

St Anthony's Confirmation Guidelines Year One Students 2020-1 (June 2020)

Eighth grade students: Sunday's 4:30-6

Ninth grade and above students: Sunday's 6:30-8

Books used in class:

Called to be Catholic, Loyola Press

Confirmed in the Spirit, Loyola Press

Catholic Prayer for Catholic Families, Loyola Press

Only registered parishioners can participate in St Anthony's confirmation program. A registered parishioner is defined as a member of a family living in the same household (same physical address) and are registered at St Anthony's (in ParishSOFT). Students can register via the DRE and receive the appropriate forms. Parents are considered to have read and agreed to these guidelines when registering their children for St Anthony's religious education programs.

Class sizes will be limited per Diocesan regulations to twenty-five (25) students maximum to comply with safety and educational requirements. **Classes are not guaranteed and will be closed when filled.** Classes may not be offered or withdrawn at any time due to unavailability of Catechists, adequate seating, or other factors.

Prompt payment ensures the parish can continue the work of assisting parents in the vital work of educating young ones. **A required minimum payment of \$40 must be made at registration** with a second payment by the end of October. Payment arrangements can be made if needed. Special circumstances will be reviewed. No one will be excluded from religious education due to financial hardship.

Students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must complete TWO YEARS of study, attend all required retreats provided by the parish in year two, and be spiritually ready to receive the sacrament. 8th grade students will have class on Sunday afternoons starting September 13 and will follow the PRE calendar. Only 8th grade students are allowed in the 8th grade year one confirmation class. Ninth grade and above year one students will also have class on Sunday evenings starting September 13 and will follow the PRE calendar. Students are encouraged to attend all classes and participate to the extent possible. Occasionally students are unable to attend class due to illness or other reasons. **Students will be considered "dropped" from class after the 5th absence.** Students can request to be readmitted into the program by writing, subject to approval by the DRE and/or Pastor.

Students must show a pattern of regular mass attendance and turn in a bulletin signed by the Priest at mass to the DRE or the office with student's name and parent's name and phone number.

Parents also need spiritual nurturing in order to fulfill their God-given assignment as the primary teachers of their children. Parent classes in English will be offered once a month on Sunday mornings. **Confirmation student parents are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** Classes in English and Spanish for parents are offered at no cost, books considered may be offered for a slight charge.

*Guidelines have been approved by Monsignor and the DRE and are subject to modification.
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