

## Confirmation Information and Requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Completion of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Community Service:** Mandatory 30.0 hours total must be complete by July 31<sup>st</sup> of your 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.**

**Spiritual Encounter:** Two Spiritual Encounters are required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Form must be filled out and returned to your teacher.

**Letter from Msgr. Joe, July 2019:** This letter will include information regarding the **date of Confirmation, usually in the fall of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.** It will also include the assigned time of the service for the candidate, the date for the Mandatory 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 by July 31<sup>st</sup> of their 8<sup>th</sup> 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!" **4/19.** This is a mandatory retreat that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade candidates must attend. It is scheduled by the Diocese in April of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. Transportation is provided.

**Family Session:** This is the only required session that you and your child must attend prior to the Confirmation Service and after completing 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Confirmation is assigned by the Bishop's Office and is scheduled during the week (Monday through Friday evening).**

**Please remember that any one of these requirements not completed may prevent your child from being Confirmed.**