

## SUGGESTED PROJECTS OF SERVICE

1. Community Projects— Volunteer at a civic or non-profit organization.

Examples: *Nursing Home (Adopt a Resident), Mardi Gras Ball, Christmas Activities with City Hall, Easter Activities with City Hall, Duck Festival*

2. School Assistance - volunteer to help the school to be clean or to help a teacher with activities

3. Parish Project — volunteer to help out in the parish office, around the church, or with one of the church organizations.

4. Parishioner Project - volunteer to help a member of our parish around their home.

### Criteria for Christian Service Work

1. Candidates cannot work for family or relatives nor can family or relatives supervise or sign the needed Christian Service Report form.

2. Students cannot “double dip”. They cannot claim service hours for efforts that were also required by other clubs, organizations, school or individuals.

3. The pastor reserves the right to deny or modify credit for Christian Service hours. If serious doubt or confusion occurs about the value of merit of an effort or project.

Hours may be denied or additional work may be expected.

4. Upon completion of a service project, each candidate must fill out a Christian Service Report. The forms are available on our website ([saintpeterchurch.org](http://saintpeterchurch.org)) or from the teacher or coordinator.

5. The Christian Service Report must have accurate information and the signature and phone number of the project supervisor.

6. The Christian Service Report must be given to your teacher or coordinator in a timely manner.

## A Confirmation Prayer

We believe, O Lord, may our faith grow firmer yet. We hope, O Lord, may that sure confidence never fail. We Love, O Lord, may love's fire within us ever burn.

Guide us by your wisdom. Protect us by your justice. Comfort us with your healing mercy, as we pray for those who are to be Confirmed.

Enlighten their minds, O Lord, that they may see your gentle love around them. Set their hearts on fire, that they may long for friendship with you.

Make them, soul and body, ready for your Spirit who will come to them in Confirmation. May they learn the paths to prayer, reach out to serve the weak, love the ways of holiness and know your presence in their hearts.

Enrich your Church, O Lord, with men and women of faith and hope and love, that together we may be a beacon of gospel light in our tired and tattered world.

AMEN

## The Confirmation Program

**St. Peter the Apostle Church**  
Gueydan, LA



*Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22*

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## Confirmation

According to teaching of the Catholic Church, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is serious; you are responding to Our Lord Jesus' call to follow His way, believe His truth, and live His life. Your life in Christ began at Baptism, and now you are seeking to confirm the faith you received and put it into practice for the rest of your life. We live in a world that is not friendly to the message of Jesus Christ. If you are not willing to learn what He wants you to know or to live according to the teaching He gave us, then do not mock Him by receiving this Sacrament half-heartedly. If you have no intention to live the Catholic Faith after Confirmation, you may leave this class. You are of the age to put into practice the salvation He gave you at Baptism and confirm that you will accept Him as your Savior and will remain loyal to the Church He gave us. You are making a choice between life and death, between Heaven and Hell.

In Confirmation, the Lord will send the fullness of the Holy Spirit and His gifts to you- enlightening your mind, strengthening your will, and purifying your heart- so that you can bring the message of Jesus Christ to the world! Like the prophets of old, the Apostles, and all the Saints of the Church's 2000 year tradition, you are chosen by the Son of God to bear His image and be filled with His Holy Spirit so that you can make a difference in a world filled with sin and human suffering.

The purpose of the Confirmation Program of this parish is to ascertain your readiness to accept the rights and privileges as well as the responsibilities of a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, Notre Dame High School or Vermillion Catholic High School conforms to Diocesan Policy, all students wishing to be Confirmed MUST do so in their own parish. Therefore, Notre Dame or Vermillion Catholic students receive no formal preparation for Confirmation at school. They must go through the preparation set forth in the guidelines of their local parish. Students from other church parishes are advised to contact their pastor or Director of Religious Education early in the school year to find out what steps need to be followed to receive Confirmation in that locale.

### FREELY CHOSEN AND PERSONALLY REQUESTED

The decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should be a free choice on the part of the candidates. The candidate must personally request the Sacrament. Requirement for Confirmation should never be presented as something to earn or as a completion of one's religious education.

### THE SPONSOR

The sponsor must be a PRACTICING, CONFIRMED CATHOLIC of some maturity and willing to assist the candidate, in his or her preparation. Parents may not be sponsors, but may present the candidate to the Bishop in the absence of the sponsor.

## Parish Requirements for Confirmation

In view of the policies of the Diocese of Lafayette regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following policies have been adopted by St. Peter Church:

1. Regular attendance at the weekend Masses of this parish. Candidates must sign in at the rear of the church after Mass. If the Candidate does not sign the list, it will be taken that you did not attend Mass.
2. Attendance of all scheduled classes, special events, retreats and ceremonies. Absences must be excused before the scheduled class or event by the Pastor or DRE. Candidates missing two classes or Sunday Masses without a valid reason (serious illness) WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED.
3. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a parent/guardian *one hour per month*. All candidates must sign in and out on the list at the entrance of the Adoration Chapel.
4. All candidates must accumulate *10 hours* of Christian Service Work through various church and civic organizations. All hours of service must be turned in to the Instructor on the "Service Report Form" signed by the supervisor of work before the scheduled retreat.