



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

This form must be completed and returned to the
 STM PARISH OFFICE before August 4, 2017
 Please include **\$50.00 Registration Fee** to help cover program costs.
 If financial support is needed contact Sarah Neau



PLEASE PRINT: Candidate Information

 Last Name First Name Middle Name "Nickname (preferred name)"
 (As it will appear on your certificate- nickname will not be used on certificate)

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on the day of Confirmation _____
 (October 19, 2017)

Food Allergies _____ PSAT Prep Y or N (circle one)

Email Address (print legibly please): _____

 Home Address City State Zip Cell#

 School currently attending 2017-2018 Grade Years of religion formation classes & location

 Date of Baptism Church of Baptism City, State & Zip
 (Please attached a copy of your Baptismal Certificate)

Registered Member of St. Thomas More or St. Louis King of France STM SLKF

If not, where: _____
 NOTE: (You may not be confirmed at STM/SLKF without written permission from the pastor of your parish)

PLEASE PRINT: Parent/Guardian Information

FATHER:	MOTHER:
Address:	Address:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:

ATTACH A COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE (NOT birth certificate)



ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confirmation Preparation Schedule for STM and SLKF



Registration Deadline

Friday, August 4, 2017

Orientation

Sunday, August 20, 2017

- Sponsors +/- or parents are expected to attend with candidates
- 5:00PM Mass in Church followed by presentation in Activity Center until 7:30PM

Retreat (Mandatory)

Saturday, August 26, 2017

- 9:00AM – 11:00PM at St. Louis King of France

Weekly Mass and Sessions

- Attend 5:00PM Mass at St. Thomas More Church
- Sessions will be in the STM Parish Activity Center from 6:00-8:00PM.
- Cell phones will be collected by group leaders and held until dismissal of each session.
- There will be one small group that will attend 10:00AM Mass and have sessions from 11:00AM-12:30PM.

Session #1 Sunday, September 10
Session #2 Sunday, September 17
Session #3 Sunday, September 24

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Session #5 Sunday, October 8

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Choosing Your Saint: Prayer Partner for Life



What is the purpose?

- Historically, in the Church the notion of a name being changed is associated with a **change of life**.
- When, God makes his covenant with **Abram**, he tells Abram that his name will be **Abraham** (Genesis 17:4) because God is making him the father of a host of nations.
- When **Jacob** struggles with the angel, he is told his new name is **Israel** (Genesis 32:29) because he has contended with the divine and human beings and prevailed.
- When Jesus told **Simon** that his new name was now **Peter** (Matthew 16:18), it was because his *role was changing* and he was going to be asked to take on a *role of leadership*.
- So to take on a new name at Confirmation also carries with it the idea that you are **asking for the Lord to change you**.
- To take **ownership** and **to live your faith more fully** and **with more life** than you ever could've imagined.

Prayer Partner for Life

- The name of the **saint** should have some **significance to you**, and that particular saint is an **example of the type of holiness** you would like.
- Some people take **St. Francis** because they want to be kind **to animals**, or some people take **St. Joseph** because they want to be as holy as he was, or some people take **St. Monica** because she had such patience with her children, and the list could go on.
- The idea is to pick **somebody who says something about you**.
- And when you stand before the Bishop the day of your Confirmation and you tell him your name, say it with pride, with conviction and with the knowledge that the **Holy Spirit is going to change you forever**.

Check out www.americancatholic.org. Click on "SAINTS." You can look up Saints by name, date, patron, etc., under the saints tab.

Saint Name Form STM/SLKF Confirmation 2017



Candidate: _____

I choose Saint _____ as my Confirmation name and a prayer partner for life.

Any particular reason? _____

Due by **September 29, 2017**

Please give your completed form to your small group leader.
You can also scan and email the completed form to Ms. Sarah at sarah@stmchurch.org





**St. Thomas More / St. Louis King of France Church
Prerequisites for Confirmation Preparation**



**(Please sign and return with completed Registration Form and Baptismal Certificate)
Due before August 4, 2017**

1. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.
2. Entering in 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2017
3. Actively practicing your faith.
4. Registered with St. Thomas More Church or St. Louis King of France Church.
5. Have completed two consecutive years of freshman and sophomore high school religious formation, either through enrollment in a Catholic high school or Parish School of Religion (STM or SLKF) and can demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the responsibilities of a member of the Catholic Church.
6. Have a willingness and strong commitment to actively and fully participating in the sacramental preparation program offered by St. Thomas More Parish, including a retreat, weekly Mass, and all sessions.
7. Have an awareness of the initiation aspect of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
8. Is committed to continuing the faithful practice and study the Catholic faith.
9. Have a sincere desire to receive the sacrament as well as an appreciation of sacramental life.

