

Mercy Confirmation Expectations 2026-2027

The following are the expectations for all 8th grade Confirmandi this year. Please visit the OLOM confirmation website to access the forms and see any additional information:

<https://olom.org/confirmation-1>

Baptismal Certificates – Due on Sunday, October 25, 2026

All Confirmandi must submit a copy of their Baptismal Certificate by Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Confirmation Saint Name & Report – Due on Sunday, December 13, 2026

All Confirmandi must select a confirmation saint name, which will be their confirmation name. We encourage them to research and pray about it to make a mature decision regarding their saint. The saint should be a role model that they connect with. Please select your Saint Name and complete the Confirmation Saint form by Sunday, December 13, 2026, which will ask you to explain what led you to pick that Saint.

Sponsor Form – Due on Sunday, January 3, 2027

All Confirmandi must select a sponsor and to have them complete the Sponsor Eligibility form and submit them by Sunday, January 3, 2027. Sponsors must be a role model to the student and have a strong spiritual life and an upstanding citizen and Catholic. In selecting a Sponsor for your child, they have to be someone who would be a good Catholic role model for your child now and into the future.

As one who is to model the Catholic faith in life to the Confirmandi, the Church asks that sponsors are Catholics who are:

- Baptized
- Confirmed
- Received First Communion
- Are married in the Church (if married)
- Regularly attend Mass on Sunday and practice their faith.
- Intentionally takes the time to pray daily.
- Intentionally going deeper into their faith by taking up Bible Studies, attending prayer groups, going on spiritual retreats, etc.

Service Hours and Service Reflection Form – Due on Sunday, January 31, 2027

As an expression of our growth in discipleship of Christ, who *did not come to be served but to serve*, we ask that All Confirmandi to complete 6 service hours and submit the Confirmation Service Reflection Form (online) by Sunday, January 31, 2027.

Examples of service outside of the church boundaries could include helping with OLOM social concerns drives, helping with SOME (So Others May Eat), visiting a nursing/assisted living home, doing yardwork for a less-abled neighbor, etc. When you have completed your service hours, please complete the required Confirmation Service Reflection Form on the OLOM website.

All Grade 8 students at Our Lady of Mercy School will complete their service hours as directed by their school but still require completing and submitting the Confirmation Service Reflection form (online) to process their experience in the light of Christ. Students at other schools may count hours done through their school requirements towards the 6 hours.

Confirmation Letter to the Bishop - Due February 14, 2027

Please write a brief letter to the bishop who will be doing our Confirmation here at Mercy this year. You should express your why you want to be confirmed, what you understand confirmation to be, and anything else you would like to tell the bishop.

Please head and begin your letter along these lines. “Your Eminence” is used for Cardinals:

[Your Name]
[Your School Name]
[Your Parish Name]
[Date]

Your Eminence,

My name is [Your Name], and I am an eighth grader at [Your School or Parish Name]....

Important Dates

- Sunday, December 13, 2026 – Saint Name Forms Due
- Sunday, January 3, 2027 – Sponsor Forms Due
- Sunday, January 31, 2027 – 6 Service Hours and Service Reflection Reports Due
- Sunday, February 14, 2027 – Letter to the Bishop Due
- Saturday, February 27, 2026 – Confirmation Retreat Date at 9am-5pm
- TBD – Confirmation Rehearsal @ 6pm (Church)
- TBD – Confirmation @ 10:30am (Church)