



# St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Parish (Millwoods)

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## Confirmation: Information and Registration

August 19, 2011.

Dear Parish Families,

Welcome to the St. Theresa's Confirmation Program! I am excited to journey with you and your child towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is truly a special time of spiritual formation for your child, one that I hope will strengthen the entire family. *Please closely read all of the following information.*

The Confirmation program is for those in Grade 6 and up. The program itself consists of one introductory meeting for Confirmation students, parents and sponsors, as well as four Super Saturdays, one retreat day, and then Mass with the Rite of Confirmation. While Super Saturdays are geared towards the Confirmation students, *we also welcome parents and sponsors to stay and join in on the music, games, sharing, and fun!* The dates are as follows:

1. **Meeting of Confirmation students, parents and sponsors in St. Theresa's MacNeil Hall (Church Basement): Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
2. **Super Saturday #1 for Candidates in the MacNeil Hall: Jan. 14, 2012 from 10am to 4pm**
3. **Super Saturday #2 for Candidates in the MacNeil Hall: Feb. 11, 2012 from 10am to 4pm**
4. **Super Saturday #3 for Candidates in the MacNeil Hall: Mar. 10, 2012 from 10am to 4pm**
5. **Super Saturday #4 for Candidates in the MacNeil Hall: Apr. 14, 2012 from 10am to 4pm**
6. **Confirmation Retreat in the MacNeil Hall: Saturday May 26, 2012 from 10am to 4pm**
7. **Mass with Rite of Confirmation in the Church: Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 6:00pm**
  - o **Sponsors and Candidates will meet at 5:15pm in MacNeil Hall on this date**

These dates are **mandatory**. Every effort should be made to book them well in advance and not schedule other events on these dates. Lack of attendance may result in not being able to receive the sacrament of Confirmation until the following year.

To register your child for Confirmation, complete and submit the following:

- St. Theresa's Confirmation Registration Form for 2012
- A copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.
- Registration fee of \$50.00

These items are to be completed and submitted *all together as one package* to the parish office **no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2011**. Cheques should be made out to St. Theresa's Parish. If the registration fee turns out to be a financial burden, please contact me so we can work it out. Please, don't hesitate to call me. ☺

**Regarding submitting your child's Baptismal certificate:** The name on the baptismal certificate should be your child's full legal name and match the name on your child's birth certificate and be the same name that you put on the Confirmation registration form. *Important: If the Baptismal certificate is in a different language than English, please ensure you translate it into English. You can write the information on the back of the copy of the*  
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baptismal certificate. It is important to translate the child's birth date, baptismal date, place of baptism, place of birth, and indicate the *full mailing address* of the parish they were baptised at, including country and postal code.

For important information on how to choose a sponsor, please read the "Choosing Confirmation Sponsors: Companions on Life's Journey" document attached to this application package.

Overall, as you and your child journey through the Confirmation process, I ask you to be especially faithful in these areas:

- Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (to find out Mass times at parishes in your area, check out <http://www.caedm.ca/parishes>) Taking time to pray as a family and read the Bible
- Getting involved in the parish community by joining a parish ministry, meeting other parishioners, and making new friends. For information on the ministries present in our parish, check out <http://strcp.com/ministries/>. *Or you could always come help out at one of the Super Saturdays. If you're interested, contact me. Would love to have you involved!*

In addition to worshipping at St. Theresa's, your family has the opportunity to give your time, talent and treasure to the many ministries this faith community has to offer. Opportunities to participate are not restricted to Youth Ministry or Confirmation, but include all parish ministries such as Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Religious Education, to name but a few. It is your example that will have the greatest impact on the faith formation of your child.

May the Lord continue to shower you and your family with grace and peace as your child prepares to receive this sacred sacrament!

God bless,

Angela McCormick, *Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

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*Use Facebook? Join our group at "St. Theresa Youth" and keep up to date with all our events! Check out:* <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=157223574356632#!/groups/sttheresayouth>

## **Choosing Confirmation Sponsors: Companions on Life's Journey**

Confirmation sponsors fulfill a critical role in the Confirmation process, serving candidates as models, witnesses to the faith, links to the Church community, and companions on the journey through life. Each Confirmation candidate is to have one sponsor, who will mentor the person being confirmed and assist him or her in living the Christian life. Because of the unity of Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged that the sponsor be one of the baptismal godparents.

### **Who can be a sponsor?**

Ultimately, the person who is asked to be a sponsor must be willing and able to help the Confirmation candidate live their life as a Christian. Because sponsors are mentors in the Catholic faith, sponsors are to be practicing Catholics, who are fully initiated (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, and in good standing.

It is important to note that those who commit to being a sponsor are making a *life-long commitment* to be there to help support the faith of the person receiving Confirmation. In this way, sponsors are companions on life's journey. They are our life-long prayer partners and mentors.

Ideally, the sponsor would be the same person who acted as a godparent at baptism. This helps retain the unity of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

The sponsor must not be either the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.

One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender.

**Questions to consider when helping your child pick a sponsor:** Does the potential sponsor lead a life of faith that you want your child to imitate? Candidates for Confirmation generally ask a person to sponsor them because they like and admire that person. Though every human being sins, in general does the potential sponsor lead a life that someone could imitate and not be led astray? Is the potential sponsor ready to answer (or find answers to) the questions the candidate might have about the faith and about life in general?

