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CONFIRMATION PACKET

Dear Parents of the 2018-2019 Confirmation candidates,

We are a little less than one year away from one of the most significant moments in your child's faith formation: the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Your child will be confirmed on **Friday, May 10th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer @ 869 Lexington Ave. & 65th St.**
- Both the Confirmation rehearsal (05/07/19) and Mass (05/10/19) will take place at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer
- All other events including the Confirmation retreat and interview/exam will take place at the Church of St. Thomas More @ 65 East 89th Street between Madison and Park Ave.
- Carefully review this packet with your Confirmation candidate(s). This confirmation packet has **10** pages total, including this cover page.
- **BELOW, and in the email sent to you with this packet attached, there are 4 links to 4 Confirmation forms to be filled out via googleforms. Please complete these forms online as soon as possible. They are due no later than FEBURARY 1, 2019**

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B. FIVE LINKS TO FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT ONLINE:

[Confirmation Form 1: Mandatory Event: Parent Meeting RSVP DUE 10/12/18](#)

[Confirmation Form 2 of 5: Mandatory Event: Confirmation Retreat RSVP DUE 03/01/19](#)

[Confirmation Form 3 of 5: Guests for the Confirmation Mass & Robe Measurements](#)

[Confirmation Form 4 of 5: Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor \(use pg. 5 of Confirmation packet to complete.\)](#)

[Confirmation Form 5 of 5: Confirmation Mass Altar Flower Donations, All donations received before 3/1/19 will be listed in the program](#)

Confirmation Requirements

Attendance: Regular class attendance is mandatory.
Due to archdiocesan requirements, STUDENTS WHO MISS EXCESSIVE CLASSES CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.

Mandatory Parent Meeting: **Thursday, October 25, 2018 • 6:30-7:30 pm**, Church of St. Thomas More
Talk given by Board Member Rosa Spinnato: *“Discovering your Parenting Ally”*

Mandatory Retreat Parents & Students: **Tuesday, March 5, 2019 • 6:30-7:45pm**, Church of St. Thomas More
AT LEAST ONE PARENT IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND WITH EACH CANDIDATE

Research: **DUE to Confirmation teacher by Friday, February 1, 2019**
Research your Confirmation saint and complete a *Confirmation Name Saint’s Report* (guide on Page 4 of this packet)

Exam & Interview: **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 6:00 p.m. Church of St. Thomas More**
Students are required to pass a written exam that will test for basic knowledge of the Catholic faith. Following the exam, each candidate’s class will be interviewed as a group by the Pastor of St. Thomas More Church, Rev. Fr. Kevin Madigan. Both the exam and interview are mandatory.

Mandatory Rehearsal: **Tuesday, May 7, 2019 • 6:45-8:00p.m. Church of St. Vincent Ferrer**

Confirmation: **Friday, May 10, 2019 • 7:00 p.m. Church of St. Vincent Ferrer**

Sunday Mass: Active participation in Sunday Mass is an important component of life in the Catholic faith. Those preparing for Confirmation should be attending Mass regularly. You may check mass times at various churches in your area or while traveling throughout the U.S. at www.masstimes.org.

Volunteer Work: Christian service is another important component of our Catholic Faith. **A minimum of ten service hours is required for Confirmation.** You may, for example, volunteer at your local parish, soup kitchen, hospital, or nursing home. **Record volunteer hours on page 6 of this packet. The Volunteer Work Form (pg.6) is due by Friday, March 1, 2019.**

PAPERWORK DUE DATES:

Friday, October 12, 2018

- ◆ RSVP Via [Confirmation Form 1: Mandatory Event: Parent Meeting](#)

Friday, February 1, 2019

- ◆ Saint Report (give to teacher)
- ◆ [Confirmation Form 3 of 5:](#) Guests for the Confirmation Mass & Robe Measurements
- ◆ [Confirmation Form 4 of 5:](#) Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor (use pg. 5 of Confirmation packet to complete.)