I have read and understand all the above prerequisites and commit to participation in the Confirmation preparation program at St. Thomas More and St. Louis King of France Parishes.

Candidate's Printed Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

**2017-18 St. Thomas More & St. Louis King of France
Consent Form & Medical Release
Due Friday, August 4, 2017**

RETREAT

When: Saturday, August 26, 9:00AM – 11:00PM
Where : St. Louis King of France

I, *(name of parent or legal guardian)* _____, am the parent or legal guardian of *(name of child/participant)* _____.

I hereby grant permission for my child/participant to fully participate in all activities or events that the St. Thomas More & St. Louis King of France Parishes sponsor regarding the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I understand that all activities or events will take place under the guidance and supervision of a parish representative of St. Thomas More Catholic Church +/- St. Louis King of France Catholic Church. In the event that travel is necessary for participation, I understand that my child/participant will be traveling to and from such activities or events in a rented bus.

Authorization and permission is hereby given to furnish all necessary transportation, food, and lodging for my child/participant. I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child/participant is in good health and/or I have listed in detail on the accompanying medical information form, any known allergies and/or any physical limitations my child/participant may have.

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child/participant to a hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to, emergency surgery, and I, notwithstanding any question of liability involved in this emergency, fully and completely, assume responsibility for all medical bills.

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the listed telephone numbers, I authorize you to contact the listed emergency contact. Should it be necessary for my child/participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action, or otherwise, I assume all responsibility and transportation costs.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Diocese of Baton Rouge, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, St. Louis King of France, and their respective members, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Indemnities"), harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits and liabilities, including attorney's fees and expenses sustained by the Indemnities as the result of the negligent, willful, or intentional acts of my child/participant.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE

CONTACT INFORMATION & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Father (or Legal Guardian)

Name _____
Home Ph _____
Work Ph _____
Cell Ph _____
E-Mail _____

Mother (or Legal Guardian)

Name _____
Home Ph _____
Work Ph _____
Cell Ph _____
E-Mail _____

Are you officially registered as a STM parishioner? **YES** or **NO**

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CANDIDATE'S MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Candidate's Name: _____

Family Physician _____

Physician's Phone _____

Insurance Company _____

Insurance Group # & Policy _____

**Please include a copy of your insurance policy card. We hope to not have to use it but it is helpful to have a copy on hand in case of emergency.

Please list all allergies, including the need for an Epipen

Is child on any medication at this time? If so, please list:

Is there anything we should know about your child? (Physical, emotional, social)?

Is STM/SLKF allowed to administer over the counter medications in proper dosages? **YES** or **NO**

EMERGENCY CONTACT (OTHER THAN PARENTS)

NAME _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ OFFICE _____

Things to consider when choosing your Confirmation sponsor.

- Are they active and practicing the faith?
- Are they committed to living the Catholic faith throughout their lives?
- How do they demonstrate their commitment to the Catholic faith?
- Are they someone you are close to and you can talk to them about your faith struggles?
- How are they a spiritual role model to you?
- Have they encouraged you to grow in your faith life?
- How long have they been confirmed? A year or less does not necessarily make them the best choice.

Whoever you choose as your sponsor, make this decision wisely and with forethought. This is not just an honor you grant your good friend or relative because they are available and they fit the requirements. The role of your Confirmation sponsor is to be a guide and witness to you as you continue to grow in your faith. Your sponsor should be someone you can talk with about the spiritual things in your life. They don't need to be great theologians or church historians. They need to have a love for the Sacraments, the Traditions, and be engaged in deepening and strengthening their own faith life through prayer and involvement in the life of the Church.

