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**St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church**

**5720 Hamilton-Mason Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011**

**Confirmation Portfolio**

**Instructions: DO NOT WRITE ANSWERS ON THESE SHEETS.** There are 3 options for submitting your answers: hand write neatly in blue or black ink on 8 ½ x 11 lined paper, type answers into a separate document or, since this is a Word document, fill in the answers on this document, after the questions. **Include candidate's first and last name on each page.** Completed documents can be dropped at the Church office or scanned/emailed directly to [rburbrink@saint-max.org](mailto:rburbrink@saint-max.org) . **I am unable to open Google documents, please do not submit in that format.**

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**PART I – Getting Started**

1. Your background...
  - a. What is your full Baptismal name?
  - b. What is your birth city and birth date?
  - c. What parish were you baptized at and what was the date of your baptism?
  - d. Who are your godparents and how are they related to you?
  - e. On what date and at what parish did you celebrate your First Communion?
  
2. Where are you in your faith journey right now? Please carefully consider and honestly answer each of the questions below.
  - a. What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you?
  - b. What are your questions about being Catholic? Write at least one question here. **Write your question(s) somewhere else as well and bring them to your Confirmation interview.**
  - c. How would you describe your relationship with God? Are you happy where it is right now? Do you feel you have a strong relationship? Is your relationship growing? Do you feel it needs improvement?
  - d. What are characteristics you have seen in others that show you they are faithful Christians? List these people (can be members of your family/others in your life) and how they impact your faith.
  
3. What do you plan to do on your own to help yourself prepare for Confirmation? Take a deep breath, think and pray for a few minutes. Then, complete the following commitment statement. To prepare for my Confirmation I plan to...

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### PART II – Saints and You

Choosing a Confirmation name is an important decision. The Church encourages you to use your Baptismal name (your first name) as your Confirmation name to emphasize the connection between the two sacraments. Whether you use your Baptismal name or choose another Saint name, it is important that you learn about your Saint. Pick a Saint that can serve as a good model/intercessor for you as you continue on your faith journey. When you list information about the Saints you are connected to, please include information other than just dates and locations.

1. Look up your first name. If you can't find your first name, look up the name it originated from (like Marlene is a form of Magdalen).
  - a. Which Saint did you look up?
  - b. What did you learn about the Saint? (please no dates or places)
  - c. What is the meaning of your first name?
2. Look up your middle name or its origin.
  - a. Which Saint did you look up?
  - b. What did you learn about the Saint?
  - c. What is the meaning of your middle name?
3. Look up your birthday.
  - a. Which Saint is remembered that date?
  - b. What did you learn about the Saint?
4. Look up the date of your Baptism.
  - a. Which Saint is remembered that date?
  - b. What did you learn about the Saint?
5. What is the name of your favorite Saint? What did you learn about her/him?
6. What is the Saint name (not your full name) that you want for Confirmation? Why did you choose this Saint name? **This is the name that will be used as you anointed during your Confirmation Mass.**

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### PART III – Getting to Know More About Your Sponsor

**SPONSOR INTERVIEW** – Now that you have chosen your sponsor, take time with her/him to really get to know about his/her faith journey. It would be best to meet with your sponsor in person, but if this is not possible because your sponsor lives out of town, you can interview your sponsor by phone. Try to meet for at least an hour...at your house or your sponsor's house, for breakfast, lunch or dinner; or you could go for a walk together. BE CREATIVE! **After your interview, please write 3 – 5 paragraphs summarizing your interview. Please include your sponsor's name and their relationship to you.** You do not need to cover the answers to all the questions listed below. Here are some possible questions for you to use in your interview:

1. At what age did you get confirmed?
2. What do you remember about getting confirmed?
3. What did you like about Confirmation and what did you not understand?
4. How has the Holy Spirit played a role in your life?
5. Since getting Confirmed what has been your most influential faith moment?
6. When did you get baptized? Were you a baby or did you go through RCIA?
7. How did you first learn about what it means to be Catholic?
8. What does it mean to be Catholic for you?
9. How has the Catholic faith strengthened and nourished you?
10. How has your appreciation of the Mass changed for you over your life?
11. Was there a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? And why?
12. What role does the Holy Eucharist have in your life?
13. What does "forgiveness" mean to you? How does this understanding of forgiveness help you with the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
14. What has been your experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Has it been a rewarding experience for you?
15. Do you have a favorite place and time to pray? Describe a time when it was challenging to pray and a time when you really felt God's presence.
16. In what ways has being a Christian shaped your life?
17. Describe a time when you felt really close to God.
18. Who has been a good role model for you? How has this person taught you or shown you what it means to be Catholic?
19. In what areas would you like to see growth in your Catholic faith?
20. What is your favorite Scripture passage, verse or story? Why?
21. What advice would you give to me in becoming an adult in the Catholic faith?
22. What is the greatest challenge of being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?

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**PART IV – Time with the Bible**

**BIBLE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT** – Using the Bible, look up and read these Scripture passages related to the Holy Spirit. Pick **FIVE** of these passages that you feel most connected to (or find others of your own relating to the Holy Spirit). **List the Scripture references and then write 3 -5 sentences for each describing what the Scripture says and how it connects to you.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:19*

*Mark 13:11*

*Titus 3:6*

*Acts 5:32*

*1 Corinthians 12:7*

*Jude 1:20-21*

*Romans 8:26*

*Acts 13:2*

*Romans 15:13*

*2 Peter 1:21*

*2 Corinthians 3:17*

*John 15:26*

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

*Luke 3:21-22*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*Acts 4:31*

*Luke 11:13*

*John 1:33*

*Romans 5:5*

*Matthew 1:20*

*Acts 2:3-4*

*1 Corinthians 2:11*

*Acts 2:38*

*1 Corinthians 3:16*

*John 14:26*

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### PART V – Made For Mission and Serving With Love

#### Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.  
To give without counting the cost,  
To fight heedless of wounds,  
To labor without seeking rest,  
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward  
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.

Amen.

#### **Made For Mission...Serving with Love**

"You were made for mission. You have a unique blend of talents and abilities that are perfectly suited to carry out whatever mission God has assigned to you on this earth."...Matthew Kelley in Decision Point.

How can you serve others? Please carefully consider and honestly answer each of the questions below.

1. How do you sense God is calling you to make the world a better place?
2. What is something you can do **TODAY** to make the world a better place?
3. Who do you know that is great at serving others? Describe how they do this.
4. How willing and available are you to be of service to others? Please rate yourself from 1 - 5 with 1 being LOW availability and 5 being HIGH availability. How can you make yourself more available to do service...list at least one specific way you can do this.

#### **Service Possibilities after Confirmation when you are Fully Initiated**

Our parish is complete when everyone contributes their gifts and abilities to the mission of the church. What are your gifts/talents? How can you use those gifts/talents to grow and share your faith? You can use a St. Max bulletin OR the parish website ([www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org)) to give you some ideas. **List 3 talents/gifts that you have and the specific parish ministry that could use these gifts.**

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### **Part VI – Letter to Father Riehle**

Now that you are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and have decided to accept this great gift from God, it is time to express this decision by asking to be confirmed. You will do this by writing a letter to Father requesting this sacrament. This letter should be at least a couple of paragraphs that express why you want to be confirmed and how you are preparing.