Friday, March 1, 2018

- ◆ Volunteer Hours Form (pg.6) • Submit completed form by Scanning or Snapping a readable phone-photo & emailing to assistant@adeoclubs.org
- ◆ RSVP via [Confirmation Form 2 of 5: Mandatory Event: Confirmation Retreat](#)
- ◆ [Confirmation Form 5 of 5:](#) Confirmation Mass Altar Flower Donations, All donations received by 4/12/19 will be listed in the program.

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REQUIRED PARENT MEETING

“Discovering your Parenting Ally”

RSVP Via [Confirmation Form 1](#): Mandatory Event: Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 25th

6:30 to 7:30 PM

The Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street
(Between Madison and Park Avenues)

REQUIRED RETREAT for Confirmation Students and Parents

Confirmation students are required to attend this retreat with a parent. (Both parents are welcome if they would like to come). If a parent/guardian is unable to attend, the candidate may attend with his or her Sponsor instead.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6:30-7:45 PM

RSVP via [Confirmation Form 2 of 5](#): Mandatory Event: Confirmation Retreat

The Church of St. Thomas More
65 East 89th Street
Students in the church, Parents in the Rochester Room

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CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Your name gives you an identity: it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose your name. If you do not know your parent's reasons for choosing your name, ask them about it. Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith.

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people and believe in one God, his name was changed by God to *Abraham* meaning "father of many nations". Again in the New Testament we find Simon's name changed to *Peter*, meaning "rock", because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Your confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person you admire. The only limit that is placed on your choice is that it must be a saint's name (or a variation of that name).

Research the lives of several saints to learn why different saints are known for particular qualities or virtues. By imitating the qualities of this saint, how can you become a better Christian? After you decide on a name, prepare a report on your saint **in your own words**, and include the references you used.

Your saint report should be typed and roughly 250 words.
Return this report by Friday, February 1, 2019 to your teacher.

A NOTE REGARDING THE SAINT REPORT:

Experience has taught us that confirmation candidates often leave this until the last minute. This is not a requirement that should be seen as a chore. Rather, the students are being given an opportunity to choose a name for themselves based on the personality and actions of a recognized Roman Catholic whom they have found something in common with and can admire. The report does not need to be longer than a page. If the student would also like to draw the saint or some kind of symbolic representation of the saint, they are most welcome. There are literally thousands of saints from which to choose, and we encourage the students to look up saints on the internet to get started. It often turns out to be a lot of fun. Something parents might try: ask your child to come to you with a small list of saints they have discovered and wish to choose from. Your child can then tell you a little about each saint and why they are interested in him or her. This process can be an enjoyable and enlightening experience for all.

At the Adeo office, there are many books about the saints. If your child would like to borrow a book or needs help with this report in some other way, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for help.

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INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A SPONSOR

Please discuss with your child the choice of his or her Sponsor for Confirmation and fill out [Confirmation Form 4 of 5: Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor](#) (Use this page of the confirmation packet as a guide.) Your child's sponsor will need to be involved in person or over the phone in the completion of the sponsor form.

WHAT IS A SPONSOR? “The Sponsor’s function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this Sacrament.” (From the *Code of Canon Law* #892)

WHAT DOES A SPONSOR DO? A Sponsor accompanies the child into the Church for the Confirmation Mass and goes up to the Bishop with the child to present him or her as a candidate worthy of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

WHO MAY BE A SPONSOR?

A Sponsor must be:

1. A baptized Catholic who has received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
2. A good practicing Catholic (one who receives the Sacraments of the Church regularly)

MAY A WOMAN BE A SPONSOR FOR A BOY? Yes and a man may be a Sponsor for a girl.

MAY A PARENT BE A SPONSOR? No; the new code of Church law excludes parents from this role while encouraging that it be fulfilled by one of the Godparents of Baptism.

HOW OLD SHOULD A SPONSOR BE? A Sponsor should be at least 14 years of age and have already received Confirmation.

