



# Confirmation 2016

**Welcome to the Confirmation Class of 2016! All of us here at St. Thomas Aquinas are so excited for you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation! In the next few months we hope to help you in any way we can in your faith formation and to help you gain understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the role of the Holy Spirit in your Life. This packet gives you the logistical information of what you need to know for Confirmation prep. Please contact Alli Dalton at [adalton@stthomaswichita.com](mailto:adalton@stthomaswichita.com) with any questions.**

## **Requirements and Policies:**

**Attendance Policy:** The expectation is that the candidates attend all of the sessions. If the candidate cannot attend a session they must contact the Fr. Andy or Alli Dalton and give reason why they cannot attend. The candidate will read and review the missed sessions on their own prior to attending the next session.

## **Service Project – October 8, 2016**

All Confirmation Candidates are required to attend our class service project. We will be working with homeowners to get their homes in better conditions. This is a great opportunity to step out of our comfort zone and show true charity toward others. Our project is on **October 8, 2016**. We will have two sessions. Session one is from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Session two is from 12:30pm to 4:30am. You are required to attend one of the sessions. Session Assignments will be made according to small group.

## **Letter to Pastor – Due October 30, 2016**

The Candidate, expressing their free desire to be confirmed in the Church must write a letter to Fr. Matt McGinness. This is done so the Pastor may recommend the Candidates to the Bishop. (See example attached)

## **Confirmation Name – Due October 30, 2016**

Your name will be taken after a saint or your baptismal name to show the significant relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. The saint should have some story or attribute which inspires you to a courageous life of virtue and a greater love of the Church. Know your saint and be able to talk about their life, as you'll be talking about your saint in your small group sessions.

## **Picking a Confirmation Sponsor – Due October 30, 2016**

Your sponsor must be a person who is an active, practicing Roman Catholic adult who is fully initiated; that is, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; and must be at least 16 years old. **A parent may not serve as a sponsor for his or her own child.**

# Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Topic
8.28.16	7pm-9pm	STA School Cafeteria	Life is Choices
9.4.16	No meeting	No meeting	Labor Day Weekend
9.11.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	What's holding you back?/The Jesus Question
9.18.16	No meeting	No meeting	Parish Picnic
9.25.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	The Prayer Process
10.2.16	7pm-9pm	Large Group/Meet in Allen Hall	The Eucharist – We will have Adoration and Confession
10.8.16			Service Project
10.9.16	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
10.16.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	The Bible
10.23.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	Relationships
10.30.16	7pm-9pm	Large Group/Meet in Allen Hall	Made for Mission <b>Sponsor/Confirmation Name/ and Letter to Pastor Due</b>
11.6.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	The Holy Spirit
11.13.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	The Church
11.20.16	No Meeting	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Break
11.27.16	No Meeting	No Meeting	Thanksgiving Break
12.04.16	7pm-8:30pm	Small Group/Host Family	Confirmation
12.11.16	7pm-9pm	Large Group/Meet in Allen Hall	Holiness is Possible – We will have Adoration and Confession
12.13.16	7pm-8pm	STA Church	Confirmation Practice
12.14.16	6:30pm	STA Church	Confirmation!

## Letter to the Pastor

If you plan to be confirmed, you must make a request by writing a letter to the pastor, Fr. Matt McGinness. Your decision to be confirmed is an important one - it is a time to follow Christ and answer His call to holiness in the world.

### Letter Instructions

- 1) Please **TYPE** your letter.
- 2) Take **PRIDE** in your writing.
- 3) **NEATNESS** counts - Do **NOT** scratch out OR white out.
- 4) Please **SIGN** your letter in *cursive*, followed by your typewritten name.

