

Living Catholic

St. Margaret Mary Parish

Confirmation Process

2015-16

Level I

Parent Handbook

Welcome

to the St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish Confirmation Process



The two or more year process for Confirmation at St. Margaret Mary is an important event for the entire Parish Community. *It is young people stepping forward, choosing their faith, as their parents did for them at their Baptism. It is these young people committing themselves to Christ and His Church.*

Confirmation is a challenge to become involved with the Church and to continue the mission of Jesus. It is with this in mind that we have set up the following preparation process as a journey which will bring young people to Confirmation and full membership in the Church.

At St. Margaret Mary, Confirmation is a part of Youth Ministry. The minimum amount of time to complete the preparation for Confirmation, as determined by Cardinal Mahoney, is two years. It could take as long as four if you need to. *No candidate should be coerced into the formation process, as this not only defeats the purposes of the program but also creates an atmosphere that could negatively affect others.* It is expected that the young person who wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation accepts the above-stated understanding of what it means to be confirmed and will participate fully in the process as well as take seriously what it means to be a member of the Church. *Failure to meet any of the expectations and/or complete any of the requirements herein stated is equivalent to withdrawal from the program for the year (Candidates may re-enroll the following year).*

This is an opportunity not only for the Youth to become part of the church, but a special invitation for parents who have been away from the church to rethink their commitment to God and His Church.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION!!!!



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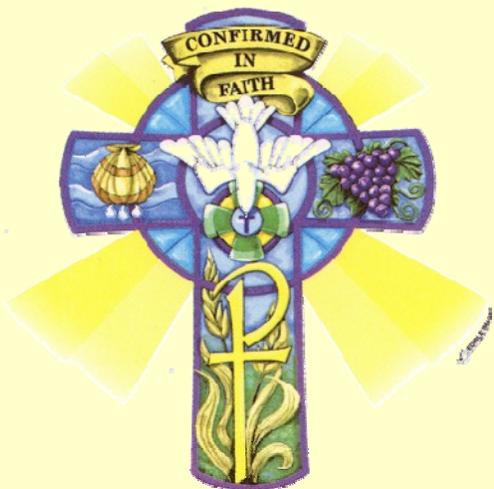


Guidelines at all Activities

- Respect the Leader and other group members
- Good attitude and willing spirit
- Listen and participate in small group discussions
- Respect group members' privacy-what is said in class, stays in class.
- No cell phones, laptops, tablets/Ipads or music players/Ipods to be on or open during workshops, mass or other meeting times unless instructed by small group leaders or coordinators.
 - 1 warning, 2nd time we will confiscate until end of class, 3rd candidate will be removed from program
- No smoking, drugs, alcohol or Foul Language at any Youth Ministry/Confirmation event.
- No Public Display of Affection (referred to as PDA) between Teens. Quick hugs are acceptable.
- Students who have a drivers licenses are not permitted to drive themselves or other students to any Youth Ministry Function off-site.
- Parents, please drop off and pickup your student ON TIME! The transportation to and from a Youth Ministry or Confirmation Activity is the sole responsibility of the parent. The adults who volunteer at St. Margaret Mary are not ALLOWED to pick up or take them home your teen. We have done this in the past, but it is not acceptable under the guidelines of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.
- Permission Slips and Behavior Contracts must be signed by the parent and teen before the candidate can attend a Youth Ministry or Service Project Activity that is away from St. Margaret Mary's campus.
- Negative behavior is not respectful to other students or volunteers

DISCIPLINE—If there is a problem in a workshop, retreat or activity the following will happen:

- 1st Violation: is to have a discussion with coordinator, the parents and the candidate. If the violation is a candidate leaving an event without permission, the candidate will be placed on probation for 1 year. During this probation the parish will not take responsibility for candidate and a parent or guardian must accompany the candidate at any event.
- 2nd Violation: Postpone Confirmation Preparation until next year or until candidate decides they want to participate



Confirmation Prayer

God, our father, we ask
you to bless all candidates
who are now preparing to receive the spirit of your
love in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
May the gifts within each one be touched by your Holy Spirit
and become blessings for our parish family.
Bless, too, our parents, our sponsors, our teachers
and Catechists, and all those who have been the
reflection of your son's love for us. This we
ask you through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



St Margaret Mary Confirmation Level I Retreat



This year's retreat will be held at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA on **Saturday, February 6, 2016**. Candidates need to be at St. Margaret Mary at 8am on Saturday for check-in at Hegarty Hall. Candidates will take buses from St. Margaret Mary to the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. Buses will leave promptly at 8:30am whether all the candidates have arrived or not. Buses will return to St. Margaret Mary at 8pm that evening. Lunch and Dinner will be provided that day.

