

The **Catholic Community** of **Saints Peter & Paul**

RCIA PACKET

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

2022-23

This packet contains helpful information, guidelines and forms to assist you and your child during the Confirmation process at Saints Peter & Paul.



For additional information about RCIA, please visit spphoboken.com/rcia

IMPORTANT

Please note:

**All forms included
in this packet **MUST**
be submitted together.**

The Parish Office will ***not*** process forms that are sent separately.

**Note: The COMPLETED PACKET should be submitted via mail to Stephanie Panzariello
408 Hudson Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030**

Packet is DUE Friday, March 17, 2023.



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

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As you prepare to receive the next Sacrament(s) in your faith journey it is necessary that proof of preceding Sacraments be obtained and filed.

Individuals preparing to receive their Communion and/or Confirmation must give proof of Baptism.

Individuals preparing to receive all three sacraments at the Easter Vigil must indicate so on the Information Check for Sacramental Records form.

Instructions for obtaining and submitting acceptable forms of proof are as follows:

For those that were parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul at the time of the Sacrament

Please fill out the Information Check for Sacramental Records Form and all other forms. Then mail with entire completed packet back to Stephanie Panzariello at the Parish Office.

Stephanie Panzariello

Attn: RCIA

408 Hudson Street

Hoboken, NJ 07030

Once the attached information is received the parish registers will be checked to confirm the Sacrament(s) have been completed.

For those that completed their Sacraments outside Saints Peter and Paul (including International)

You should reach out to the church(es) of Sacrament and obtain a new certificate, including notations. It should be signed by the Pastor and contain the official church seal. The parish office of the church where the Sacrament was completed will know what you are talking about and will be able to guide you in obtaining a new certificate according to their guidelines. It takes some time for international certificates to be obtained, if you are requesting a certificate from a parish outside of the U.S. I encourage you to start this process immediately. Please review the Information Check for Sacramental Records Form.

If you experience any difficulty obtaining your Sacramental Records, please contact the Parish Office immediately. We will accept a scanned/photo copy.

Form or Certificate is DUE Friday, March 17, 2023.

You will NOT be able to receive your Sacrament without proof of preceding Sacraments.

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INFORMATION CHECK FOR SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

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Please fill out and return the following form.

I will be receiving the following Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism First Holy Communion Confirmation

Candidate's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name (including Maiden): _____

Date of Birth: _____

**If you have already received Sacraments at either Saints Peter and Paul
or an outside parish, please indicate below.**

I was Baptized at Saints Peter and Paul. _____
Date of Baptism at Saints Peter & Paul

I was Baptized at an outside Parish and the certificate is attached.

_____ *Parish Name* _____ *Location*

I received First Holy Communion at Saints Peter and Paul. _____
Date of First Holy Communion at Saints Peter & Paul

I received First Holy Communion at an outside Parish and the certificate is attached.

_____ *Parish Name* _____ *Location*

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GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

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In the past, it was part of the Rite of Confirmation to choose a new name. From the earliest of Christian times, when a person decided to choose to follow Christ, they also chose or were given a new name. For instance, Simon became Peter, Saul became Paul. You also have this choice - to choose a new name when you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The thinking of this has changed over the years as we try to link together the initiation Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. To show this link even more, you are encouraged to keep the name given to you when Christ first claimed you at your Baptism.

However, if you wish to take another name, that is still an option. It is asked that the name you choose be that of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If you do decide on a new name, I ask that you let us know the reason for your choice. *Did you take the name of Stephen, the first martyr, because you want to show the courage that he did? Did you choose St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Catherine of Alexandria because they are the patron saints of students?*

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SELECTION FORM FOR **CONFIRMATION NAME**

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Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

(Include first, middle & last name)

Confirmation Name Chosen: _____ Or N/A (No Name Chosen)

Please explain why you selected the Confirmation name you selected

(you can use another sheet of paper if necessary):

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GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

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What is a Confirmation Sponsor?