MAY SOMEONE BE A PROXY? Yes; if the Sponsor cannot be present at the Mass someone else may be a Proxy for him or her.

INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

The following should be noted:

1. The Bishop addresses the child with this name in the Confirmation ceremony.
2. The name should be that of a Saint or some other good and holy person living or dead.
3. The child may choose his or her present first name or middle name or a completely new name as long as it is a Saint's name.
4. The Saint-name chosen has no *legal significance*, only *religious significance*.



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VOLUNTEER WORK: CONFIRMATION 2018-2019

Works of charity are an important part of our faith. In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which completes your full communion with the Catholic Church, we are encouraging you to give your time and service to your local community. **A minimum of ten service hours directed towards helping people is required for Confirmation.** You may contact your local hospitals, parish, soup kitchens, or nursing home. Your hours may be combined from different services. **Please submit this form to the supervisor/coordinator of the volunteer program to be signed. When a minimum of 10 hours have been recorded, submit this form to the Adeo Office by snapping a readable phone-photo and emailing or scanning and emailing this form to assistant@adeoclubs.org no later than Friday, March 1, 2019.**

NAME of STUDENT: _____

<u>INSTITUTION(S)</u>	<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>	<u># OF HOURS</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR'S NAME & PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

All events will take place at **The Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues), 212-876-7718**, with the exception of the Confirmation Rehearsal and the Confirmation mass, which take place at Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer (Lexington & 65th St.) All events below are **MANDATORY**.

Thursday, October 25, 2018 • 6:30 to 7:30 PM

MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING

All parents of Confirmation candidates are required to attend this opening meeting, which will take place at Church of St. Thomas More. The theme of the talk, given by Adeo Clubs board member Rosa Spinnato is: *“Discovering your Parenting Ally”*

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 • 6:30-7:45 PM

MANDATORY RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS

All Confirmation candidates along with at least one parent are **required** to attend this special evening. There will be a holy hour for students in the church (St. Thomas More church) and a talk for parents in the Rochester Room given by Board Member Gisela Padula and her son, Adeo teacher, Anthony Padula.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 6:00 PM.

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION EXAM and INTERVIEW

All Confirmation students must take and pass this exam. The exam will be given in the Rochester Room at St. Thomas More. Following the exam will be MANDATORY INTERVIEWS WITH FR. KEVIN MADIGAN. Father Madigan will interview each class as a group for approximately 15-minute intervals.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 • 6:45-8:00 PM:

MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

At Church of St. Vincent Ferrer (869 Lexington Ave. and 65th St.)

Friday, May 10, 2019 • 7:00 PM:

CONFIRMATION MASS

At Church of St. Vincent Ferrer (869 Lexington Ave. and 65th St.) The ceremony will be approximately 2 hours.

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SPECIAL EVENTS 2018-2019 FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Unless otherwise indicated, events take place at the Church of St. Thomas More (STM) at 65 East 89th Street. The Confirmation Mass and Rehearsal will be held at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer at 869 Lexington Avenue.

