



Dear Parents of Children in Grade 7:

Grade 7 is an important year for children baptized in the Roman Catholic Rite. One of the most important components of the grade 7 year is that it is time for these children to complete their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This initiation began when you brought them to the Church to be baptized as infants. On that day you made a commitment for them and to them. At their Confirmation, they will be embracing this commitment for themselves, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in whose life they are sealed when they are confirmed. The grade 7 religion program in our Catholic schools supports and encourages them as they prepare to make an informed decision to be confirmed. The parish community is responsible for overseeing the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and we depend primarily on the parents to assist in this preparation process.

To help you understand your responsibilities regarding your child's reception for this sacrament, in the spring of 2025, an initial ***Parent and Candidate Information and Registration Meeting*** will be held of the following dates.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m. OR
Thursday, November 7, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.**

*During this meeting, we will provide you with forms and the details about the program of preparation for Confirmation and details about the celebration of Confirmation at Holy Rosary Parish. **At least one Catholic parent must attend this meeting.***

Only children who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are eligible to receive this sacrament. They should also have celebrated their first Communion.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child at this initial meeting!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. David Wilhelm, Pastor



CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

Students are asked to attend either the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass or the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass on the weekend of January 11/12. The candidates will be called forward after the homily, will profess their faith and place their enrollment form in the container provided at the front of the church as an indication of their desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

MEETING WITH PARENTS, CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

May 9, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

DATE FOR CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS ONLY (In addition to the meetings above):

PARISH CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Tuesday, April 8, 22 and 29, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.