



Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

The Archdiocesan decree on the sacrament of Confirmation encourages personal initiative by the candidate as well as parental support. It is most important that the parents know and understand this in order to support their children on their Confirmation journey. No teachers, school, or textbook can match the formative influence parents have on their own child(ren), especially in the area of religious values.

Therefore, we ask your cooperation with the following items (A-H) in ***bold print***:

A. Registration & Attendance

8th Grade Public School & Private non-Catholic School (RE) students need to register for the Religious Ed program and attend classes from September 14th through May 10th.

8th Grade Private Catholic School (PCS) students need to register for the Religious Ed program and attend classes from September 14th through November 16th.

8th Grade Little Flower Students (LFS) do not need to register. They are prepared in their Religion classes daily at school.

Additionally, ALL students are encouraged to attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Registration is completed online. Go to lfparish.org/re-registration

Please Register by Weds., Sept. 14th

Confirmation Documents

Documents in Red Folder and online at lfparish.org/religious-education. Below is a list of the documents

Confirmation Calendar 2022-2023

Little Flower Parish Confirmation Reference Guide

Archdiocese of Washington's Grade 8 Curriculum Guide

Sponsor Certification Form (due Oct. 26th)

Confirmation Candidate & Family Commitment Pledge (due Oct. 26th)

Confirmation Saint Name Form (due Oct. 26th)

Community Service Project Plan (due Oct. 26th)

Confirmation Saint Name Project (due Nov. 16th)

Confirmation Interview Question Sheet (due Feb. 7th)

B. Baptismal Certificate

Baptismal certificates are a required document by the Catholic Church for Confirmation.

If Baptized at Little Flower, the Baptism is already recorded and submitted.

Please submit a copy by Weds., Oct. 26th, if your child was not Baptized at Little Flower

C. Parent Meeting

Parental involvement is of the utmost importance in helping prepare your child(ren) receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please attend Evening of Recollection for Parents on Tues. Oct. 18th at 7pm in the church.

D. Confirmation Candidate & Family Pledge

Involvement of the family is very important in preparing your child for the reception of a sacrament. This pledge of commitment should be discussed as a family so as to understand the mutual responsibility each person has in preparing for Confirmation.

Please submit the “Confirmation Candidate & Family Pledge” by Weds. Oct. 26th

E. Community Service Plan

Serving the community is in keeping with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy we value as Catholics. Confirmation candidates are asked to thoughtfully create a plan for how they plan to serve the community during their journey to Confirmation. Through their service to others, Confirmation Candidates learn that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to each of us in order to serve the Lord by serving others.

Please submit “Community Service Project Plan” by Weds. Oct. 26th

F. Confirmation Saint Name and Project

Confirmation is an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with God and the wider Church. The choice of a new name symbolizes this relationship and is used within the ceremony. You may choose a Saint to be your Confirmation Patron Saint Name or you may keep your own name for Confirmation.

Please complete the “Confirmation Saint Name” form by Weds., Oct. 26th.

Candidates then research their Saint and prepare a pamphlet that will be reviewed by their teachers and shared with their interviewer at the Confirmation interviews. The pamphlet will be returned to the Candidate at their interview.

Please complete the “Confirmation Saint Project” by Weds., Nov. 16th.

G. Sacramental Catechesis

To fully prepare for Confirmation, each Confirmation Candidate needs a thorough understanding of the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith and the sacrament of Confirmation. These will be reviewed with your students in class. Parents and students can refer to the “Little Flower Parish Confirmation Reference Guide” as a resource for studying and discussion. Parents can engage their children in discussions by reading the ADW’s Grade 8 Curriculum and the email updates from their teachers.

Semester Test for LFS, RE & PCS is Weds., Nov. 16th

H. Confirmation Interviews

Confirmation Candidates have a short, 10-15 minute personal interview with a Little Flower Priest, Deacon, Sister or Teacher. The purpose of this interview is to review the candidate’s religious education preparations and their intent regarding the reception of the sacrament.

Please submit the Confirmation Interview Prep Sheet to your teacher by Feb. 8th.

Interviews will be held Weds. Feb. 15th 7-8:30pm at the school