If the candidate can't make this retreat, they will need to attend another parish year 1 retreat. Please No cell phones, laptops, tablets/Ipads or music players/Ipods. Thank You!!! If you bring them, we will keep them for you!

Items to Bring:

Sun Glasses (Optional) or Jacket (it might be cold at night! – Check the weather before you go!)
Camera—Optional, Please keep with you at all times (No Phones)
Snack to share by last initial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-E (24 bottle or more case of Water) F-J (12 or Individual Bags of Chips) K-O (12 pack of Coke) P-R (12 pack of Sprite) S-Z (12 pack of Cookies or Rice Crispy Treats)
Please Eat Breakfast on Saturday before you come to the retreat



Choosing a Sponsor



Candidates are free to choose their own Confirmation sponsors. Sponsors should:

- *be a confirmed Catholic in good standing and at least 16 years of age.*
- *know the candidate well and be willing to serve as a Christian guide and role model for the candidate.*
- *be willing to support the young person being confirmed in his/her commitment to living a Christian life.*
- *be confident enough in their own faith commitment to be able to support a young person in his/her faith commitment.*
- *Candidates may wish to choose one of their baptismal godparents to be their Confirmation sponsor, emphasizing the important relationship between the two sacraments. Because it is the sponsor's role to support both the candidate and his/her parents, the Church discourages candidates from choosing one of their parents to be their sponsor.*
- *Each candidate-sponsor pair will need to complete a sponsorship form. Candidates or sponsors should then return at registration. Sponsors are invited and encouraged to join the candidates for Sunday Masses, Service Projects, Chaperoning or leading a retreat. If a candidate's sponsor is unable to be present at the Confirmation Mass, a proxy may stand in for him/her. Again, please do not hesitate to contact Joe with any questions or concerns about choosing a Confirmation sponsor.*

October 16

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

(July 22, 1647-October 17, 1690)



Marguerite Marie Alacoque or **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** was a French Roman Catholic nun and mystic, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form.

"And He [Christ] showed me that it was His great desire of being loved by men and of withdrawing them from the path of ruin that made Him form the design of manifesting His Heart to men, with all the treasures of love, of mercy, of grace, of sanctification and salvation which it contains, in order that those who desire to render Him and procure Him all the honour and love possible, might themselves be abundantly enriched with those divine treasures of which His heart is the source." — from *Revelations of Our Lord to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque*

The History of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish (1937-2016)

In 1922, the distance between Harbor City and Wilmington seemed too great. So thought two Harbor City women, Mrs. Myerscough and Mrs. Crossfield. The two had met at a PTA meeting, and recognized each other from church. In their opinion, the traveling time from their homes to Saints Peter and Paul Church in Wilmington was much too long, and they were determined to do something about that. They decided to petition Bishop John Cantwell if a new church could be built west of Figueroa Street to serve the growing Catholic community. While cordial, the bishop denied their request - too few names. For the time being, their parish church remained Saints Peter and Paul. Respectfully defiant, they kept alive the dream of a new place to worship. In 1925, Bishop Cantwell recommended that the ladies compile another petition, and this time include the nearby city of Lomita to their signature drive. Their list dramatically grew to over one hundred names. Their efforts were met with success, as Bishop Cantwell established a mission church to be opened, under the parochial watch of the priests from Saints Peter and Paul Church.

As one hurdle was accomplished, now came the next challenge - where to have Mass? The center of Harbor City social life was the second story of the California Cleaners Building which housed a meeting hall. The building was located on Pacific Coast Highway (then called Anaheim Street). In the late 1920's a small parcel of property was donated by a parishioner on Lomita Boulevard. A small wooden frame church was built at a cost of \$4,500.00, surrounded by acres of celery fields. The community finally had a home. The years of make-shift facilities were finally behind them.

