



Sacred Heart Confirmation Preparation Requirements:

7th Grade:

- We cannot live the Catholic Christian life without serving one another. Our service is to be done in the name of Jesus Christ, and our reward is that He knows and is pleased with our work. Your service as a Confirmation Candidate, and adult in the Church, must be done in this spirit. You are asked to complete at least 6 service projects over the next two years. Each one should be identified by a different Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. There is a guide sheet to be completed respectfully and prayerfully for each service you choose.
- Choose a sponsor. You will be asked to prayerfully select a sponsor. This person should be an active Catholic who has previously been confirmed and is in good standing with the Church. He or she will serve as a support to you during your formation process and the rest of your life.
- Begin the *Faith to Faith* magazine that you will receive at the Candidate/ Sponsor meeting. All six sessions will need to be completed, with your sponsor, by the spring of your 8th grade year.
- \$25 Confirmation preparation fee that will cover the two-year program, including materials and food. This can be turned in to your religion teacher, PSR catechist, or in the collection basket at Mass. Please mark your name and “Confirmation prep” on the envelope with your payment. Please have this paid by November 11, 2017.

8th Grade:

- Respectfully and prayerfully complete 6 Works of Mercy service projects, including a guide sheet for each one. These are to be completed over the course of two years, by the Candidate/ Sponsor meeting in Spring of your 8th grade year.
- Choose a Confirmation name. You will be asked to prayerfully choose a saint that you have a special connection with and complete a report designated by your religion teacher. These will be a part of your religion/ PSR class.
- Complete the *Faith to Faith* magazine sessions, with your sponsor, by the spring of your 8th grade year. Please return the signed form once it is completed. The magazine and form were given to you at the candidate/sponsor meeting during your 7th grade year.
- The candidate is to write a letter of intent to Fr. Chris Kardzis. In this letter, you will explain why you desire to be confirmed, how you have prepared, and what this journey has meant to you. There is not a right or wrong answer to this letter; it should be from your heart and reflect your own personal feelings about Confirmation. It will need to be turned in before or at the 8th grade Candidate/ Sponsor meeting the Spring of 8th grade.
- The sponsor is to write a letter to Fr. Chris Kardzis recommending the candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter should explain what the candidate has done to prepare (discussions, service hours, attended meetings/ religion classes) and state that you feel he/ she is ready for reception of this sacrament. It will need to be turned in before or at the Candidate/ Sponsor meeting the Spring of 8th grade.

Both 7th and 8th Grade Years:

- The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Weekly Mass attendance is expected.
- Attend religion class regularly: either through PSR classes on Wednesday evenings or a Catholic school. There is to be no more than 5 missed PSR classes. If you are missing classes due to sports/extracurricular activities, make-up work is available. It is YOUR responsibility to contact your teacher. If your work is made up, that missed class does not count towards your total.
- Candidates must attend the designated sessions/ retreats for both 7th and 8th grade preparation. These sessions are mandatory and an excused absence is required.

**If you have questions, please contact:
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