



## Office of Religious Education

St. James the Apostle  
490 South Park Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

# FOUNDATIONS of CONFIRMATION INFORMATION (First Year of Formation)

The purpose of the Office of Religious Education is to support your efforts as a parent to raise your child of God in the faith that we all profess. As your son or daughter begin their final two years of preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we wanted to provide you with an overview of the major events that your child will be required to attend and the requirements that must be completed in order for them to meet the Diocesan formation requisites for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We recognize that there are many activities in your family's life; therefore, we ask you to remember that an integral part of their formation has been, and always will be, attendance at all classes. Absences of 3 or more classes may require a meeting between the candidate, parents and the RE staff to discuss the candidate's readiness to receive this sacrament. Thank you for your guidance to arrange your child's schedule to ensure their attendance at classes and the formation events.

Requirements for those in their **first year** of their Confirmation formation (typically 7th grade) are fairly easy. A student is required to attend and complete the following:

### **Foundations of Confirmation Information:**

- review the requirements with their parent

### **Service Project:**

- completion of a service project (is required for both years of formation (7th and 8th grade) and must be completed prior to registration for the 2nd year of Confirmation formation)

### **Reflect on Sponsor:**

- we ask the students to begin thinking about who they believe is a good steward of the Catholic faith and someone that will help guide them as they continue their travels of learning about our faith and our mission as His disciples. This person, who must meet certain requirements, will also interact with the candidates throughout their final year of formation.

**More information and useful forms regarding specific requirements can be found on the parish website under Worship & Sacraments/Confirmation.**



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As students enter their 2nd year of their Confirmation formation (typically 8th grade), there are more events and requirements that they must attend and complete. Detailed information will be available through our ***Sacramental REMinders*** email that is sent monthly; and on the parish website.

Someone may ask themselves what happens if we don't attend these events or meet the requirements? The Diocese states that the Church will not deny the sacraments. The reception of the sacrament will be postponed until all missing requirements are fulfilled. This means that your child could either wait until the next mass at St. James, or attend a confirmation ceremony at another parish after they have completed all the requirements.