

Requirements to be completed for Confirmation in the Spring of 2017

You need **twenty or more combined service hours** to your parish and the people in your community. You can earn these hours by volunteering at the St. Vincent Paul store. Call and see when they need help, 563-7302.

Also, offer to shovel snow, cut grass, baby sit for a neighbor or a relative.

This means you don't accept any money for these services.

Volunteer to work at school or Church functions when asked or needed.

Attached is a sheet for you to record your service hours. There is a place to record the event, the time you check in and when you check out. Also, there is a place for the person in charge to sign verifying that you completed the activity.

Extra copies of this sheet are available in the parish office. If you already have signed sheets, with completed activities, you can attach them to this sheet.

If you haven't already turned in your letter to Fr. Tim, please do this ASAP as you need to have an interview with him. He will call to see when you both are available for a meeting.

Attached is a sample of how to write the letter. It must be neatly typed with correct spelling

You are required to attend at least **two retreats**. Some retreat resources offered are: Steubenville North, Totus Tuus(Latin for Totally Yours), this retreat is given by college age students and will be held in our Parish starting on Sunday, July 10th, thru Wednesday, July 13th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. On Thursday, July 14th, there will be a fun activity, try coming you just might like it. We will have a parish retreat at a later date to be announced. Also, there is a Youth Encounter retreat.

You are required to write a letter to Bishop John Doerfler. Start writing it now as it needs to be turned in when classes begin in the Fall. It must be neatly typed with correct spelling. Attached is a sample letter.

Remember to keep your attached requirement and service hour sheet.

Sincerely,
Nancy Degnan
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REMINDER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION IN SPRING OF 2017

- 1) Retreats – 2 or more needed
Ex. - Steubenville
Totus Tuus
A Parish run retreat
Youth Encounter
See attached sheet from Mrs. Degnan for additional suggestions.
- 2) 20 or more Community Service hours (Logged on back of this sheet)
- 3) Letter for Fr. Tim, requesting Confirmation (See attached sample and must be typed.)
- 4) Letter for Bishop John F. Doerfler (See attached sample and must be typed.)
- 5) Attend High School Faith Formation Classes
- 6) And it goes without saying attend Mass on the weekend and Holydays.

Date

Rev. Timothy M. Ekaitis
St. Mary/ St. Barbara Parishes
401 Main Street
Norway, MI. 49870

Dear Fr. Tim,

I, your full name, a member of _____ parish, am asking to begin formal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I accept the responsibility to attend Mass every Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.

Next tell Fr. how you plan to be active in your parish community. Some examples are: serving Mass, helping at Faith Formation/VBS etc., doing volunteer work for our parish organizations. Also, tell him that you will attend classes and participate in all the requirements and rituals set forth by your parish and the diocese over the next two years.

Tell him that you are looking forward to meeting with him for your initial interview and learning more about this sacrament and becoming a disciple of Christ.

I trust you will grant this request.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sign your full name

Bishop John Doerfler,

State your name and parish. Tell him something personal about yourself, where you attend school, if you play sports etc. and tell him about your family.

Formally request the sacrament. Tell the bishop why you are asking to be confirmed. **Don't say because your parents are telling you that you need to receive this sacrament or that your brother, sister or a friend has been confirmed.**

Share some of your experiences during the preparation process. Tell him about your prayer life and how you celebrate the sacraments. Also, tell him about your service to your parish and people of God and anything you may have learned that meant something to you.

Tell the Bishop how you will continue to carry out your life of discipleship through the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, tell him how you plan to draw on your Confirmation and continue the mission of the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,
Write your complete signature

P.S. You need to have four paragraphs, just like you see in the above sample letter.