

**St. Jude Church
Confirmation Program
Covenant of Responsibilities (Gr. 9)**

I, _____, a prospective candidate in the
(Student Name)
St. Jude Confirmation program, make the following agreement:

1. I will participate in Mass every Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation.
2. I will attend **all** Confirmation preparation classes as scheduled, complete 15 hours of community service each year, participate in **all** required and class Masses and activities of the Confirmation program and attend **all** scheduled retreats.
3. I will display proper and respectful behavior at all times as outlined in the Paterson Diocesan Code of Behavior (attached)

I ask to be accepted as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Confirmation Program of St. Jude Parish. I accept all the responsibilities as outlined above, and I am willing to open my mind and heart to the activities of the Holy Spirit.

Note: Continuation within the program is dependent on adherence to the Covenant of Responsibilities.

Candidate signature

Date

We have read the covenant for students entering in the Confirmation program of St. Jude Church and we agree to cooperate with the Confirmation teachers in seeing that our son/daughter accepts and meets all the responsibilities and requirements for the Confirmation program. This includes mass participation, providing transportation to all required activities, and attending all parent-required sessions. I agree to provide my e-mail address and cell phone number so that the teacher may communicate directly with me on all matters regarding this program.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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Any student who, in the opinion of the Confirmation teacher, is not meeting the requirements of the Confirmation program will be referred to the pastor and the Youth Ministry Office for further review.

Catechist signature

Date

Darlene Wade, Coordinator, Christian Faith Formation

Date

Code of Behavior

The ultimate responsibility for maintaining discipline rests with the parent in teaching a child to respect the teacher others, and church property. All parents and students must sign a Contract of Responsibilities in order to begin the Confirmation program. **However, a zero tolerance policy is mandated by the Diocese of Paterson for the following:**

1. Extremely disrespectful or violent and abusive behavior of any kind toward others, this includes hitting and pushing.
2. Bullying, harassment and use of foul language; these are prohibited actions either in-person or electronically.
3. Possession of or substance abuse of any kind on church property, including but not limited to drugs, legal and illegal, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco.
4. Possession of any object which may be construed as a weapon of any kind or use of said object on church property. This includes, but is not limited to guns, knives, hammers, and other hardware tools.

For any of these violations, parents will be called immediately to remove the student from the classroom or any Confirmation activity and the appropriate authorities will be notified.