



**OUR LADY OF THE MAGNIFICAT CHURCH**  
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Dear Parent,

Welcome to your second year of the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program here at OLM. It will be a year when your teen will explore what it means to make a commitment to Jesus Christ and His Gospel as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Your teen will be completing the requirement for service hours and attending two retreats: the Sophomore Retreat and the Sponsor Candidate retreat (with his/her sponsor).

You will be receiving the program schedule for the year in July, which will outline all the dates for classes and retreats.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it, along with the registration fee to my office **no later than June 18, 2019**. Forms can be mailed to the address above or dropped at the rectory. In an effort to go 'green' we are requesting email addresses for you and your teen. Most of our communication throughout the year will be sent via email.

We have done an extensive fiscal evaluation of the program over the last few weeks and realized we have not had an increase in the tuition in over six years. The tuition has stayed the same, yet our parish expenses have increased each year. In order to be prudent stewards of this program, we find it necessary to increase tuition in the Confirmation program.

The registration tuition for the 2019-2020 Confirmation program is **\$235** for the first student and **\$150** for the second student. We will also apply a \$500 cap on tuition for any family that has students in both the Religious Education and Confirmation programs. **Please note there is an additional late fee of \$50** for any registration received after **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. If any family has financial difficulties, and needs help with tuition, please send in the registration with a note so stating and we'll work with each family on a case-by-case basis.

As you know, parent volunteers make our programs stronger. Please indicate your interest on the enclosed volunteer form. Remember, if it's only for a few hours, a regular commitment, or on an as needed basis - *we need you!*

We wanted you to be aware of a change happening in the lower grades of our program. We have requested and been given permission by Bishop Serratelli to move the reception of Confirmation

to the 8th grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a powerful grace and we believe it is needed sooner than 10<sup>th</sup> grade to strengthen students in the moral challenges that are faced today. This decision will not affect the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation program. There will be a two-year transition period where the incoming 7 & 8 graders will begin the confirmation process in Sept. 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or drop me an e-mail.

God bless,

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