As Harbor City and Lomita continued to grow in population, membership of the mission church community increased. Community members knew it was time for another meeting with the Bishop. In 1937, now numbering well over one hundred families, the church leaders returned to pay a visit to Bishop Cantwell. Impressed by the growth of this local Catholic community, he agreed to formally establish a new parish with its own resident pastor. The Parish was dedicated to the patronage of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

St. Margaret Mary Pastors (1937-Present):	Buildings on Eshelman and 255th	Permanent Deacons
Father Timothy Lynch (1937)	1951 School	1995 Dick Corwin.
Father William Mulvihill (1937-39)	1954 Church	2000 Craig Siegman
Father Thomas Barry (1939-45)	1956 Convent	2001 Rick Soria
Father John Hegarty, (1945-71)	(Converted in 1988 to the Parish Center)	2006 Dan Wallace
Father Harold Cremins (1971-78)	1960 Rectory	2013 Cheto Mendoza
Monsignor Joseph Sartoris (1978-94), named bishop in 1994	1967 Hegarty Hall	
Monsignor Patrick Thompson (1994-2010)	1983 St. Joseph's Center	
Monsignor Marc V. Trudeau (2010-13)		
Father Paul O'Donnell—Administrator (2013– 15), Pastor (2015-)		

Yes, the story of Saint Margaret Mary Parish is the story of a people. Begun by two women eighty seven years ago, the community now numbers close to 5,000 families. This community has been blessed with fine pastors, dedicated associate pastors, tireless sisters and loving deacons. But it is, and always will be, the will and spirit of its congregation that drives the force behind the many good things that happen within this community. As it celebrates seventy-seven years, it can give thanks for the wisdom and perseverance of past members, the loving dedication of its current membership and the bright promise of future generations.

Confirmation Level 1 Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 27- Teaching, Touching Safety (2:45-6:15pm)
27 - Ritual of Welcome (5pm Mass)*
Sponsors Report at 3:45pm—Hegarty Hall

OCTOBER 2015

- 4 - Group #1-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)
Welcome Mandatory Parent Meeting
Bilingual (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hall
- 11 - **Workshop #1 (2:45-6:15pm)**
Welcome Mandatory Parent Meeting
English Only (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hall
- 18 - Group #2-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)
Group #1 LinC Night (5:30-8:30pm)
- 25 - Group #3-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)
Group #2 LinC Night (5:30-8:30pm)

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 - Group #4-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)
Group #3 LinC Night (5:30-8:30pm)
- 8 - **Workshop #2 (2:45-6:15pm)**
- 15 - Group #4 LinC Night (5:30-8:30pm)
- 22 - Group #5-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)

DECEMBER 2015

- 6 - Group #5 LinC Night (5:30-8:30pm)
- 13 - **Workshop #3 (2:45-6:15pm)**

* *Sponsor/Candidates Event*

JANUARY 2016

- 31 - Workshop # 4 (2:45-6:15pm)
Saint Report Due

FEBRUARY 2016

- 6 - (Sat) Confirmation 1 Retreat - Christ Cathedral, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840 - Meet at 8am in Hegarty Hall. We will return to Hegarty Hall at 8pm)

MARCH 2016

- 6 - **Workshop #5 (2:45-6:15pm)**
Mandatory Parent Meeting and
2016-17 Confirmation 2 Registration
(220 Paid in full/\$115 if making
payments) Bilingual (6:30-7:30pm) -
Hegarty Hall
- 13 - Group #6-LinC Prep (2:45-6:15pm)
- 20 - Group #6-LinC Night (2:45-6:15pm)
- 21 - (Mon) *Mandatory Parent Meeting*
and 2016-17 Confirmation 2 (220 Paid
in full/\$115 if making payments)
Registration English Only (6:30-7:30pm)
Hegarty Hall

APRIL 2016

- 10 - Workshop #5 (2:45-6:15pm)



Confirmation 1 Ritual and Reconciliation

Ritual of Welcome - Sunday, September 27, 2015.

Sponsor to meet candidate at Hegarty Hall at 3:45pm. Mass begins at 5pm. Each candidate and parent will have a special blessing. Sponsor, this will also be a sponsor dedication ceremony—please make arrangements to attend.

Reconciliation—At least 3 times each year. All students are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during both the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Parent Formation



As part of our movement towards Whole Community Catechesis, St. Margaret Mary Alcoque Parish Faith Formation has implemented a parent component for all of our youth faith formation programs. What does this mean? Now, instead of just your children receiving faith formation, you, too, will meet with other parents and share faith, grow in knowledge of church traditions and values and, most importantly, foster community.