### **What are the commitments of a Confirmation sponsor?**

*A sponsor's short-term commitments include:* attending the info meeting, retreat, and rite of Confirmation; maintaining regular contact with the person preparing for Confirmation both before and after the sacrament is received; fostering the Confirmation candidate's faith; and being aware of whether the candidate is ready for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

*A sponsor's long-term commitments include:* making a life-long commitment to be there and help support the confirmand in their faith and everyday life by maintaining contact over the years. The sponsor should at least be willing to pray for the confirmand regularly and make an effort to keep in touch with them, even if it be just the occasional phone call and Christmas card.

*If you have any questions about sponsors, feel free to contact Angela at (780) 463-8646 ext. 2226 or email [angela@strcp.com](mailto:angela@strcp.com).*

# Confirmation Service Hours Record Sheet

As part of the Confirmation program, we are asking for Candidates to do 16 hours of community service. This is to help realize the call of Jesus to be servant to all. These 16 hours may include hours done for school religion classes.

- 16 hours required
- To be handed in Saturday, April 14, 2012 to Angela McCormick
- Examples of service projects: Junior Serving at Mass, joining parish ministries, helping elderly with yard work, volunteering with charitable organizations, etc.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Supervisor's</b>
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Parishioners <input type="checkbox"/>
Sacraments <input type="checkbox"/>

## Confirmation Registration Form

**\*\*This form must be fully completed, on both sides, or it will not be accepted\*\*** **\*\*Please print CLEARLY\*\***  
**\*\*\$50.00 program fee is due upon registration\*\*** **\*\*Registration deadline: November 30, 2011\*\***

<b>Part 1: Candidate Information</b>			
Candidate's Name: _____			Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
(PLEASE PRINT)	First	Middle	Last
* If the candidate's name has been changed since his/her baptism, please attach a copy of the LEGAL NAME CHANGE form *In the case of adoption please include copies of, large version of birth certificate and adoption certificate			
Date of Birth: _____	Place of Birth: _____	Age at Confirmation: _____	
(DD/MM/YYYY)	City/Town	Prov.	
Candidate Email (optional): _____			
Name of School candidate is attending: _____			Grade: _____

<b>Part 2: Parental Information</b>			
Mother's maiden name: _____			
	Maiden Last Name	Given Name(s)	Religion
Father's name: _____			
	Last Name	Given Name(s)	Religion
Home Address: _____			
	Street Address	City/Town	Prov. Postal Code
Home Phone: _____		Work Phone (and ext.): _____ (phone for which parent? M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> )	
Email (Important to receive Confirmation info!): _____			
Want to receive our e-newsletter on family events & youth activities going on at St. Theresa's parish? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Parish Attending: _____			

<b>Part 3: Sponsor Information</b>			
It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism. (c.893 §2)			
The sponsor must not be either the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.(cf. c.874 §1,5)			
The sponsor must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing Catholic, and be at least 16 years of age. (cf.c874)			
One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient. (cf. c.873) but there may be two, one of each gender (c.873)			
Sponsor: _____			M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
	Last Name	Given Name(s)	Name of Parish
Sponsor 2 (optional): _____			M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
	Last Name	Given Name(s)	Name of Parish

Office Use Only	- Permission to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation granted on (Date: DD/MM/YYYY) _____
Date Registered: _____	- To _____ (Name of Priest) by _____ (Archbishop/Delegate)
PAID: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>	

## Part 4: Candidate Sacramental History

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of Church

Church Mailing Address

City/Town

Province/State

Country

**A COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION.**

Has your child received First Reconciliation? Y  N  Has your child received First Holy Eucharist? Y  N

### Part 4a: Fill this section out only if candidate was baptized into another Rite or Ecclesial Community

*Note: Children Baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church were likely Confirmed at the time of Baptism and remain members of the Eastern Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated.*

1. Was this child Baptized in the Orthodox Church? Y  N  Confirmed? Y  N

We give permission for our child to make a Profession of Faith into the corresponding Eastern Church within the Catholic Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

2. Was this child Baptized in another Christian ecclesial community? Y  N

If yes, the which denomination?: \_\_\_\_\_

We give permission for our child to make a Profession of Faith into the Roman Catholic

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

## Part 5: Volunteering

In order to have a successful confirmation program, it is imperative that we have adult volunteers to help us out with such roles as chaperones, small group discussion facilitators, as well as helping to prepare activities. If you can do this, **then please fill this out!!!** If more than from your household wish to volunteer, then please attach a paper with the names and contact info to this form.

Yes, I would like to volunteer!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (18+)  Teen (Gr.10-12)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 6: Parental Consent

We (I) give permission for our (my) child to be Confirmed. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We (I) give permission for our (my) child to participate in all the events associated with the Confirmation preparation program, including the Parent and Sponsor Meeting, the four Super Saturdays, the Retreat, and the Rite of Confirmation as described in the information letter dated August 18, 2011. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We (I) I agree on behalf of ourselves (myself), our (my) child named herein, or our heirs, successors and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Parish, Life Teen Inc., The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, and their officers, directors and agents, chaperons, or representatives associated with the program, from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and all consequential damage arising from or in connection with my child attending the events of the program or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Parish, Life Teen Inc., The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, and their officers, directors and agents, chaperons, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising therewith. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

Parent(s) Signature(s)

Date