

Confirmation Information and Requirements for 8th Grade

Completion of 7th and 8th Grade

Community Service: Mandatory 30.0 hours total must be complete by July 31st of your 8th grade year.

All hours must be approved and there is a Community Service Form that must be filled out and signed off upon completion of the service hours for each project. This form should be turned in to the student's teacher or the Religious Ed. Office (Sue Sahli).

There are many projects that are already approved and you do not have to have preapproval.

It is recommended that you make a copy of the community service form for your records before you turn it in.

Community Service Statement: These statements will be printed for each student in 7th and 8th grade. A folder will be made for each 7th and 8th grade student with the statement and completed community service forms kept in the office. A duplication Community Service Statement will be given to each student for them to keep home. When community service forms are brought in, they will be posted to both the student copy of the Community Service Statement and the office copy of the community service statement.

Letter from Msgr. Joe: This letter will include information regarding the **date of Confirmation, usually in the fall of their 9th grade year.** It will also include the assigned time of the service for candidate, the dates for the Family Session (usually in September), the sacramental fee, any paperwork that is not turned in (see below), the date and times of practices.

Paperwork: All paperwork must be completed and returned to your candidate's religious education teacher in July 31st of their 8th grade year. These are: Sponsor Eligibility Form with Church Seal, Confirmation Information Sheet, Completed Community Service Forms, Completed Spiritual Encounter Forms, Original Baptism Certificate with Church Seal (this will be returned to your child after a copy is made).

Retreat: "Because I'm Worth It!" **4/10/19.** This is a mandatory retreat that all 8th grade candidates must attend. It is scheduled by the Diocese in March of the 8th grade year at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. Transportation is provided. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Family Session: This is the only required session that you and your child must attend prior to the Confirmation Service and after completing 8th grade. It is usually held in September or October. This is a mandatory requirement for the candidate and one or both parents.

You will receive the letter from Msgr. Joe confirming all of these requirements once he has received a confirmed date for Confirmation. Please remember that any one of these requirements not completed will prevent your child from being Confirmed and possibly having to enroll in 8th grade again.