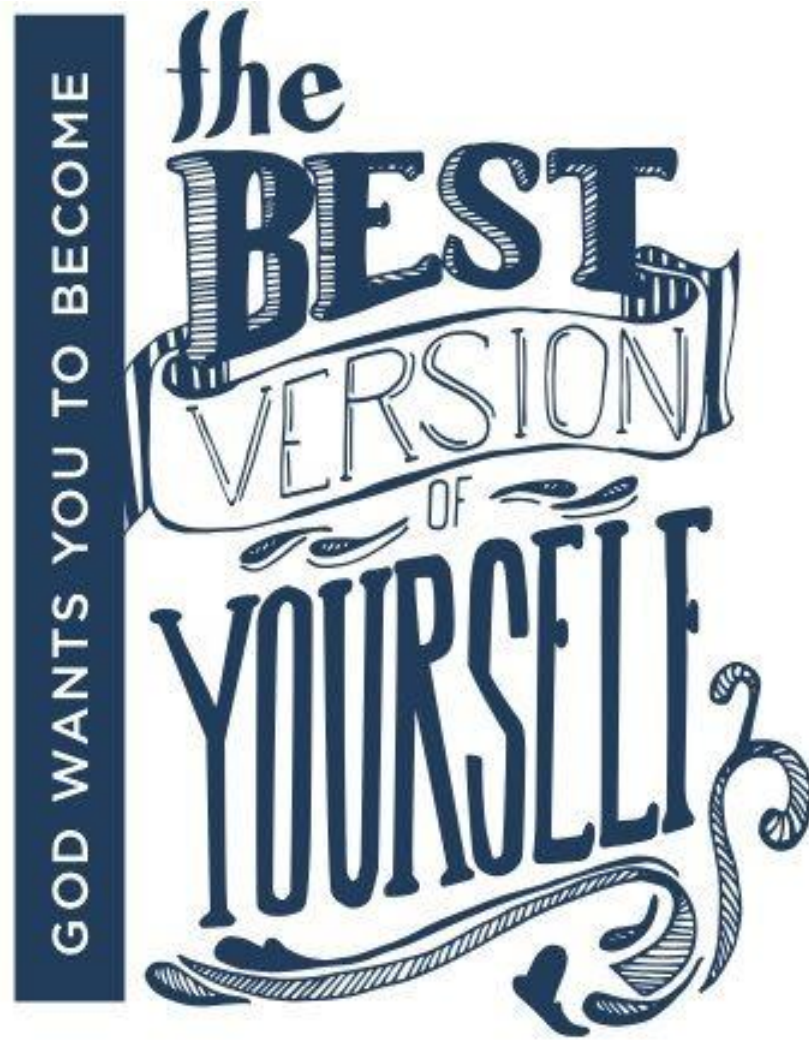


2017-2018 First Year Confirmation Preparation



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Pre- Confirmation

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”-Thomas Merton

Life is Choices. Every day you make hundreds of choices. What to eat. What to wear. What time to arrive. Whom to hang out with. Whether or not to listen. What to care about. Many of these choices can seem inconsequential. But one choice builds upon another, and in the end our choices define who we become. Choices matter. Learning to make great choices is one of the most practical skills you can develop. Decision making is central to everything we do. You are so young and life is before you. Will you live it wisely or squander it? Life is precious and beautiful. Ask a couple who have just welcomed their first child into the world—they will tell you how precious and beautiful life is. Life is also fragile and fleeting. Ask someone who has just been told by his doctor that he has only three months to live—he will tell you how fragile and fleeting life is. Life is before you. What will you do with your life? This is what Joan of Arc wrote, just before she died at nineteen.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/>



Dates to remember:

Monday, December 18th, 2017 -6pm and 7:30p.m. Details to be announced

Friday, February 2nd, 2018 - 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Retreat

Corporal Works of Mercy Service Projects

Requirements & Suggestions

“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me” Matthew 25:40

In preparing to receive the sacrament candidates learn to live the gospel message by reaching out to serve those in need. Including family members or fellow students in your project builds unity and can be a source of joy while you work. The service component is a two-pronged approach: service within the parish and service in the community. **Candidates are asked to serve at least 10 hours – 5 within the parish and 5 hours in the community.** Once the service is completed, ask the supervisor to verify the hours served by signing the Service Project reflection page included in this binder. Reflect and write about your experience using the reflection page. Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful when considering a service project.

Service Opportunities with in the Parish

Altar serving (5 hours for year)
Being a lector at Mass (5 hours for year)
Joining the choir or playing an instrument for Mass (5 hours for year)
Become a safety patrol (5 hours for year)
Assist the School of Religion before or after school (5 hours for year)
Help with grounds maintenance (Gardening, raking, etc.)