Tuesday, October 9 th	Regular classes begin (Mon. classes begin Oct. 15 th)	<i>See classes calendar</i>
Wednesday, October 24 th	Mandatory 1 st & 2 nd Grade Parents Meeting Talk given by Adeo Clubs Board Member: Rosa Spinnato <i>"Discovering your Parenting Ally"</i>	6:30-7:30 PM STM
Thursday, October 25 th	Mandatory 6 th & 7 th Grade Parents Meeting Talk given by Adeo Clubs Board Member: Rosa Spinnato <i>"Discovering your Parenting Ally"</i>	6:30-7:30 PM STM
Wednesday, November 7	2 nd Grade Instructional Mass (Option 1)	4:00 – 6:00 PM STM
Tuesday, November 13 th	2 nd Grade Instructional Mass (Option 2)	4:00 – 6:00 PM STM
Wednesday, November 14 th	Adeo Cocktail and Launch Party: For Adeo Parents & Teachers Hosted at the home of Adeo Board Member: Susan Warner	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday, December 5 th	Adeo Family Mass & Party: For Adeo Families & Teachers Celebrant: Fr. Enrique Salvo	5:00 PM STM
Tuesday, December 18 th	Advent Holy Hour & Confessions <u>**Grades 3-6 only</u> **7th graders will have a special holy hour during their confirmation retreat	4:00 – 5:30 PM STM
Wednesday, December 19 th	Advent Confessions Option 2 <i>All students who have had their first penance are welcome</i> **3-6th graders should attend the Holy Hour on 12/18. If they cannot attend that event, they may attend this instead.	4:00 – 5:30 PM STM
Tuesday, January 29 th	First Penance Rehearsal GROUP A	4:00 - 5:00 PM STM
Thursday, January 31 st	First Penance GROUP A	6:00 PM STM
Tuesday, February 5 th	First Penance Rehearsal GROUP B	4:00 - 5:00 PM STM
Thursday, February 7 st	First Penance GROUP B	6:00 PM STM

Tuesday, March 5 th	Confirmation Retreat for Parents & Students **Holy Hour Special Event for Students: Talk for Parents Confession Available	6:30-7:45 pm	STM
Wednesday, March 6 th	Ash Wednesday Service	4:00 PM	STM
Tuesday, April 9 th	Confessions for Lent	4:00 – 5:30 PM	STM
Wednesday, April 10 th	Confessions for Lent	4:00 – 5:30 PM	STM
Wednesday April 17 th	Exam and Interview for Confirmation Candidates	6:00 PM	STM
<u>Wed. & Thurs. April 24th & 25th</u> Saturday, April 27 th	MANDATORY: 1 st Communion Rehearsals GROUP A 1 st Communion GROUP A at St. Thomas More	3:30 - 5:00 PM 10:00 AM	STM STM
<u>Tues. & Wed., Apr 30th & May 1st</u> Saturday, May 4 th	MANDATORY: 1 st Communion Rehearsals GROUP B 1 st Communion GROUP B at St. Thomas More	3:30-5:00 PM 10:00 AM	STM STM
Tuesday, May 7 th	MANDATORY Confirmation Rehearsal	6:45- 8:00 PM <i>ST. VINCENT FERRER</i>	
Friday, May 10 th	Confirmation Mass	7:00-9:00 PM <i>ST. VINCENT FERRER</i>	
Wednesday, May 15 th	4 th Grade Doctrine Bee	3:30 - 5:30 PM	STM
Tuesday, May 21 st	Finale: Rosary/Flowers to Mary Ice Cream Celebration to Follow in Upstairs Rochester Room	4:15-5:30 PM	STM

MONDAY CLASSES

October 15	First Class
October 22	Class
October 29	Class
November 5	Class
November 12	Class
November 19	Class
November 26	Class
December 3	Class

Wednesday, December 5th:

Family Mass & Party, 5 PM at STM

December 10 Class
December 17 **Class and/or go to STM (grades 3-6 Holy Hour & Confessions 12/18 OR grades 3+ welcome for Advent Confessions 12/19).**

December 24	No Class
December 31	No Class
January 7	Classes resume
January 14	Class
January 21	No Class (MLK)
January 28	Class
February 4	Class
February 11	Class
February 18	No Class (Pres. Holiday)
February 25	Class
March 4	Class
March 6	ASH WEDNESDAY: Go to 4:00 Service at St. Thomas More
March 11	Class
March 18	No Class (Spring Break)
March 25	No Class (Spring Break)
April 1	Class
April 8	Class and/or go to STM Church for Confessions for Lent: Tues 4/9 or Wed 4/10 (Grades 3-8)
April 15	Class
April 22	No Class (Easter Monday)
April 29	Class
May 6	Class
May 13	Last Regular Class

