



Confirmation

Year Two Preparation

Parent Orientation



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Opening Prayer

Gracious God, We ask for a deepening of the gift of community. Help us to grow in our love and care for one another during our time together.

We ask for the gift of intention. Help us to be present in our gathering, and grant us the patience to set other things aside.

We ask for the gift of discernment. Help us to recognize our gifts and use them for good.

We ask for the gift of strength. Help us to be strong enough to do what we believe, to be people of our word, to be people of action, and to be examples for others. Help us to be like the great saints who have gone before us.

We ask for the gift of understanding. Help us to support our youth on their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For all of these things, and in thanksgiving for the opportunity to come together again, let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father . . .



Agenda

- Review Schedule
- Material Review
- Expectations
- Service
- Sponsor
- Confirmation Name
- Catechists & Peer Ministers
- Questions



Schedule

- Candidate Orientation - 9/10/23
- Class meeting dates: 10/1/23; 11/5/23; 12/3/23; 1/7/24; & 2/4/24
- Confirmation Retreat is 3/3/24
- Confirmation Name & Sponsor Forms Due 3/3/24
- Confirmation is on 4/6/24
- Mystagogy for the Newly Confirmed is on 4/14/24
- **Full Schedule can be downloaded at:**
<https://assumptionparish.org/confirmation-prep>



Candidate Orientation

- Next Sunday, September 10, 2023
- Candidate must be registered in the Confirmation Preparation Program to attend
- Begins with the 5:30pm Sunday Night Youth Mass



Materials: Called To Mercy

<https://www.calledtomercy.com/>

- Candidates in their second year of preparation will continue with *Called To Mercy*



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Mystagogia for the Newly Confirmed

Mystagogy from the Greek words meaning “to lead through the mysteries.” is a period of accompaniment for the newly Confirmed as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church.

This gathered session comes after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It focuses on the experience of receiving Confirmation and recalls the elements and activities of the entire preparation process.

The session helps the young people reflect on the process, express their gratitude for the guidance and community they have experienced through program leaders and peer relationships, and affirm the commitment they have made.



Materials: Called To Mercy

Login Information

- <https://mlearn.smp.org/login>
- Type in email & password
- If you have trouble click Forgot Password to reset
- Completing all 10 online modules is a requirement for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation



Materials: Called To Mercy

Log-In and Access Code Information

1. Go to <https://mlearn.smp.org/enroll>
2. Enter Section Code: **mpdq6cr3**
3. Enter parent/guardian information and young person information.
4. Read and agree to the terms of service. If the young person is under 13 years of age, a parent/guardian must agree to the terms.
5. Receive a confirmation e-mail. (Both the parent/guardian and the young person will receive this.)
6. Open the e-mail and click on the link to reset your password. Create a new password and save changes. Then click “Continue.”
7. Log in with your e-mail address and password.
8. Select your course and begin with learning module 1.
9. Move through the 10 modules sequentially, completing them by the dates indicated.



Expectations

- Full participation in on-line and in-person sessions
- Bring Bible, YouCAT, and writing utensil to each session
- Participation at Mass
- Full Family Participation



Service

Being a Christian, a Catholic, and a disciple of Christ calls us to live our lives according to the example and instructions Jesus himself gave us. This is our mission as Church! One of the most important lessons Jesus taught us was that we must be willing to be a servant to all people in His name. This means that we must actually DO something to be a disciple of Christ! By doing community service, we demonstrate a willingness to show Christian responsibility to our mission. Therefore, all Candidates are asked to complete a minimum of 25 hours of service and to complete a brief service reflection.

- Log sheet and Catholic Social Teaching reflection prompts are available for use and can be found at: <https://assumptionparish.org/confirmation-prep>
- Service hours and reflection are due no later than 3/3/2024.
- If chosen, and your candidate consents, their reflection could be read to the year one Confirmation Candidates as part of the year one Solidarity Retreat.
- <https://www.jerseycares.org/>
- <https://springstreetcdc.org/table-of-hope/>



Sponsor

The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk. Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who “brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him to fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit” (*Rite of Confirmation 5*).

A sponsor must have these qualities:

1. sufficient maturity to fulfill their function (at least 16 years old)
2. membership in the Roman Catholic Church - having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
3. be practicing the Roman Catholic faith; attending Mass regularly (Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation) and living according to their baptismal promises
4. **not be a parent** of the Confirmation candidate.

During the time of preparation, sponsors are encouraged to take an active role in the Confirmation program and meet with their candidates on a regular basis for faith sharing. It will be up to the candidates and their sponsors to set up times for the two to get together.



Confirmation Name

To reinforce the connections between Baptism and Confirmation, candidates are encouraged to be confirmed with their baptismal or given name. The act of reaffirming the name given them at Baptism is a way for them to confirm their baptismal promises. Candidates who decide to take a new Confirmation name should be encouraged to do so thoughtfully and seriously. The name might reflect a Christian ideal or goal or value they wish to strive for. Perhaps they wish to honor a saint whose holiness or charitable works have inspired them.



Sponsor and Confirmation Name Form is digital and accessible via the parish website.

<https://assumptionparish.org/year-two-confirmation-forms>

**Digital Sponsor & Confirmation Name Form
is due no later than 3/3/24**



Catechists & Peer Ministers

- Adult volunteers needed to be a presence
- Ministerial Roles for Youth at our Parish
 - Freshmen & Sophomores: Music Ministry, Lectors, & Ushers
 - Juniors & Seniors (Post Confirmation): Peer Ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry & Ushers



Question & Answer

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Thank You!