

St. Edward/St. Jude Collaborative Confirmation Program:

General Information 2021-2022

9th and 10th Grade: Year 2 Program



Program Goals:

1. Fulfill [Portrait of a Confirmed Catholic](#) Vision Statement
2. Get to know *each* student
3. Connect our 2020s world 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

Schedule: Meet monthly on Sunday nights: 9th grade before 6pm Mass and 10th grade after

Overall Requirements for Confirmation:

1. Completion of Faith Formation Program: Grades 1-10
2. Weekly Mass/Gospel Reflections
3. Meetings: Parent/Student Info
4. Projects: Cornerstone (formerly 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)

- I. Maintain same groups as year 1, unless otherwise requested
- II. Expansion on “Back to Faith Basics” curriculum
 - A. “Greatest Commandments”
 - B. Prayer Circles
 - C. Cornerstone (formerly Capstone) Project based on what brings them joy, their talents/interests
 - D. Weekly Mass Gospel/Homily Reflection through padlet
- V. Retreat: Winter 2021
- VI. **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.
 - E. 12 Hours of *Christian Service**: At least 6 hours within the home parish community and at least 6 hours with [Corporal Works of Mercy](#)
 - F. Reflection paper on your last 6 hours of service is due by March 1, 2022. (Your first 6 hours of service and reflection was due last June 2021, but as long as you complete your total 12 hours of Christian service and hand in a reflection paper by March 1, 2022, all will be well.)

***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: **within the parish and 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
<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
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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

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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