



## **Requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation—Year 2**

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS**

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

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

A. **Registration and Baptismal Certificates are Required**

**Please Register by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Registration is completed on-line. Go to [lparish.org](http://lparish.org), click on “Religious Education” in the red bar then “Registration” in the drop down menu.

**Please submit Baptismal Certificate copy by October 20, 2021.**

Baptismal certificates are a required document by the Archdiocese of Washington for Confirmation. If your child was not Baptized at Little Flower, please submit a copy by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. If Baptized at Little Flower, the Baptismal Certificate is already recorded and submitted.

**All Required Forms for Confirmation and Reference Documents are on-line.** Go to [lparish.org](http://lparish.org), click on “Religious Education” and then “Confirmation Info” on the drop down menu. The “Confirmation Forms” will be on the right.

- B. **Confirmation Family Pledge** - Involvement of the family is very important in preparing your child for the reception of a sacrament. This pledge of commitment to be faithful to your promises made at Baptism, which include attending and participating at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, as well as share the Good News with others should be discussed as a family so as to understand the mutual responsibility each person has before signing this pledge of commitment. **Please submit the “Confirmation Family Pledge” Form by Wednesday, October 20, 2021.**

- C. **Interview** –Confirmation Candidates have a short, 10-15 minute personal interview with a member of the Parish Staff. The purpose of this interview is to determine the candidate’s religious education preparation and intent regarding the reception of the sacrament. **Interviews will be held in the evening of Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- D. **Community Service** - Community service hours are typically required for Year 2 Confirmation Candidates in order to concretely teach the Confirmation Candidates that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to each of us in order to serve the Lord by serving others. However because of the coronavirus, service hours will not be required this year. The Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to volunteer and practice serving others in their own way and with the support and help of their family in ways that they deem safe and responsible. **Please see the “Service Hour Ideas” on the website for inspiration.**

E. **Identify Saint Name and Research Project for the Confirmation Name Chosen** -

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. The research project culminates into a Saint Pamphlet.

**Please complete the “Confirmation Name” Form by Wednesday, October 20, 2021.**

**Please complete the “Saint Project Guidelines/Pamphlet” by November 17, 2021.**

“Saint Project Guidelines/Pamphlet Guidelines” are in the “Confirmation Forms” section on the website.

F. **Sacramental Catechesis** – To be prepared properly for Confirmation, each Confirmation Candidate must have a thorough understanding of *The Basic Teachings of the Catholic Faith* and *The Sacrament of Confirmation Notes*. **These questions and notes are to be studied and memorized by the Confirmation Candidate under the teacher’s direction.**

**Parent Responsibilities** - We recognize that parental involvement is of the utmost importance in helping prepare your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please plan to:

- a. **Attend the Evening of Recollection for Parents. Tues., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Church.
- b. Support your child in studying and memorizing the Sacramental Catechesis.
- c. Read Grade 8 Parent Curriculum Guide to see what topics are being covered in class.
- d. Support your child in participating in Mass and the Sacraments.
- e. Support your child in volunteering and service to others.

G. **Attendance** – Year 2 Confirmation Candidates fall into three groups:

1. Children enrolled in Little Flower School (LFS)
2. Children enrolled in Private Catholic Schools (PCS)
3. Children enrolled in Religious Education Program (RE)

Little Flower Students (LFS) are prepared in their Religion classes daily at school.

Private Catholic School Students (PCS) are to **attend weekly Mass and weekly class.**

Class is with the RE students on Wednesday evenings\* Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Religious Education Students (RE) are to **attend weekly Mass and weekly class.**

Class is on Wednesday evenings\* Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>.

RE&PCS Classes/Confirmation Prep Module

September (22, 29), October (6, 13, 20), November (3, 10, 17)

**Semester Test for RE & PCS is Nov. 17, 2021.**

RE Class Schedule Continues after Confirmation Prep Module

Dec. (1,8,15), Jan. (5,12,19), Feb. (2,9,16), Mar. (2,9,16,23), Apr. (6,20), May (4,11)

H. **Additional Important Dates** - In addition to weekly Mass and weekly class,

**ALL (LFS, RE & PCS) Year 2 Confirmation Candidates are to:**

- a. Attend the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day of Recollection** on Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> (9-12pm) or (1-4pm)
- b. Attend the **Confirmation Enrollment Mass** on Sun., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. at 9:00am
- c. Attend the **Confirmation Rehearsal** on the Tues. before Confirmation Mass at 7pm.
- d. Attend the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass** on March 12<sup>th</sup>.