Parent Faith Formation attendance is a requirement for all parents/guardians of children in the Elementary, Jr. High and Confirmation Faith Formation (RE) Programs.

The parent faith formation requirement is simple—Attendance at any 5 of the following events or be an RE Catechist, an Active member of the [Holy Name](#), [Knights of Columbus](#) or [Woman Society](#):

VIRTUS Certification Beginning Training (counts as 3 events)**

English-Sunday, November 1, 2015 (6:30-9:30pm) - Hegarty Hall

VIRTUS Recertification "Keeping the Promise Alive" Training (counts as 2 events)***

English-Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (7-8:30pm) – St. Joseph's Hall

▪ Individual Program Parent Classes and Retreats

Saturday Religious Education (Grades 1-6) 9-10:30am

Sunday Religious Education (Grades 1-6) 8:30-10:30am Plus 9:30am Mass

Jr./Sr. High Religious Education (Grades 6-8) Wednesdays: 6-7:30pm

2016 High School Confirmation 2 - Homeless Ministry Day

▪ **Clases de Formcion para Padres**

Sabado (11am-12:30pm)

Domingo (10:45am-12:15pm)

Breakfast with St. Nick - December 6, 2015 (7:30-11am) - Hegarty Hall

Safeguard the Children Committee Meetings - Sunday, November 8, 2015 - 6:30pm - Hegarty Hall

Monday, April 28, 2016 - 7pm - Hegarty Hall

▪ **2016 DIVE IN:** Feb 22-25, Feb 29-Mar 3, Mar 7-10, 2016 (7:30-9pm) (Each night counts as 1 event– check Bulletin for times)

▪ **Parish Seder:** March 23, 2016 @6pm in Hegarty Hall* (Counts as 1 event)

▪ **San Pedro Regional Congress (Lakewood, CA)*:** (October 3, 2015)* (Each workshop counts for 1 event)

▪ **Religious Education Congress (Anaheim, CA)*:** (February 26-28, 2016)* (Each workshop counts for 1 event)

▪ Other Parish Religious Education Events (Check bulletin for upcoming events)

▪ Other Archdiocese Religious Education Events (Check Announcements and website for upcoming events)

Notes

*Separate registration and fees needed for these events

** Must have not already attended the training before

** Must have attended beginning training on or before November 2011



Confirmation 1 Mandatory Parent Meetings

Kick-Off Meeting (Bilingual) - October 4, 2015 (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hsll - **Parents Only**

Kick-Off Meeting (English) - October 11, 2015 (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hsll - **Parents Only**

2017 Reg. Meeting (Bilingual) - March 6, 2016 (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hall - **Parents Only**

2017 Reg. Meeting (English) - March 21, 2016 - (6:30-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hall - **Parents Only**



Confirmation Workshops

To prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, all candidates are required to attend small group faith sharing workshops. The workshop groups are small in size (10-15 teens) and one or two adults and one to two confirmed teens will facilitate the discussions and activities .

The purpose of these sharing groups is to help teens and adults to build community and reflect on ways you can live your faith at school, at home, and with their friends. They will also learn more about the Catholic Faith - and this is a great place to ask **QUESTIONS!!**

As a willing participant in the Confirmation Process, we expect all teenagers to fully participate in the small group discussions. Their full participation shows us their readiness for Confirmation. Our intent is to offer a place where it is safe for them to ask questions and to share their feelings about God and about being Catholic.

WHAT IF My CANDIDATE CAN'T come to all the Sessions?

If your candidate cannot make it to class, you need to call Joe at (310) 326-3364 ext 17. We understand that life & illness happens. Sometimes the hardest thing to do after a long day of school, sports practice or on a Sunday afternoon is to come to Confirmation classes, but your candidate needs to make this a priority, too! Therefore, each Candidate will be given 2 Grace Passes to be used during the year. In order to use this pass, a parent must call Joe Voigt prior to the event. Once a candidate uses 2 passes, it is expected that he/she will be at every scheduled activity. (Missing or opting out of the Teaching, Touching, Safety workshop will not count against your Grace Passes.) Grace Passes cannot be used for the Confirmation 1 Retreat.

LATE ARRIVAL - Our workshops begin on Sunday at 2:45pm in Hegarty Hall . At 3pm the doors will be closed and anyone who is late WILL NOT be allowed to attend the workshop for that day. Being late is not respectful to the other candidates or catechist.

