

STUDENT PREPARATION AGREEMENT

As I prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, I will make every effort to adequately prepare for the reception of the Sacrament, specifically:

- The Lord commands us to *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"* (Exodus 20:8) and as I prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, I will attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in person each Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation.
- As it is written in Sacred Scripture, *"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Therefore, in order to continue to grow in my knowledge of the faith, I will attend and fully participate in my Religious Education classes or Religion classes at St. Agnes School. I will endeavor to complete my assignments and achieve an overall passing grade of 70% in my chapter/unit assessments and midterm and final exams.
- Christ came *"not to be served, but to serve"* (Matthew 28:20). Looking towards the example of Christ, I will selflessly and lovingly serve others as I prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation through participation in the St. Agnes Family Days of Service and other parish-sponsored volunteer activities, as indicated in this handbook. I understand that any activities not listed here must be pre-approved by the Director of Faith Formation.
- Christ spent 40 days in the desert before He began his public ministry. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, I am more *"strictly obligated to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."* (CCC 1285). Therefore, I will attend and actively participate in the Year 1 Confirmation retreat to prepare to receive the sacrament and to grow as a true witness of Christ.
- St. Jerome said *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."* Therefore, I will nurture my relationship with Jesus Christ by reflecting on the Word of God in the Sunday Liturgical Readings and submit the Mass Journal Reflections each week as required.
- *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* (1 Peter 4:10) As a sign of my gratitude for my many blessings, I will contribute to the needs of the poor and the Church by sharing my time, talent or treasure through my weekly offertory envelope.
- The fourth commandment, *"Honor thy father and mother"*, is addressed to children in their relationship to their father and mother, because this relationship is the most universal. However, it requires honor and gratitude be extended to the duties of pupils to teachers. (CCC 2199). I understand that the teachers, catechists and aides in the classroom represent my parents and deserve my attention and respect. I further understand that if my behavior is disruptive and does not improve after several warnings, I may be dismissed from the Confirmation class.
- I will schedule and participate in an interview with one of our St. Agnes priests.
- I understand that failure to complete the above requirements may delay my reception of the sacrament of Confirmation for this school year. I understand that I may receive Confirmation in the following year, once I am fully prepared to receive the sacrament.

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Student Signature & Date