FINALE EVENT : No Class - Go to May Rosary & Flowers to Mary on Tuesday, May 21 at STM Church 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. (party afterwards)

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Classes Calendar 2018-2019

TUESDAY CLASSES

October 9	First Class
October 16	Class
October 23	Class
October 30	Class
November 6	Class
November 13	Class
November 20	Class
November 27	Class
December 4	Class
Wednesday, December 5th:	
Family Mass & Party, 5 PM at STM	
December 11	Class
December 18	Class and/or go to STM (grades 3-6 Holy Hour & Confessions 12/18 OR grades 3+ welcome for Advent Confessions 12/19).
December 25	No Class
January 1	No Class
January 8	Class
January 15	Class
January 22	Class
January 29	Class
February 5	Class
February 12	Class
February 19	No Class (Pres. Holiday)
February 26	Class
March 5	Class
March 6	ASH WEDNESDAY: Go to 4:00 Service at St. Thomas More
March 12	Class
March 19	No Class (Spring Break)
March 26	No Class (Spring Break)
April 2	Class
April 9	Class and/or go to STM Church for Confessions for Lent: Tues 4/9 or Wed 4/10 (Grades 3-8)
April 16	Class
April 23	Class
April 30	Class
May 7	Class
May 14	Last Regular Class

FINALE EVENT : No Class - Go to May Rosary & Flowers to Mary on Tuesday, May 21 at STM Church 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. (party afterwards)

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

October 10	First Class
October 17	Class
October 24	Class
October 31	Class
November 7	Class
November 14	Class
November 21	No Class (Thanksgiving)
November 28	Class
December 5	Class
Wednesday, December 5th:	
Family Mass & Party, 5 PM at STM	
December 12	Class
December 19	Class and/or go to STM (grades 3-6 Holy Hour & Confessions 12/18 OR grades 3+ welcome for Advent Confessions 12/19).
December 26	No Class
January 2	No Class
January 9	Class
January 16	Class
January 23	Class
January 30	Class
February 6	Class
February 13	Class
February 20	Class
February 27	Class
March 6	ASH WEDNESDAY: Go to 4:00 Service at St. Thomas More
March 13	Class
March 20	No Class (Spring Break)
March 27	No Class (Spring Break)
April 3	Class
April 10	Class and/or go to STM Church for Confessions for Lent: Tues 4/9 or Wed 4/10 (Grades 3-8)
April 17	Class
April 24	Class
May 1	Class
May 8	Class
May 15	Last Regular Class & 4 th Grade Doctrine Bee (4 th Graders only)

FINALE EVENT : No Class - Go to May Rosary & Flowers to Mary on Tuesday, May 21 at STM Church 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. (party afterwards)

THURSDAY CLASSES

October 11	First Class
October 18	Class
October 25	Class
November 1	Class
November 8	Class
November 15	Class
November 22	No Class (Thanksgiving)
November 29	Class
Wednesday, December 5th:	
Family Mass & Party, 5 PM at STM	
December 6	Class
December 13	Class
December 20	Class and/or go to STM (grades 3-6 Holy Hour & Confessions 12/18 OR grades 3+ welcome for Advent Confessions 12/19).
December 27	No Class
January 3	No Class
January 10	Class
January 17	Class
January 24	Class
January 31	Class
February 7	Class
February 14	Class
February 21	Class
February 28	Class
March 6	ASH WEDNESDAY: Go to 4:00 Service at St. Thomas More
March 7	Class
March 14	Class
March 21	No Class (Spring Break)
March 28	No Class (Spring Break)
April 4	Class
April 11	Class and/or go to STM Church for Confessions for Lent: Tues 4/9 or Wed 4/10 (Grades 3-8)
April 18	No Class (Holy Thursday)
April 25	Class
May 2	Class
May 9	Class
May 16	Last Regular Class

FINALE EVENT : No Class - Go to May Rosary & Flowers to Mary on Tuesday, May 21 at STM Church 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. (party afterwards)

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