ATTITUDE: Since all candidates are going through the confirmation journey as a free choice, we expect full participation and good behavior in the workshops. **If any candidate chooses not to follow the guidelines, s/he will be asked to go home and that evening will not count.**

Confirmation 1 Workshops Dates:

- September 27
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13
- January 31
- March 6
- April 10

Confirmation 1 LinC Night and Prep:

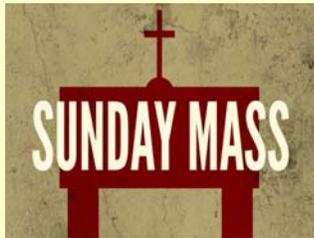
- **Group #1**
Prep: Oct 4 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Oct 18 - (5:30-8:30pm)
- **Group #2**
Prep: Oct 18 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Oct 25 - (5:30-8:30pm)
- **Group #3**
Prep: Oct 25 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Nov 1 - (5:30-8:30pm)
- **Group #4**
Prep: Nov 1 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Nov 15 - (5:30-8:30pm)
- **Group #5**
Prep: Nov 22 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Dec 6 - (5:30-8:30pm)
- **Group #6**
Prep: Mar 13 - (2:45-6:15)
LinC: Mar 20 - (5:30-8:30pm)

All Confirmation Requirements must be Submitted by April 10, 2016 @3pm. No Exceptions!

Masses, Youth Ministry and Service

The Confirmation Requirement is for your candidate to experience and participate in each one of these during each year of the Confirmation Process

Sunday Mass Attendance



The Mass and the Eucharist are the very center of our Catholic faith. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and to avoid unnecessary work on those days is a responsibility for all Catholics. We expect all of our Candidates to understand and accept the rule, which is based on the Third Commandment. The Confirmation classes will attend Mass together at the Sunday 5pm on the nights of their confirmation workshops. In addition, all Candidates must participate in four masses as an usher, greeter or choir member during their two years in Confirmation. Candidates will sign up for these dates during their workshops.

Youth Ministry Nights



Each year of Confirmation candidates will be expected to attend at least three (3) LinC Youth Ministry Nights and/or events of their choosing by April 10, 2016. **See calendar on next page.** Youth ministry at St. Margaret Mary is based on the principles concerning parish ministry to youth set forth in the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' 1997 document *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. The candidate who willingly and actively participates in this process will have an understanding of him/herself as an individual loved and called by God to discipleship as a valued member of both our

parish community and the universal Church. We are asking each candidate to complete this requirement by the following schedule:

First (1) LinC by: November 22, 2015

Two (2) LinC's by: January 31, 2015

Three (3) LinC's by: March 20, 2016

Service



Each Confirmation candidate must complete 20 hours of service work per year. Any volunteer project (outside of the home) is acceptable. St. Margaret Mary will also be coordinating service projects students can participate in, which will also count towards the required service hours. Service Hour Sheets must be completed, turned in and presented in their workshops on the following dates:

1st Ten (10) or more hours: January 31, 2016

2nd Ten (10) : April 10, 2016

Unacceptable Service Projects:

- Anything you are paid directly or indirectly for
- Baby sitting for family or friends
- Family Chores (Cleaning, walking the dog, etc)
- Helping at your family members jobs (See Joe for approval)
- Parent volunteer hours (except for working the confirmation booths at the fair)

Acceptable Service Projects:

- Visiting and/or helping at Convalescent Home/Homebound
- Altar Serving, Church Choir, lectoring or liturgical ministry
- Helping with RE Program (Wed Nights, Sat/Sun Mornings)
- Being on LinC Core Team planning youth nights
- Lomita Fair, SMM Events, (Outside parish volunteering—See Joe for approval)

He died
for us.
We live
for Him...