Ideally, if your godparents are still active and practicing the faith, they should be the people you consider first as your Confirmation sponsor. They were witnesses to your entrance into the life of Christ through your baptism, and promised to help your parents guide you in the faith.

St. Thomas More Church & St. Louis King of France Church, Baton Rouge, LA
Confirmation Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility
PLEASE CAREFULLY READ the Requirements for Sponsorship before signing
Due Friday, August 4, 2017



Canon 872 and Canon 874 of the *Code of Canon Law* explain the requirements and qualifications of those who serve as sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A Sponsor:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
2. Must have received the **three sacraments of initiation into Catholic Church**, namely: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
3. Must be no less than 16 years of age.
4. Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good, moral life worthy of imitation, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
5. Must be an actively practicing Catholic, participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy days, and receiving the sacrament of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
6. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage [*not married in the Catholic Church or have not had their marriage blessed by a priest*] and those that are cohabitating [*living together without marriage*] cannot serve as a sponsor.
7. Canon 874.5, sponsor **cannot be the father or the mother** of the one to be confirmed.

Being a sponsor is not only an honor given to a good friend or relative but also means having a true appreciation of the Catholic faith and a sense of responsibility towards the spiritual well-being of the person being confirmed.

I declare that I am a registered member of the Parish listed below and that I meet all the requirements listed above to be a sponsor.

Name of Child you are Sponsoring: _____

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Name of Sponsor's Church Parish: _____ City/State of Church Parish: _____

Sponsor's Church of Confirmation: _____ Year Confirmed: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Sponsor's Email _____

To be completed by the Sponsor's Pastor:

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic, and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Rev. _____

Date: _____

Name of Church Parish: _____

Church Seal: _____

Important Dates for the Sponsors



*Sponsors are required to attend those sessions designated with asterisks** but are also encouraged and most welcome to join us for the sessions, including the retreat!*

** Orientation

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Retreat

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St. Thomas More & St. Louis King of France Sacrament of Confirmation
2017 PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM due August 4, 2017



Parents, we believe that Confirmation is a process which should be celebrated and supported by the candidate's entire family. We need your help to make the process run as smoothly as possible

Please check if you are interested in receiving more information regarding helping with:

Check Here	Volunteer Opportunity	Expectations	Commitment	Extra Information
	<i>Small Group Co-Leader</i>	Co-lead a small group (7-8 students) with another adult volunteer during Sunday Sessions	Training Meeting – Wednesday, August 9, all Sunday sessions including Orientation & Rehearsal, Retreat –Aug 26	Need to complete Diocesan Child Protection certification prior to August 11.
	<i>Retreat Chaperone for retreat at St. Louis King of France 9:00AM – 11:00PM</i>	Attend retreat and help with various activities – check in, small group activities, prayer, overall chaperone duties	August 26, 2017	Need to complete Diocesan Child Protection certification prior to August 11.
	<i>Retreat Hospitality</i>	Provide +/-or setup snacks and meals for Retreat on Aug 26 at St. Louis King of France	August 26, 2017	Popular snack items include: baked goods (no nuts), popcorn, Chex Mix, individually bagged chips, fruit snacks, granola bars
	<i>Session Hospitality</i>	Plan & prepare dinner on Sunday sessions at 4:30Pm in Activity Center, cleanup after session starts	One or more of the Sunday sessions: September 10, 17, 24 October 1, 8	Suggested dinner menus – pizza, sandwich and chips, spaghetti & salad, hot dogs/hamburgers and chips or other easy to prepare meal for large group of teens
	<i>Reception Hospitality</i>	Send food item for Confirmation Reception	Drop off food item at Activity Center prior to Confirmation Ceremony on Thursday, October 19	Items needed include: Cheese tray, fruit tray and cookies. Will be contacted by Reception Coordinator – Beth Broussard or Tomi Neames
	<i>Liturgical Ministry</i>	Family member(s) serve as liturgical ministers during Confirmation Mass on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00PM	Present for Rehearsal on Sunday, October 15 at 6:00PM and for Celebration on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00PM	Indicate which ministry & Family member's name ___ Altar server _____ ___ Lector _____ ___ Eucharistic Minister _____

Parent's Name: _____

Candidate's full name: _____

Parent's Phone number: _____ Parent's Email Address: _____