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Requirements/Guidelines for 7th & 8th Grade

Confirmation Preparation

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Thank you for your continued commitment to your Religious Education and welcome to Confirmation Preparation. Being Confirmed is a big step in your Catholic Formation, and where your parents/guardians first brought you before God in Baptism, it is now time for you to speak for yourself in Confirmation and say “yes” on your own behalf to God.

Prior to reaching your Confirmation Preparation years, you were required to attend Religious Education from 1st – 6th grade. Now that you have that completed, you are ready to spend the next two years preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Below, listed by grade, are the requirements to be Confirmed in the Spring of your 8th Grade year.

For Those in 7th Grade this Fall:

Confirmation Preparation Requirements

1. Attend March 5, 2023 Retreat at St. Rose – 7th Graders throughout the diocese are required to attend a retreat. These retreats are to assist you in your faith formation and it is essential that you attend.
2. Saint Project – You are required to prepare a written composition along with a visual presentation of your chosen Saint. A rubric will be handed out during the first few weeks of class.
3. Faith in Action Service hours - You are required to complete 10 hours of service by March of 2023. These will be service for the good of the community, a neighbor, your Church, the diocese, etc. If you are an Altar Server, you can apply 4 hours of altar serving toward your 10-hour service requirement.
4. Attend all Religious Education Classes. Throughout the school year you may be excused 3 times, but all classwork must be made-up within a 2-week period.

For those in 8th Grade this Fall:

Confirmation Preparation Requirement

1. Attend Oct. 16, 2022 8th Grade Commitment Mass at 6:30 in the Church. Attendance with a parent/guardian is essential since important information and instructions will be handed out regarding Confirmation.

2. Attend the Feb 9, 2023 Sean Forrest Family Faith night @ 7:00 pm. Mandatory Attendance.
3. Faith in Action Service hours. You are required to complete 15 hours of service by January of 2023. In the event you did not complete 10 service hours in 7th grade, you will be required to complete a total 25 hours in 8th grade. These will be service for the good of the community, a neighbor, your Church, the diocese, etc. If you are an Altar server, you can apply 7 hours toward your 15-hour service requirement. If you need to fulfill all 25 hours this year, up to 11 hours can come from altar serving and training. *
4. Confirmation Essay – Due at end of February 2023. (Details included in the packet given out at Commitment Mass)
5. Attend Candlelight Mass in March. (tentative date is Feb. 26, 2023) This is a sponsor/family event.
6. Attend your assigned Confirmation rehearsal with either your sponsor or parent/guardian.
7. Attend all Religious Education Classes. Throughout the school year you may be excused 3 times, but all classwork must be made up within a 2-week period.

***The Newtown Middle School Scarecrow Art Project does not count toward your Faith In Action Service Hours.**

Please note, that given time, facility, and personnel constraints it is difficult for us to schedule more than one retreat per year, per grade. The diocese occasionally will provide an opportunity for a Middle School event that could count toward a retreat should it be missed, however that does come with an added cost and is generally somewhere outside of the Northern Fairfield County area. Should you miss our retreat, it will become your responsibility to find a new retreat to attend. Mary Craig, our Confirmation Coordinator, will require documentation for our files that you have attended the retreat. The Religious Ed office may have some limited information on alternative retreats as they become available. We strongly suggest that you make every effort to attend here at St. Rose.

Additionally, should there be more than 3 absences, and/or there is a pattern of absence from any of the Masses or retreats, then there will be a meeting with one or more members of the Religious Ed staff to discuss the matter and whether or not this is a good time for the student to be confirmed. Is there a true desire there? Or maybe some more prayer on this is needed and maybe Confirmation in a year or two is in the best interest of the student.

We wish you great success on your journey to Confirmation, and as always, will be available to assist you in whatever way we can to make this a faith filled and rewarding experience.

God Bless

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