



TO GET YOU STARTED: GREAT IDEAS FOR CONFIRMATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ST. PETER CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS:

Candidates are asked to complete liturgies, services, or activities in each of four categories. Each category includes an explanation of its purpose. You may use our suggestions or come up with ideas of your own for each category. If you have a question, please ask your St. Peter Parish School or PSR religion teacher. Thank you.

CATEGORY 1: PRAY WITH OUR CHURCH (COMPLETE 2):

Although the Eucharistic Celebration at the Catholic Mass is the source and summit of our faith, it is only one form of Catholic prayer. Confirmation Candidates will experience special liturgies, Masses, and other types of Catholic prayer at a Parish level.

Possibilities:

- April 26, 2010: St. Peter Parish Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
- Early November 2010: St. Peter Parish Mass of the Dead (watch bulletin for date and time)
- Lent: Participate in a parish celebration of Stations of the Cross
- Attend the Sunday Tridentine ("Latin") Mass at St. Rose Shrine in Quincy
- April 21, 2011: St. Peter Parish Holy Thursday Mass (watch bulletin for details)
- April 22, 2011: St. Peter Parish Good Friday Liturgy (watch bulletin for details)
- April 23, 2011: St. Peter Parish Easter Vigil (watch bulletin for details)
- Any time: Spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel or during Parish Adoration
- Any time: St. Peter Parish Saturday morning Rosary and Mass, 7:30 p.m.

CATEGORY 2: GET THE BIGGER CHURCH PICTURE (COMPLETE 2):

Our Parish Church not only is supported by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, but is part of the larger Roman Catholic Church. Confirmation Candidates will participate in Diocesan activities and liturgies; join in Parish celebrations; visit Church places; and participate in Church-sponsored activities.

Possibilities:

- May 22, 2010: St. Peter Parish celebration of the 25th anniversary of Father John's ordination to the priesthood; 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by picnic
- May 29, 2010: Deacon Paul Kala's ordination to the priesthood; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield (watch bulletin for details)
- May 30, 2010: Father Paul Kala's First Mass at St. Peter Parish; 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by reception
- July 1, 2010: Bus Trip: Tour St. Louis Cathedral and other Church sites; attend Cardinals game. Two parents needed to chaperone. School service opportunity. Sign-up on first-come/first-served basis.
- July 11-15, 2010: Participate in Totus Tuus at St. Peter Parish, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Aug. 28, 2010: Free concert by Steve Angrisano, 7-9 p.m., QU Pepsi Arena (in honor of St. Francis Parish's 150th anniversary)
- Sept. 25, 2010: Attend World Youth Day in Belleville (bus trip). Parent chaperones needed.
- Oct. 1-2; Dec. 3-4; 2011 dates to come: Make a QUEST
- Oct. 3, 2010: Participate in Life Chain (watch bulletin for details)
- Nov. 11, 2010 and March 5, 2011: Tour Franciscan Friary at Quincy University (reservations required)
- January 2011: Participate in Right to Life Walk (watch bulletin for details)
- March 14, 2011: Attend Rite of Election (for those who will come into Church at Easter Vigil) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield
- April 18, 2011: Attend Chrism Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield
- Any time: Participate in Life Teen High School Group at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 6-8 p.m., Sundays (phone Deacon Terry Ellerman at Blessed Sacrament first: 242-2467)

(Category 3 and Category 4 are on the back of this sheet)



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CATEGORY 3: HELP OUR COMMUNITY (COMPLETE 2):

Our Catholic Faith requires that we live lives of service to others who are less fortunate than we are. Our Candidates choose a couple of things that enable them to reach out and help others in the bigger world in a meaningful way.

Possibilities:

- May 8, 2010: Bridge the Gap Walk for Catholic Charities (contact Catholic Charities)
- June 4, 2010: American Cancer Society Relay for Life (contact American Cancer Society)
- Summer 2010: Blessing Hospital Youth Corps or Good Samaritan Youth Corps (counts as 2 in you volunteer all summer)
- Summer 2010: Tour Catholic Charities and work in Food Pantry (watch bulletin for details)
- *August 2010: Volunteer with one of your parents at Back-to-School Help Fair at First Baptist Church. 8th and Elm, from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (watch bulletin for date and contact info)
- Summer 2010: Help at a picnic or event at another Parish in town or at the Knights of Columbus Barbecue
- School year 2010-2011: Watch Seton Hall Bulletin Board for FOUND service activities (example: Thanksgiving Food Scavenger Hunt) and participate
- December 2010: Various Christmas activities, including Jingle Bell Walk/Run for Arthritis Foundation; Bell Ringing for Salvation Army; Quincy Symphony of Trees; Quincy Herald-Whig Good News of Christmas Campaign
- *Any time: 1st or 3rd Monday each month: Volunteer with one parent at Horizons Soup Kitchen. Times vary from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (contact Kris Rueter or Sharon Mays)
- Any time: Cut the grass or rake the leaves for an elderly neighbor without getting paid for it

CATEGORY 4: SERVE ST. PETER PARISH (COMPLETE 10 HOURS):

Beyond helping the world beyond our walls, Catholic Christians help our own Parishes. Candidates are able to find a way that supports their interests at St. Peter Parish.

Possibilities:

- May 22, 2010: Help with Father John's 25th anniversary as a priest—picnic set-up, serving, clean-up
- May 30, 2010: Help with Father Paul Kala's reception after his First Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- *June 10, 2010, 8 a.m. Mass followed by morning session: Learn how to crochet at St. Veronica Guild meeting; make prayer shawl for sick child or teenager Parents are welcome to attend with their teen.
- *June 6, Aug. 1, Oct. 3, Dec. 5, 2010: Volunteer with one of your parents to register donors for the Parish Blood Drive and host the canteen; 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; only one Candidate and parent needed at each Blood Drive
- July 12-16, 2010: Help with Totus Tuus (summer day-camp for 1-6 grades)
- Summer 2010: Help make bus tags for Back-to-School Help Fair
- Summer 2010: Help sort socks and underwear for Back-to-School Help Fair
- September 2010: Help with Palooza!
- September 2010: Help with Soles4Souls
- November 2010: Help make tags for Christmas Giving Wreath
- Sing in Jubilation (Parish Children's Choir)
- Be an altar server and serve four weeks of Monday-Saturday Masses (must sign in!)
- Help with Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday 9 a.m. Mass)
- *Sell Fair Trade items with a parent during Coffee and Donuts after 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses; normally the first Sunday each month; one Candidate and Parent needed per month
- Serve as a greeter at Sunday Mass
- Help with Parish lawn care during the summer
- Help with Parish flowers
- Help with First Reconciliation and First Communion Sunday afternoon Family Meetings (Tentative dates: September, November, February, April; 12:30 to 3 p.m.)

(Category 1 and Category 2 are on the front of this sheet)