**OUR LADY OF THE MAGNIFICAT CHURCH**

**Office of Confirmation**

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Dear Parent,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you and your incoming 7th grader to the OLM Confirmation Preparation Program, starting in September, 2025. Through this sacrament your teen/candidate will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, which is very exciting! This two-year program should prove to be a wonderful journey as your teen/candidate will come to know Jesus Christ and the teaching and beliefs of our Catholic Church on a deeper level. Our hope and prayer is that your teen/candidate will see his/her Confirmation as the beginning of a life of love and service in the Lord!

Over the summer, you will receive the program schedule and handbook. **Please review this important information**. In September, we’ll have a **mandatory** virtual orientation gathering before classes begin, that both candidate and parent need to attend. Orientation dates will be sent to you in June. Zoom links will be sent as we get closer to dates. The students will attend class two or three times a month on Sunday evenings **from 6:45 - 8:15,** two retreats during 7th grade, and two retreats during 8th grade. They must attend Mass two or more times a month. **A strict attendance policy will be in place where 2 absences are allowed for the year.** We realize that the Confirmation Preparation program takes commitment not only from the candidates, but from the parents as well, to ensure that the candidates meet all the requirements. Believe me - it’s worth the effort!

Please return the enclosed registration form, along with paying tuition online by **May 28, 2025.** Forms can be mailed to the address above or dropped off at the parish office. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Registration will not be complete until we have received the forms and tuition payment. Please pay online with a credit card. <https://olmchurch.org/religious-education-confirmation>.

Please see the registration form for tuition. Please note there is a **late fee of $50** for any registration received after **May 28, 2025.** If finances are an issue, please notify us and we will speak with Fr. Steve on your behalf in order to have your children participate in Confirmation Program.

As you know, parent volunteers make our programs stronger. We would like to keep our class size small to encourage good relationships. You being a catechist can help significantly in implementing these relationships. We need catechist//teachers…we need YOU! It’s a wonderful way to share your faith and you get to know your child’s classmates on a different level. PERK– tuition is 50% off first child. Catechist, please pay the full tuition amount and you will be refunded the 50%. Please indicate your area of interest on the enclosed volunteer form. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or send me an e-mail.

God bless,

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