When you were Baptized, you had your Godparents speak for you as the Baptismal promises were made. As someone getting Confirmed, you will be able to make those promises for yourself. But, we do not walk on this journey by ourselves. Like the travelers to Emmaus (Luke 24:13), we walk together with people. This is who your sponsor should be - someone to walk with you on your faith journey, not only in the next few months, but all through your life.

Who Can You Choose As Your Sponsor?

- They must be practicing Catholics.
 - They must be Confirmed and at least 16 years of age.
 - If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church.
 - They cannot be your parents or your legal guardians.
 - They are someone you feel comfortable talking with about your faith and God.
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Obtaining a Letter of Good Standing OR Sponsor Certificate

If the Sponsor is a Parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul they must fill out the Request for Sponsor Certificate form and submit to the parish office. You can access the form by spphoboken.com/forms.

If the Sponsor is NOT a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul, they must reach out to their home parish where they are CURRENTLY practicing their faith and request a Letter of Good Standing OR a Sponsor Certificate. This letter/certificate must contain the Pastor's signature and the parish's official seal. All Catholic Parishes are familiar with this process and will understand what is being asked of them. The original Sponsor Certificate/Letter of Good Standing should be mailed directly to you for your records, with a scanned copy submitted with this packet.

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SPONSOR INFORMATION **FORM** **FOR CONFIRMATION**

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Name of Person Receiving Confirmation: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address of Sponsor: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Relation of Sponsor to Confirmation Candidate: _____

Why have you chosen this person to be your sponsor? _____

All Sponsor Forms are DUE Friday, March 17, 2023.

This includes Letter of Good Standing OR Sponsor Certificate.

Sacramental Records are NOT required from the sponsor. Please do not submit.



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REQUEST FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

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I, _____

have been requested to serve as a:

_____ Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism

_____ Sponsor for Confirmation

of a loved one. I recognize that this is a great honor with lifetime responsibilities. I also understand it to mean that this person recognizes me as someone who is an active and regular participant in the practice of the Catholic faith.

In asking my Pastor for the certificate verifying that I am qualified to serve in this important capacity, and understanding the requirements of the Catholic Church in this regard, I specifically certify and honestly note the following:

_____ I am at least 16 years old;

_____ I am fully initiated myself; (I have received my Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

_____ I lead a life in harmony with the Church;

_____ I have been a registered member of Ss Peter & Paul Church for at least 3 months;

_____ I regularly attend Mass and participate in the life of our parish.

_____ I actively support my parish via church envelope or Faith Direct.
Envelope Number or Faith Direct Number:

_____ If married, I/we confirm the marriage occurred in a Catholic Church..

(If you do not meet ALL the above requirements we will be unable to grant sponsor approval)

Please also include the following information:

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Name and address of the church where the ceremony is to take place: _____

Date of Ceremony: _____

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What's the next step?

If all information provided is found to be in good order, the original church sealed letter will be mailed directly to the pastor of the church where the ceremony will take place, and a copy of the letter will be sent to you.

What happens if I cannot provide all the information or if there is any other question?

Should we need any further information, we will contact you at the address/phone below.

My signature at the bottom of this application certifies that I meet all the above qualifications AND actively practice my Catholic faith AND am willing to serve as a Sponsor/Godparent role model to a person being initiated into the Church.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

***NOTE: This form is for Registered Parishioners of Ss Peter & Paul only. Others must seek approval from their home parish.**

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DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR EASTER VIGIL

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Please avoid any type of clothing that is inappropriate or too revealing, such as strapless tops, jeans, sweats, etc.

This is a time to dress up and look your best!

For Ladies

Dress or skirt & blouse

Pants Suit

Tops should cover the shoulders (sleeveless is okay)

NO shorts, short skirts/dresses, no backless dresses

NO sneakers, tennis shoes, or flip flops

For Gentlemen

Dress shirt and slacks (tie is preferred, but not necessary)

Suit and Tie is great, but not necessary

NO shorts, t-shirts, or jeans

NO sneakers, tennis shoes, or flip flops

Hair should be appropriately fixed. Remember that the Celebrant will be signing your forehead with chrism so please make sure that your hair is not in your face or covering your forehead.

Sponsors should follow the same dress code.