



Year One Confirmation Prep Overview

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INVITATION

**PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN AND
GROW IN FAITH WITH THEIR CHILDREN.
JOIN US FOR MASS, LARGE GROUP
SESSIONS, BONUS ACTIVITIES, AND MORE.**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen*

MASS ATTENDANCE

The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic. In addition to regular weekly attendance with their families, Confirmation teens attend the Sun 5 pm Mass with their Disciple Group on the 2nd Sunday of each month, October-April.

ORIENTATION

Parents and students attend an orientation session in September.

RETREAT

Candidates participate in a beginning retreat at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD from 10-4 on September 9 or 30. Sign up and permission slip required. Parents provide transportation.

LARGE GROUP SESSIONS/DISCIPLE GROUP MEETINGS

Sessions include: learning to read/reflect on the Gospel; gaining a better understanding of Catholic Mass; discussing faith-related topics/questions in small groups; exploring modes of prayer; forming community with DG members. Y1 meets at 3 pm on the 2nd Sunday, Oct-April. Students will need to make-up any sessions missed.

BONUS ACTIVITIES

Students and Disciple Group Leaders plan several enrichment activities according to their group's interests. Ideas include: doing service projects; visiting other churches; going on field trips to religious sites; etc. Students unable to attend can select one of the following make-up projects: holy hour in the chapel; attend HSYG meeting; attend Bonus Activity with another group. The following BAs are pre-determined: Dec-Parish Reconciliation Service; March-Parish Retreat; Apr-Holy Week Liturgy Volunteer.

SERVICE

Students complete 10 hours of service work specifically for Confirmation (i.e., the same hours should not also be submitted for school). Students can participate in projects offered by the church, or they can choose their own projects. Forms are due May 31, 2019.

RECONCILIATION

In keeping with what we believe as Catholics, students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once during Year One.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER/STUDY

Students spend time daily in private prayer/study. By the beginning of Year Two, students should have completed the Decision Point videos and workbook as part of their individual study. Videos are available online at dynamiccatholic.com or as a free phone app.