

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Prep Overview: Year One

Welcome:

Welcome to our first year of Confirmation prep.

This packet will serve as an overview of the formation program, as a syllabus of sorts.

In the words of St. Benedict, our hope is to “set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome.” Rather, this formation program should serve as a sort of “training wheels” for living an active Christian life.

Our 7th grade year introduces candidates to the formation process, and gives them the tools to take ownership of the faith.

## Prep Program Registration:

If you have not already done so, please register for the program using this link:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MaryMotherOfMercyParish/ConfirmationPrepRegistration2223AllStudents>

## Program Website:

We will be using our new Confirmation Prep Website for much of this year. It can be accessed with this link: <https://marymomconfirmation.wordpress.com/>

Please bookmark the page as you will need it for accessing information and uploading documents throughout the year.

It will also be helpful to have a Google Account (Gmail) in order to upload documents via the website. A Google account can be created for free in just a couple of minutes.

If you wish to not create a Google account, you may email files to [apprentice@mary-mom.com](mailto:apprentice@mary-mom.com) or drop them by the office.

## Paperwork Checklist:

- Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility
  - requested by the Sponsor from *their* Parish, even if they attend Mary, Mother of Mercy
- Faith Reflection
  - The Sponsor is to write a reflection based on their own faith life. The reflection should discuss their prayer life, reception of the Sacraments (i.e.

do you regularly attend Mass and go to Reconciliation), role of faith in your daily life, etc. The reflection should be at least a paragraph.

Saint Project

### Sacramental Obligations:

- Attendance at Sunday mass each week
  - Either at our parish or elsewhere
  - Submit mass attendance record on website each week by Monday at 5pm
- Reconciliation
  - As a practicing Catholic, the minimum requirement is reception of the Sacrament of Penance once per year
  - Frequent confession is a highly recommended practice, about once per month

### Mass Attendance Tracking:

In order to ensure that candidates are making the sacrifice to attend mass each week, we will use the following system to track mass attendance.

Three options (listed in order of preference)

1. Submit a photo of the bulletin online, or hand it in at the office or during Encounter.
2. If you are unable to upload a picture of the bulletin, you may write a brief reflection on the mass of the day, using the same online form as above.
3. If using the website for mass attendance tracking is not possible, please make use of a mass attendance slip, which can be found in the back of our Churches. Simply sign and date the slip and drop it in the collection basket during mass.

### Schedule/Calendar:

Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 – **Confirmation Candidate & Parent Meeting**

*Via Zoom*

*Link can be found on Confirmation website*

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022- **Confirmation Candidate & Parent Meeting**

*(in person option) Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Saturday, October 15, 2022 –**Saint Scavenger Hunt** (5:00pm-8:00pm)

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 – **Candidate & Family Holy Hour**

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2022 – **Sponsor Forms Due (cert. of eligibility and faith reflection)**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – **7th Grade Confirmation Retreat**

Monday, May 8, 2023 – **Saint Project Due**

### Overview of Candidate Obligations:

1. Go to mass each Sunday
2. Go to faith formation class (wherever you are registered [Catholic School, Encounter WFC, etc.]
3. Turn in paperwork
4. Attend retreat and other events