Dear Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation Families,

Welcome to the Confirmation program! NOTE: Registrations open July 1 and close August 1. Please plan ahead! NOTE: Grade 7 & 8 due dates are not the same for items below. We have distinguished between the two.

You will see that Grade 7 is Confirmation Year Prep 1 and Grade 8 is Confirmation Year Prep 2. It is important that you navigate over to the website to read how our program works, rather than me repeating it in this letter.

We have posted our schedules for your planning purposes. There is a separate Confirmation page on our website to keep you organized! Please click here to experience our Confirmation program, as you will be referring to this all year: https://stsmaryjoseph.org/confirmation-preparation-page

There are requirements that go along with Confirmation preparation:

- Confirmation Service Project (you will be able to select from 3 options on our website) Grade 8
 - First-come-first-served
 - o Grade 7 This will apply to you next year.
- Completed Confirmation Sponsor Form Due before or by parent meeting on September 9 Grade 8
 - o Found on Confirmation page on website
 - Grade 7 Sponsor Form will be due in January after a specific lesson in class; however, you should be thinking NOW who that special someone is going to be!
- Completed Electronic Saint Form Due before or by parent meeting on September 9 Grade 8
 - See Saint resources on our Confirmation page on website
 - Electronic form found on Confirmation page on website
 - Grade 7 Saint Form will be due in January after a specific lesson in class; however, NOW is the time for your child to be researching for their Confirmation Saint name. See website for resources and electronic form.
- Electronic Height Form Due before or by parent meeting on September 9 Grade 8
 - Grade 7 Children grow so fast; we will not ask for their height until next year.
- ➤ IMPORTANT Grade 8 ONLY! Required Confirmation Retreat date is September 13 from 10:30 5:00 PM located in Our Lady's Hall. Please take the time now to fill out the permission form found on our website at this link: https://stsmaryjoseph.org/grade-8-retreat-permission-form
 - o Details can be found on the permission form!
- Confirmation Contract You can access this on our Confirmation web page for both parent/teen to sign. Please scan a copy and email to mdavies@stsmaryjoseph.org by September 1.
- Confirmation Interviews Grade 8 ONLY! Sign ups will be available on our website beginning in September. Interviews will be conducted in May of 2026. Father Jack, a Deacon or a member of our team will be spending 15 minutes discussing your child's Confirmation journey and their progress with the program. All interviews are conducted in a safe/open area.

Thank you for your attention to your child's Confirmation information and getting started early!

Please be sure to navigate the Confirmation web page to see all our resources!

Please see the details for the Parent Confirmation meeting on **September 9** on your child's class schedule!

Grade 8 Parents: NOTE The 'COOL' Youth Event dates on your schedule which are required and counted as classes!