

RE: Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation

7th Grade (25-26)

Introduction:

According to the Archdiocese of Chicago, Sacramental preparation for Confirmation requires a minimum of 2 years, students must attend RE classes in both 7th and 8th grade, or be enrolled in a Catholic School.

Confirmation candidates participate in several activities meant to help them develop a strong and lasting relationship with God; while being engaged in a life of service, following the example of Jesus who went around doing good to all.

Active participation in all events, services and practices pertaining to this preparation is ***required*** by all 7th grade students. Participation is recorded.

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church—special encounters with Jesus Christ that give us grace to grow in faith and serve God and others.

Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation. It completes Baptism and strengthens us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering us to live out our faith.

List of Requirements/Activities:

Choosing a Sponsor: (Sponsor Application form must be turned in by April 13th at the latest)

The entire parish community helps prepare candidates for Confirmation. The pastor, catechists, teachers, parents, sponsors, and students each have an important role. A sponsor is a person of faith who supports and guides the candidate during preparation and beyond. Each candidate, with their parents' guidance, must choose a sponsor.

Service Activities: (Due on February 9th or before)

Confirmation preparation helps candidates grow as Missionary Disciples by serving others. Instead of logging service hours, they will complete at least **seven meaningful activities**.

2 Activities will be accomplished at Home; and the other 5 activities will be completed within the local community.

A Service Form indicating what you did, where you did it, who your supervisor was, and a summary of your experience will be required to be filled for each activity.

Mass Attendance: (due dates on packets)

Mass is our greatest prayer, where we encounter Jesus through His Word and the Eucharist, and worship together as a community.

Candidates must attend Mass every Sunday and complete a Mass Packet each month, noting where and when they attended. Families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass at Mary, Mother of Divine Grace to help build community and allow candidates to worship together.

RE families: Have children bring packets on the due dates, I will visit their classroom and check their packets for completion.

DP families: Please email me a photo of completed packets on the due dates (please title email: DP 8th Grade Mass Packet).

Sacramental Certificates: (Should be all turned in before April 13th)

Copies of the **Baptism**, and **First Communion Certificates** are required.

RE Parents: Email me a photo of certificates, drop off copies at the church rectory (next to DP school), or send your child to RE classes with it. **DP Parents:** Drop off copies of certificates to the DP office or to your students' teacher.