Contract for Celebration of Confirmation

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 30, 2018, students must attend an "immediate" preparation class. The following requirements are mandatory:

1. Weekly Sunday Mass attendance. See Canon 1247 and 1248 below:

Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

Moreover, they are to <u>abstain</u> from those <u>works</u> and <u>affairs</u> which <u>hinder</u> the <u>worship</u> to be <u>rendered</u> to <u>God</u>, the joy proper to the <u>Lord</u>'s <u>day</u>, or the <u>suitable relaxation</u> of <u>mind</u> and <u>body</u>.

Can. 1248 §1. A person who assists at a Mass <u>celebrated</u> anywhere in a <u>Catholic rite</u> either on the <u>feast day</u> itself or in the evening of the <u>preceding day satisfies</u> the <u>obligation</u> of <u>participating</u> in the <u>Mass</u>.

<u>§2</u>. If <u>participation</u> in the <u>eucharistic celebration</u> becomes <u>impossible</u> because of the <u>absence</u> of a <u>sacred minister</u> or for another <u>grave cause</u>, it is <u>strongly recommended</u> that the <u>faithful takepart</u> in a <u>liturgy</u> of the <u>word</u> if such a <u>liturgy</u> is <u>celebrated</u> in a <u>parish church</u> or other <u>sacred place</u> according to the <u>prescripts</u> of the <u>diocesan bishop</u> or that they <u>devote</u> themselves to <u>prayer</u> for a <u>suitable time</u> alone, as a <u>family</u>, or, as the <u>occasion permits</u>, in <u>groups</u> of <u>families</u>.

2. **Class attendance**. There are 7 sessions: Sept 16, 23, 30, and October 7, 14, 21, 28. Classes will take place on these Sunday mornings at 9am. If you must miss a class for a serious reason, you are still responsible for all homework and class instruction.

3. Homework must be completed and handed in at the beginning of each class. This means there will be reading that must be done prior to each class.

4.**Confirmation retreat.** This will be a one-day function at St. Mary parish beginning at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday Oct. 21, 2018, and will conclude at 5pm that evening. Lunch, snacks, drinks will be provided.

In order to be included in this Confirmation class, the student must write a **letter to Fr. Shawn** indicating why the student desires the Sacrament of Confirmation, what the Sacrament means to him/her, what being a Catholic means to him/her. This letter must be received by Fr. Shawn by September 15, 2018.

A signed copy of this contract should be included in the letter to Fr. Shawn, along with a class materials fee of \$20 per child.

Student signature _____

Parent signature ______