

# Confirmation 2025



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

***Confirmation Mass: Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM***

*Celebrated by Most Reverend Efren V. Esmilla, Auxiliary  
Bishop of Philadelphia*

Important Dates:

- † Confirmation Information Form-Due January 30, 2025
- † Sponsor Letter of Eligibility-Due January 30, 2025
- † **Saint Report or Poster and Service Reflection-Due Tuesday, April 29, 2025**
- † Retreat: Tuesday, April 29 (Required: All Confirmation Candidates, 6:15-7:30 PM, PLC)
- † Practice: Friday, May 30, 2024, 6:00-7:30 PM (Required; Candidates and Sponsors, Church)

\*Retreat and Practice are required for all students, including Confirmation Camp attendees.

*“For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obligated to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.”  
(CCC 1285)*

**Choosing a Sponsor**

All candidates must have a sponsor. Sponsors must be 16 years of age or older. They must have received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics and if married, the marriage must be valid. Parents may not be a sponsor for their child. Sponsors must have a Letter of Eligibility from their current parish if the sponsor is not from Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## **Choosing a Confirmation Name and Saint Project**

One of the exciting parts of preparing for Confirmation is choosing a name. Choosing or being given a new name is a tradition in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures reflecting a change/conversion in lifestyle.

Candidates may choose the name of a Christian saint by which to be called; it should be the name of a saint you have read and learned about, admire, and want to imitate. This saint will provide a role model for living the Christian faith. You will call upon this saint to pray for you. You will be under the saint's patronage.

1. Research some Saints.

<https://phillyocf.org/saint-of-the-day-throughout-the-school-year/>

2. When you feel a connection to a Saint, choose their name and start your report.
3. Choose **either** a report or poster.

### **Directions for Report**

Research the saint whose name you have chosen for your Confirmation name.  
Report must be typed and printed out.

Paragraph 1: Name of saint, feast day, 3 facts about his/her early life. Was the saint a martyr?

Paragraph 2: Explain which gift of the Holy Spirit helped your saint follow Christ and which Beatitude guided this saint during his/her life.

Paragraph 3. Explain how the saint lived a life of holiness and tell what you can do to follow the saint by example.

### **Directions for Poster**

Include the same information as above in bullet form, arranged on a poster. Include an image of the saint and a church that was named after your saint.

Your information can be handwritten on the poster or typed and attached to the poster.

**\*\*\*Do not copy and paste your report. It should be in your own words.**

## Service Projects-Required Reflection

Service is to be based on spiritual and corporal works of mercy and most of all, on the example of Jesus Christ who came to serve. Service to others is an integral part of our call to live out our faith and to use our gifts and talents to serve others.

To strengthen a Confirmation Candidate's lifelong commitment to service, we encourage you to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through your participation in at least 5 hours of service to the community or 3 service projects. We have many opportunities to serve within our Parish community including Face to Face and Carversville Farm.

### Carversville Farm Foundation

Look in the Parish Bulletin or on the OLG website for Parish opportunities to Volunteer on a local farm to harvest, pull weeds and support this non-profit. The farm donates 100% of its harvests to Philadelphia-area homeless shelters and food pantries. Look in the Parish Bulletin or on the OLG website for Parish opportunities to volunteer or sign up directly for individual service to the farm.

<https://carversvillefarm.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

### Face to Face

Face to Face, is a non-profit organization located in Germantown. Face to Face provides a variety of services for struggling families. Individuals and the homeless are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. Jeanne Reiche oversees this ministry at OLG. Look for Parish opportunities to participate or sign up for individual/family service directly.

<https://facetofacegermantown.org/volunteer/>

Service can include but is not limited to:

- † Visit the sick and/or the elderly in a nursing home or a friend who is having a difficult time.
- † Assist an elderly neighbor with chores (for free).
- † Volunteer at the local library.
- † Volunteer with tutoring or coaching younger children.
- † Assist with clothing/food drives or bring a meal to a family with a new baby.

Please choose one or your volunteer experiences, and complete/return the following reflection on or **before April 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Confirmation Service Reflection

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or people you served: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe what your service involved:

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Answer each question with 1-2 complete sentences.

1. What did you learn about yourself and what was the most rewarding moment?

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2. How did you experience God or exercise your faith through this service?

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3. In what ways has your service experience changed your faith life?

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4. How does it help in you to prepare for Confirmation?

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# Confirmation Information Form

Please note: This form is to be completed by a parent. Please return to the PREP office by **January 30, 2025**

## Please Print Information Neatly

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Height (for ordering of Confirmation robe): \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please submit correct spelling**

Candidate's age at time of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Information

**Sponsors must be a person of at least 16 years of age, in good standing with the Church, and cannot be a parent.**

Please provide the PREP Office with a **Letter of Eligibility** for any sponsor who is not a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. **\*\* *The sponsor needs to contact his/her parish to obtain this letter.***

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's relationship to candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