Community Outreach Projects

The Lord’s Table Soup Kitchen: St. Martin’s in Gaithersburg the 4th Thursday of the month. Dates of service for 2016 are 9/22, 10/27, 12/22 service for 2017 are 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25. Student needs to arrive as close to 3 pm as possible until 5 pm, 3 hours of service. Contact Heather Sterling htster@aol.com. Limit 6 students

Germantown Help: Transport food donations from MSP for the monthly food drive to the HELP pantry located at Trinity Unity Methodist Church. Contact Toni Woods at 301-924-3838 x204. Stock shelves and pack boxes at the pantry the 4th weekend of the month.

Catholic Charities: Coat Drive, donate coats and volunteer. Please email coats@catholiccharitiesdc.org or visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/coats for more information.

Other Service Resources

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center connects individuals and groups to ongoing service opportunities and one-time projects in our community. <http://www.montgomeryserves.org/>

Corporal Works of Mercy Service Projects

Service Opportunities within the Parish

October-April

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Special Needs ministry Teen Mentor

The Adaptive Finding God program is in need of 4-5 teens to help with our program. The teens will be assigned to a student with special needs to help build and grow their faith and your own. You will help the catechist teach the lesson (which will be all prepared) and fill in when the catechist can't be there. We meet Saturday mornings approximately every other Saturday. Your time commitment is from 8:30-10:30 each time we meet. We start meeting on September 30 and go through April. If you have a heart and desire to volunteer for this program *please contact Mary Beth DeLuzio at coordinator@mothersetonparish.org or call 301.924.3838 extension 234.*

October-April

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Grade 2 classroom aide

One of our catechists is in need of a classroom aide on Wednesdays from 4:45pm-6:00p.m. You will be expected to help the teacher in classroom with checking homework, or anything she might need help with. This commitment starts immediately and ends in April. *Please contact Candida Silva at sec-sor@mothersetonparish.org or call 301.444.3496.*

Saturday-Sunday, November 4th - November 5th

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All Saints International Festival

10 students are needed to help set up on Saturday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m.-9:00p.m. in parish center. November 5th Also 10 students are needed to help clean up after the International Festival in the Parish Center at 4:00 pm. In total 20 students are needed. *Please contact Juliana at reled@mothersetonparish.org or call 301.444.3496 to sign up.*

Ongoing

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Cleaning the Church

We will need 15 volunteers to bring spray polish and dust rags to help clean and polish the Church pews from 10:00am-12:30pm. *Please contact Dorette Paulin at dcpaulin@verizon.net*

Sunday, November 19

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Cheesecake Distribution

Please come and help distribute cheesecakes for our cheesecake fundraiser, please contact *Ms. Dominique Seraphin at 301-444-3495.* We will need 7-8 volunteers, parents are welcomed too!

December 17

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Trip to the Mother Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland

We will need 10 volunteers to narrate and sing Christmas carols in Emmitsburg for the sisters at the Mother Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg. *Please contact Dorette Paulin at dcpaulin@verizon.net*

Friday, January 18

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National March for Life

Come and join the youth group as they March for Life in our nation's capital. Please contact Todd Levitas for more information. *Please contact Todd Levitas at youth@mothersetonparish.org or call 240-780-7610.*

Saturday, January 20

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First Reconciliation Retreat

We need about 5-7 students to help out with set up, taking the children around, and cleaning up for our First Reconciliation retreat. This will be from 9am-1pm, *please contact Candida Silva at sec-sor@mothersetonparish.org or call 301-444-3496.*

February 2018 * **Black History Program**

Please contact Dorette Paulin at dcpaulin@verizon.net for more information.

Saturday, April 21 * **First Communion Retreat**

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Ongoing Music Ministry * **Youth Choir**

If you are interested in being part of the choir at the Sunday 5pm Mass. *Please call or email Amy Massey at 301-924-3838 extension 215 or email music@mothersetonparish.org for more information.*

Ongoing Children's Liturgy * **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

2 students are needed to help on Sundays with the Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:30am on Sundays, *please contact Melisa Biedron at 240-751-8321*

“You too, dear young people, can be joyful witnesses of His love, courageous witnesses of His Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of His light.-Pope Francis to young people

Corporal Works of Mercy Service Project

Service Reflection

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To feed the hungry
To give drink to the thirsty
To clothe the naked
To shelter the homeless
To visit the sick
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Example: Making a meal or casserole for S.O.M.E., sponsoring a neighborhood or school clothing drive, visiting the elderly, sponsoring a food drive, etc.

2. Please complete the following information and questions upon completion of each project. Turn in one form for each organization you serve.

Date of service _____ No. of hours of service _____

Organization or person you are serving: _____

Description of service provided: _____

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Signature of responsible official _____

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SERVICE PROJECT LOG

A log is a record of one's achievement. Use this log to describe your activities and record your hours. Remember seventh graders must complete ten hours of community service.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOUR</u>

Student Signature: _____

Total: _____

The time and activities listed above are accurately recorded. _____

Parent's Signature _____