name for eternity. In the Kingdom, the mysterious and unique character of each person marked with God’s name will shine forth in splendor.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church)***

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

The *Catechism* (#1311) and canon law (#892-893) both tell us that you need a sponsor. Having one of your godparents helps us to see how Baptism and Confirmation are connected. Sadly, by the time they get to Confirmation, many young people no longer know their godparents, or they're no longer good role models. Or maybe they just live too far away. These teens will need to choose a new sponsor.

Some advice to the candidates: You're looking for someone you trust, whose faith you admire and who will be there for you. They must be *confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years old* (for maturity) and *practicing members of the Church, while not being your parents*. This means you can choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor.

Confirmation Day – “Receive the Power and Be A Light Unto the World”!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*The Mass begins with a Prayer to Send Down the Spirit.

*Celebration of the Word – Scripture Readings and Gospel

*Presentation of the Candidates – by all standing before the Bishop, together you give witness to your desire to declare yourself a Christian and to live as one.

*Homily

*Renewal of Baptismal Promises and asking you to reject Satan and all his works by together saying “I Do”.

*The Rite of Confirmation - you will come before the Bishop with your Sponsor putting his/her hand on your shoulder,. The Bishop confirms you by anointing you with chrism oil. He will ask your Confirmation name, then trace the sign of the cross with chrism on your forehead saying “**Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit**”. You will say “**Amen**”.

The Bishop will extend the sign of peace and say “**Peace Be With You**” and you will respond “**And also with you!**”

*The Mass continues with the Eucharist and Closing Prayers and Hymns.

R.E.A.D.Y.

Candidate & Sponsor Information

So that certificates may be filled out properly, please complete every line of this form using the FULL, LEGAL names of each candidate.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011.**

You may turn these forms in at the regular Sunday morning session OR you may drop it off in the Religious Education Office or mail it to:

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
Religious Education Office
4571 John R ~ Troy, MI 48085

9th Grade Confirmation Candidate Information

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ (goes by: _____)

Middle Name: _____

**If there is a legal middle name, please spell it out - do NOT put the initial only

Chosen CONFIRMATION NAME: _____

This is typically a RECOGNIZED Saint's name. If this is left blank, it will be assumed that the candidate will use his/her own first name as their Confirmation name

Confirmation SPONSOR Information

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

** A sponsor is an active, participating Catholic over the age of 16 who has been confirmed and is living out their Catholic faith

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

If a PARENT is presenting their child for Confirmation (*rather than choosing a Sponsor*), place the name of the parent here: Last Name _____ First Name: _____

DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2011

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are grateful your son/daughter is a part of our Confirmation program. One of the goals of our program is to prepare these youth for serving the Lord; whether through a role as an employee or volunteer within this parish or the larger community. We are committed to equipping your child with the skills needed to ensure their safety and the safety of those they serve. To do so, we ask your son/daughter to participate in the **Called to ServeSM** workshop on **December 3, 2011 from 9:00a-12:00p.**

This 3 hour workshop invites teens to explore the many dimensions of safety needed as employees and volunteers in parishes and schools as well as the greater community. This workshop focuses on and enhances the teen skills in:

- Working with and role modeling for children,
- Communicating and working with adults,
- Interacting appropriately with peers, and
- Recognizing and responding to inappropriate behaviors.

Called to ServeSM inspires and empowers theme to live their baptismal “call to serve”.

Archdiocesan policy requires all teens [grades 9-12] who work or volunteer in any capacity with children to participate in this workshop. Your teen(s) need a signed permission slip to participate in the workshop. A condition of your teen’s employment or volunteer ministry with children is participation in **Called to ServeSM**.

Please sign, date and return the bottom portion of this page. Thank you for supporting your teen’s contribution to building up the Body of Christ through serving others!

My son/daughter, _____ has my permission to participate in the **Called to ServeSM** workshop on December 3, 2011 from 9:00a – 12:00p at St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Parent’s name

Signature

Date

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a religious formation activity requiring transportation to a location away from parish facilities. This activity will take place under the guidance and the supervision of staff from **St. Anastasia Parish**. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event St. Anastasia Confirmation Retreat

Destination Echo Grove Camp 1101 Camp Road, Leonard, MI 48367 (248) 628-3108

Designated Administrator of Activity Elizabeth Convery [248.840.7671]

DATE & TIME: There are two options for the retreat – please mark your choice below & your calendar

Method of Transportation: BUS

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this event, please complete, sign and return the bottom half of this statement of consent and release of liability to the Parish Offices on or before **Sunday, January 15th, 2012**. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for the actions and conduct of your teen.

IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT ELIZABETH TODAY – econvery@stanastasia.org

Please return to bottom portion of this page ONLY!

Confirmation Retreat

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I hereby consent to participation by my teen, _____ in the event described above scheduled for **Feb. 10-11, 2012 or Feb. 11-12, 2012**. I understand that this event will take place away from the parish grounds and that my teen will be under the supervision of the designated parish employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this event, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless **St. Anastasia Parish, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit** and any affiliated organizations, its/their employees, agents, representatives, volunteers and drivers, from any and all claims I or my child may have, excluding claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence, arising from or relating to my child's participation in this event. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. This release or indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

I authorize St. Anastasia Parish to obtain necessary medical treatment for my teen in case of illness, injury or accident. My teen has the following medical conditions or allergies (medicinal or food) about which a health care provider should be told _____

Phone Number(s) where you can be reached during this event _____

Print Parent/Legal Guardian's Name

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

DATE

t- shirt size (please circle): **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL** (adult sizes)

RETREAT OPTIONS: *There are 50 spots available for each retreat – it is first come first served.*

____ Friday, Feb. 10 at 3:45p **thru** Saturday, Feb 11, 2012 at 3:45p

____ Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3:45p **thru** Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at 3:45p

RETURN THIS FORM TO ELIZABETH ON OR BEFORE Sunday, January 15, 2012

2011-12 INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR “REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION” LETTER

aka: “Bishop Letter”

ALL CANDIDATES ARE **REQUIRED** TO WRITE A LETTER TO
Bishop Michael Byrnes , WHO WILL CONFIRM THEM

*Most Candidates find it helpful to write this letter after they have
experienced the Confirmation Retreat.*

1. Please **TYPE** your letter using the name/address listed here for the Monsignor.
 2. Please **SIGN** your letter in cursive, followed by your typewritten name.
 3. Please **RETURN** your letter to your catechist **NO LATER THAN – February 26, 2012** (at the next Confirmation Session).
 4. Please **do not place your letter in an envelope**. All letters are placed in a binder for the Monsignor for his convenience – so that he doesn’t have to open 100 envelopes to get at the letters.
 5. When using the words **Catholic, Confirmation, God** and **Mass** – please capitalize the first letter of each of these words.
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Here is how you will address your letter requesting Confirmation:

Bishop Michael Byrnes
23965 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb Twp. MI 48042

Dear Most Reverend Michael Byrnes ,

(In your own words, write a letter requesting Confirmation. The letter can be based on the answers to the following questions:

- What are the reasons you want to be confirmed?
- What part of the preparation process was most helpful to you?
- When confirmed, what difference will you make? (Personal growth in your relationship to God, service to others, doing God’s work in the world...)

This letter should be well thought out and at least a couple paragraphs in length. Ask your sponsor or parent to read through with you before turning it in.)

Sincerely,

John Smith
John Smith

RETURN THE LETTER TO YOUR CATECHIST BY Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

A “sample letter” is on the back of this sheet. Please do NOT copy this letter – use as a reference only.

SAMPLE LETTER ONLY

Please use your OWN WORDS to describe your desire for Confirmation and your plans to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit you will receive!

Feb. 18, 2011

Bishop Michael Byrnes
23965 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb Twp. MI 48042

Dear Most Reverend Michael Byrnes,

I am writing to you because I am a ninth grade student at Athens High School and I am about to make my Confirmation in the Catholic Church. I want to be confirmed because I want to become a full and active member in the Catholic Church at St. Anastasia Parish. I want to be able to help people in need in my community and I know that the gifts of the Holy Spirit that I will receive at Confirmation will help me do that. I also want to be closer to God and be able to understand Him more clearly than I do now.

The preparation process that was most helpful to me was when I went on retreat at Echo Grove Camp last weekend. IT WAS GREAT! I learned a lot about who God is and who I am in relationship with Him! I also learned a lot about living my life as an active Christian during the Sunday R.E.A.D.Y. Catechism sessions.

When I am confirmed, I would like to make a difference in the Catholic Church by helping people that are less fortunate than I am and look forward to being an active member of our youth ministry program, B.A.S.I.C.

Sincerely,

Mary Alberts

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