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2024-25 Confirmation Program for Children in Grade 7

October 2024

Dear Parents:

This is a year of great blessing for your family! When Catholic children enter the 7th grade (around the age of twelve) the Church invites them to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, thereby completing their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

As parents you are co-creators with God and therefore have the right and privilege to be the primary educators of your children in the faith. This most precious gift of faith is what was asked of you when you presented your child for baptism, when you promised that you would raise your child in the faith. And now as your child prepares to reaffirm their Catholic faith in the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is especially important that you share in this preparation. Candidates should consider their decision seriously, and parents should help them to make a choice that is sincere and appropriate. Your fellow parishioners and I will journey with you and your child through this preparation process.

It is my sincere hope that your child will come to a deeper knowledge of the love of God through this sacrament. It is through the Sacraments that Jesus touches us in a most unique and intimate way.

May God bless you and your family in this time of special grace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Roque Concepcion

Pastor

The Enrollment Mass:

To enroll your child for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please fill out the **Enrollment Form** on the following page, and attach a **copy of your child's baptism certificate**.

Candidates are to bring both items to one of the Enrollment
Masses at St. Mark's Church on the weekend of November
16/17. Please attend whichever time is most convenient for your family:

Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. OR Sunday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.

During this Mass, candidates will be asked to come forward to be presented to and prayed over by the congregation. At that time, Fr. Roque will collect your child's completed Enrollment Form.

Important Dates for Your Calendar:

ENROLLMENT MASS

Weekend of Nov. 16/17, 2024

Please attend Mass time of your choice, as listed above. Bring your <u>Enrollment Form</u> and copy of child's <u>baptism certificate!</u>

★ Preparation Sessions

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sun. Jan. 19

Sun. Feb. 23 *

Sun. March 23

Sun. April 6 *

Sun. April 27

For each session, students are encouraged to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass and then stay for that day's session.

* Parents are requested to join us for the meetings on Feb. 23 and April 6

* Final Prep Session & Rehearsal

Saturday, May 24

2:00 p.m. Prep Session, followed by

3:00 p.m. Rehearsal

***** Confirmation Mass

Sunday, June 1, 2025

1:30 p.m. with St. Dominic Students

4:30 p.m. with St. Mark Students

2025 ENROLLMENT FORM

for the Sacrament of

Confirmation



To enroll your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please <u>bring this completed form, along with a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate</u> to one of the <u>Enrollment Masses</u> on the weekend of November 16/17, 2024 at St. Mark Church:

Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5:00 p.m. OR Sunday Nov. 17 at 9:30 OR 11:30 a.m.

The forms will be collected by Fr. Roque at each Mass (time of your choice), and the children will be presented to and prayed over by the congregation.

I would like my child to receive the Sacrament of

Confirmation on SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 at: ☐ **1:30 p.m.** with students from St. Dominic School 4:30 p.m. with students from St. Mark School CHILD'S LAST NAME: GIVEN NAME(S): DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH: _____ DAY: ____ YEAR: ____ GRADE: _____ SCHOOL: _____ TEACHER: _____ FATHER'S FULL NAME: ____ MOTHER'S FULL NAME: (INCLUDE MAIDEN) FULL HOME ADDRESS: DAYTIME PHONE: _____ TO REACH: \square MOM \square DAD PARENT'S EMAIL: TO REACH: DAD My child is a baptized Catholic: ☐ YES ■ *NO – my child was never baptized, or was baptized in a non-Catholic church. * If your child would like to be Confirmed and received into the Catholic Church, please contact the church office right away regarding next steps. My child has received First Eucharist in the Catholic Church: YES NO DATE OF BAPTISM:__

★ PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE ★ We are required to send notification of your child's Confirmation to the Catholic church where they were baptized. Therefore it is VERY important that we have the <u>correct name and full mailing address of that church</u>. If your child's certificate is in a language other than English, please provide a clearly written translation along with the copy, and clearly indicate the full mailing address for that church.

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CHURCH OF BAPTISM:

NAME OF CHURCH