**Confirmation Requirements at Newman Catholic Center**

* Be a Baptized member of the Catholic Church.
* Complete the Confirmation class
* Confirmation Retreat- typically scheduled for the Fall prior to Confirmation
* Volunteer hours log of 25 hours prior to Confirmation in November. This can include anything that is done in service. Examples include altar serving, babysitting for free, helping with “outside of normal” household chores, making cards for the elderly and homebound, volunteering for school or sports activities (concession stands, community service projects, etc.), volunteering with a local non-profit. *The point of the volunteer hours is not to stress out about how many hours are required. Rather, it is to encourage each of you to take an active part in living out the Catholic social teachings of our faith. Please let the Director of Religious Education know if there are any concerns regarding meeting these hours for special arrangements or suggestions to be made.*
* November Confirmation rehearsal (day before Confirmation) with sponsor
* Select a sponsor who is also a Confirmed, member in good standing of the Catholic Church. Please see following pages for guidelines of selection of sponsor.
* 1-page letter on Confirmation (Patron) Saint. This can include anything from the history/saint story, why this saint is someone you admire or want to be like, or anything else you think should be included on this saint.
* 1-page letter to Fr. Gary explaining why you would like to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

\*Typically Confirmation occurs at Newman in November of grade 10- any changes will be announced in class.

**Volunteer Hours Log**

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Hours (Today)** | **Hours (Cumulative)** | **Supervisor Signature** |
| Example:3/22/19 | Cleaned local park with school group | 2 | 2 |  |
| Example:3/23/19 | Altar Server at Mass | 1 | 3 |  |
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**Guidelines for the selection of the Sponsor**

- Sponsor must be a Baptized, Confirmed, Practicing Catholic

- Sponsor ***cannot***be a parent of the child being confirmed

- In addition, sponsor will need to submit a letter from their pastor saying that they are in good standing and are eligible to be a confirmation sponsor.

\*\*If sponsor is not local and will not be able to attend either the Rehearsal or the Confirmation itself, a parent may stand in *only*as a proxy\*\*

**Confirmation Checklist- Items to be submitted to Fr. Gary at Confirmation meeting**

-Completed Confirmation Information Sheet

-Baptismal Certificate (please let Maureen know if candidate was Baptized at Newman)

-Letter of Good standing from Sponsor’s parish priest

-Log of 25 hours of volunteer work

-1 page paper on patron saint

-1 page letter to Fr. Gary explaining why you would like to be confirmed in the Catholic Church