### Example letter format

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
1321 Stratford Lane  
Wichita, KS 67206

Date

Dear Fr. McGinness,

Explain in your own words why you want to be confirmed and why you feel you are ready to be confirmed:

- Give examples from your life and your family explaining how you serve His Church and how you practice your faith as a Catholic; how you sacrifice your time, talent and treasure for His Kingdom.
- Explain what aspects of Confirmation classes you've grown from the most so far, and how you plan on responding to the grace of the sacrament once you receive it.
- Share with him your own personal insights concerning how you have been preparing for this sacrament. Share with Fr. Matt how you strive to be Christ-like in your daily life.
- Name your sponsor and explain why you selected him/her.
- Name the patron saint's name you have selected and explain why you selected that saint, or how you hope this saint will help you grow in your prayer life and faith.
- Talk about how you will live your life as a Christian man/woman in the Church in the future.
- Search the Scriptures and find a phrase or sentence that says something about the way you want to live your life.

Sincerely,

*Signature*

Type Name



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STAY & IGNITE

Semester ~~X~~ Kick Off

STAY - SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 | 7PM  
IGNITE - SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 | 7PM

STA Playground. Dinner & Paint War.

## St. Thomas Aquinas Social Media Agreement Form

It is the goal of the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth group adult team to keep all students and parents aware of youth group activities and events through the use of social media (STA Website, Facebook and Twitter) and text messages. Respect and safety of your child is to the utmost concern of the St. Thomas Aquinas staff.

Please read the Diocesan Social Media Policy/Guidelines listed below and complete this agreement form. By supplying the St. Thomas Aquinas staff with your child's information, as well as your own, you are consenting to your child's receipt of group text messages in relation to activities and events of the St. Thomas Aquinas high school youth group, as well as to the use of photographic images/videos of your child for social media use (STA Website, Facebook and Twitter). If you supply your own information, you will receive the same information being provided to your youth at the same time it is sent to your child.

### Catholic Diocese of Wichita Social Media Policy

The use of social media is becoming increasingly popular and, is being used as a tool to communicate important information. If utilized by a ministry, social media should be used as a means of effective communication and education rather than for befriending people or socializing. Every effort must be made to provide a safe and secure environment and to avoid the appearance of impropriety when using the internet and other social media as a ministry tool.

- Social may not be utilized for personal correspondence with minors or students
- When social media is used for sending ministry related information, correspondence with minors or students (including texting, IM/chat or messaging), should always include the minor's or student's parent or guardian. The correspondence with parents does not need to be via the same technology (i.e. if a minor receives a reminder via Twitter, parents can receive it in a printed form or by an e-mail list). When communicating with youth via electronic communication, the primary purpose shall be for providing information related to a ministry or event and not for socialization or other personal interaction. Counseling of youth through such communication methods is prohibited.
- Acceptable hours of communication with youth via electronic communications are between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Communication outside of the acceptable hours may be used only in emergency situations or to communicate time sensitive information related to the ministry or ministry related event.
- Employees may not post or distribute personal identifiable information including pictures of any child under the age of eighteen *without verifiable consent of a parent or guardian*. Personal identifiable information includes full name, photos, home address, email address, telephone number or any information that would allow someone to identify or contact a child. "Tagging" pictures is *only allowed with verifiable parental consent*.

Name of High School Youth Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of youth participant (*for text message updates*): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of parent/guardian (*for text message updates*): \_\_\_\_\_

Email of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, specifically St. Thomas Aquinas staff, to utilize my child's phone number for use of texting event and meeting activity updates. In giving my consent, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and its agents from any and all responsibility or liability.

\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, specifically St. Thomas Aquinas staff, to utilize photographic and/or video images of my child for use of social media specifically for the high school youth group. In giving my consent, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and its agents from any and all responsibility or liability.

Please accept my signature below as my parental/guardian consent to the above items.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Confirmation 2016 Service Project

# PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

I (We), the parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, request that my (our) child be allowed to participate in the following activity, and do hereby grant permission for the child named above to participate in this activity:

Name of event: **Confirmation 2016 Service Project**

Location of event: **Wichita, KS**

Time frame of event: **Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN  
TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIGNED SITE.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_