

ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## **2019 CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. The **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on Friday, 26 April 2019 at 7:00PM at Holy Ghost Church in Hammond. Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, 25 April 2019 at 7:00PM at Holy Ghost. You will be receiving the sacrament in conjunction with the candidates of the other Churches of the Northeast Deanery, namely St. Helena in Amite, Mater Dolorosa in Independence, Our Lady of Pompeii in Tickfaw, and St. Joseph in Ponchatoula. **Mark your calendar!**
- 2. You must have a **Sponsor** for Confirmation. This person should be a full, active and participating Catholic. He or she must be confirmed and in a marriage situation recognized by the Church. Your sponsor must be over 16 years of age. This person cannot be your parent. A sponsor form must be completed and returned to Fr. Jamin no later than **02 December 2018**. Remember that your sponsors are required to be present for both Confirmation and rehearsal. Don't pick a sponsor just because they're your friend or you're trying to honor them. Pick someone who is going to support you in your journey of faith.
- 3. It is important that you exercise your faith as an adult in the Church. Though I don't believe in having you get a priest to sign a piece of paper proving that you attended Mass, I expect sincerity and honesty that you will commit to attending **Mass every weekend**. You should regularly participate both in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I'm always available for an appointment should you need help with the latter.
- 4. Exercising your faith requires more than just Mass attendance; Christians put the Word that is heard into practice. Though you will not be required to participate in regular service hours, you are asked to commit to a ministry at St. Margaret Church and to be scheduled regularly in that ministry. Potential ministries include Altar Serving and as a Lector. Ministry sign up forms are due on 26 August 2018 or by email before. You are also invited to participate in our Youth Group that meets every Wednesday at 6:30PM in the John Paul II Room. Two service projects will potentially be scheduled for group participation during the year.
- 5. You are required to participate in the "Rite of Welcoming" and the "Rite of Enrollment" at 10:00AM Mass on the weekends noted on the master calendar.
- 6. Participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation is a free choice. If you're here for any other reason aside from your desire to receive the Sacrament, let's talk about it before you make your decision.
- 7. Confirmation classes are held on Sundays immediately after 5:30PM Mass (6:45-8:00PM). Sometimes you might have to miss class because of illness or another obligation. It is the policy of

St. Margaret that if you miss any more than four classes, you will be disqualified from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. When you miss a class, you should contact Fr. Jamin for missed work and provide a written explanation as to why you were absent.

- 8. You must schedule an interview with Fr. Jamin before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Call him at 225.567.3573, ext. 102 or email him at padrejamin@yahoo.com to schedule this appointment before **01 April 2019**.
- 9. For your proximate Spiritual Preparation to receive the Sacrament, **the NET Retreat** is scheduled with other youth from the PSR program on 10 February 2019 from 11:00AM until after the 5:30PM Mass. Mark your calendar!

Guys and gals, I'm excited to be with you and journey with you toward your Confirmation! You can always call me or email to talk or simply share where you're at in your journey!