2015-16 LinC High School Youth Gatherings

LinC

is held on Sunday Nights in
The St. Joseph's Center
from 6:30-8:30pm

For More Information
Contact

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October 2015

- 4 - LinC Kick off Bonfire Night*
- 11 - LinC Night
- 18 - LinC Night
- 25 - LinC Night

November 2015

- 1 - LinC Night
- 7 - Inspiration Six Flags Magic Mountain Night*^{ss0} (Saturday 9:30am-9pm)
- 8 - No LinC
- 15 - LinC Night
- 22 - LinC Night
- 29 - No LinC-Thanksgiving

December 2015

- 6 - LinC Night
- 13 - LinC Night
- 20 - No LinC (Christmas Break)
- 27 - No LinC (Christmas Break)

January 2016

- 3 - No LinC (Christmas Break)
- 10 - LinC Night
- 17 - No LinC - (MLK)
- 24 - No LinC - (Conf 2 Retreat)
- 31 - LinC Night

February 2016

- 7 - No LinC (Superbowl Sunday)
- 14 - No LinC (Presidents Day)
- 21 - LinC Night
- 23 - 2016 Youth Day Kick-Off (7pm-8:30pm)
for those attending 2016 Youth Day
- 25 - 2016 Youth Day—Anaheim* (6am-5pm) - \$40
- 28 - No LinC - (RE Congress)

March 2016

- 6 - LinC Night
- 13 - LinC - Bowling Night - \$20
- 20 - LinC Night
- 27 - No LinC - Easter

April 2016

- 3 - LinC Night
- 10 - LinC - AMC Movie Night - \$20
- 17 - LinC Night
- 24 - LinC Night

May 2016

- 1 - LinC Night
- 8 - No LinC - Mothers Day
- 15 - LinC Night
- 22 - LinC Night
- 29 - No LinC (Memorial Day)

* Special Registration and Permission Slip Required (See Event Flyer)

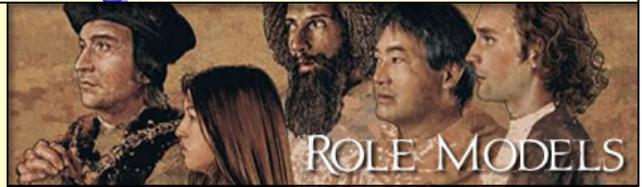
Confirmation 1 Requirements

Choosing a Confirmation Name

In the Catholic Church, we have a tradition of taking the name of a saint for our own Confirmation name.

The saint whose name we choose serves as an inspiration to us in living out our Christian faith. A good place to *start* researching saints is the Catholic Online website, www.catholic.org/saints/. There you will find an alphabetical index of saints, an index of patron saints, and a calendar with saints' feast days, among other useful tools. In starting to research saints and complete their projects, candidates may want to consider the following questions:

- How and why did your parents choose your baptismal name?
- What activities, places, people, etc. interest you? Is there a patron saint associated with any of these activities, places, people, etc.?
- Which saints have their feast day on your birthday?
- Which saints inspire you? Why?
- When and where did the saint you are interested in live? When was he/she canonized? By which pope?
- How did this saint die? Was he/she persecuted and/or martyred for his/her beliefs?
- What was this saint's occupation?
- What did this saint's mission look like?
- What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? Did this saint always practice these virtues? Did this saint experience a conversion?
- How would you describe this saint's personality?
- What miracles did this saint perform?
- Are there any symbols associated with this saint? What are their meanings?
- In what ways is this saint a model for Christians today?
- How would this saint act/react if he/she were living in today's world?



Example of a Saint Report: St. Joseph

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). Joseph wasn't rich. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Joseph was a compassionate caring man. Joseph had found out that Mary was pregnant and he knew that it wasn't his child. Joseph thought about divorcing her but he was more concerned about her suffering and safety. When an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him about the child Mary was carrying, he immediately took Mary as his wife. Then the angel came a second time and told him that he and his family were in danger so he quickly left everything he owned, including his family and friends. We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazereth out of fear for his life. Joseph treated Jesus as his own son. Joseph respected God and his commands.



I chose Joseph because I liked what it was that he did under God's commands to help out Mary raise Jesus. I even liked how he went out of his way to help because Joseph didn't have to stay to help Mary he could have just left her in misery.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish
2015-16 Confirmation 1
Parent Formation Sheet

DUE DATE: No later than April 3, 2016

Parents _____ **Primary Contact**
Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Member of Parish Adult Community Group _____ **Member Since** _____
(Holy Name, Women's Society, Knights of Columbus, Catechist)

Children in Faith Formation Programs:

Program: (High School Confirmation, Jr. High or RE (Grades 1-6))

Day Attended: (Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday)

Name _____ *Program* _____ Day Attended _____

Parent Formation Classes or Workshops:

Class _____ *Date* _____ Hours _____

Class _____ *Date* _____ Hours _____