

St. Edward/St. Jude Collaborative Confirmation Program:

General Information 2020-2021

8th Grade: Year 1 Program



Please fill out this 8th Grade QUESTIONNAIRE HERE

New This Year: *Confirmation Preparation, which is a 2-year program, will now begin in the 8th grade.* Confirmation for the Class of 2025 will be received in the Fall of their 10th grade year.

| Academic Year | Year 1 Program | Year 2 Program | Confirmation Date |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 2020-2021 | 8th Grade ('25) | | |
| 2021-2022 | | 9th Grade ('25) | |
| 2022-2023 | | | <i>Retreat and <u>Fall 2022 Confirmation</u> when they are 10th graders ('25)</i> |

Parent/Student Meeting Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7pm

Program Goals:

1. Fulfill [Portrait of a Confirmed Catholic](#) Vision Statement

2. Get to know *each* student
3. Reenforce candidates' understanding of sacraments and rituals
4. Connect our 2020s world with the Sacraments, and the 2 greatest commandments:

36 *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

37 *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'*^[a] **38** *This is the first and greatest commandment. 39* *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* Matthew 22:36-39

Overall Requirements for Confirmation:

1. Completion of Faith Formation Program: Grades 1-10
2. Weekly Mass Reflection
3. Meetings: Parent/Student Info and initial interviews
4. Projects: mini (Year 1 and 2) and Capstone (Capstone Year 2)
5. Retreat Attendance
6. Christian Service: 12 hours total (Years 1 and 2 combined)
7. Reconciliation
8. Interview and Letter to the Pastor (Year 2)
9. Confirmation Name (Year 2)
10. Sponsor Selection (Year 2)

Year 1 Program: 8th ('25)

- I. Kick-off first meeting in small groups (based on comfortability) with intro/overview and a service project, ie Fr. Bills
 - A. Students placed in groups of 6 or so + "leader"/mentor (students can request a friend)
 - B. Parent Meeting via Zoom: Wed. Sept 23 at 7pm
- II. Initial interviews with student and Confirmation coordinator begin in September via Zoom or Google Meet or In-person (student's choice)
- III. "Back to Faith Basics" curriculum based on interview
 - A. Two Greatest Commandments/Our Father/Creed
 - B. Meetings and/or Google Classroom "lessons": online journals (current topics/social justice), check-ins
 - C. Projects: Saint Project
 - D. Weekly Mass Gospel/Homily Reflection

- IV. Retreat
- V. **12 TOTAL Hours** of *Christian Service** within the home parish community and [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) **over the Year 1 and 2 Program**. Half the hours within the parish and the other half with corporal works.
 - A. Reflection paper on your first 6 hours of service is due by June 2021

***Christian Service Hour's Requirement:**

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

-Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

At the heart of service is a passion to help people and a desire to change the world for Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Christian Service Requirement is to help our students to see Christ in “the Other” and prepare them to take on a greater responsibility for the mission and ministry of the Church.

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” -Matthew 25:40

Numbers of hours needed:

Year 1 and Year 2: 12 TOTAL Hours: **6 hours within the parish** and **6 hours with corporal works**.

General Notes:

Hours must be completed within each program year.

Reflection Sheets must be submitted along with the Christian Service Journal Log.

Money may not be earned for service.

The adult that supervises must sign off on each service project completed.

Service projects must comprise of a combination of both:

| Home Parish Community Service 6 Hours | <u>Corporal Works of Mercy</u> 6 Hours |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Usher at Mass ● Lector ● Altar Server ● Choir ● Parish events/needs ● Child care ● Mass Volunteer/Cleaner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feed the hungry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make lunches ○ Pack Blessing Bags ○ Food drive ○ Walk for hunger ● Give drink to the thirsty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise money for clean water ● Clothe the naked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clothing Drive ○ Jesse Tree ● Shelter to the homeless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support local shelter ○ Raise awareness ○ Volunteer at New Life ● Visit the sick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Write letters ○ Volunteer at Thomas Upham ○ Blood Drive ● Visit the imprisoned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Write letters ● Bury the dead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send card to someone who has lost a loved one ● Give alms to the poor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donate time or money ● Care for the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compost ○ Recycle ○ Conserve water |

Keep in Mind for 9th Grade, Year 2:

1.Choosing a Sponsor: the Church sees 3 roles for Confirmation Sponsors:

- As a role model in the faith
- As a companion on the candidate's faith journey
- As a witness for the candidate before the Church

Each candidate must choose a suitable sponsor. A sponsor should be an important part of your preparation for Confirmation. A Sponsor must:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (having received: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- Be a regular, practicing member of the Catholic Church
- Not be a parent
- Could be the confirmandi's Godparent who has remained close with the family

2.Confirmation Name: Saint or Biblical Hero

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." -Hebrews 12:1

We are NEVER alone on this journey of faith! Not only does the Lord walk with us, but He has given us courageous examples of the saints; normal people who decided to lead extraordinary lives! It is a tradition in Confirmation to pick a **saint name** or **biblical hero**, although it is not necessary. Students, take time to really think, pray and research about the saint/biblical hero you've selected. Remember, you will be SEALED with the POWER of the Holy Spirit with this name!

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