Our Lady of the Lake

Confirmation Preparation Goals

2022-2023

Baptismal Record: If your child was **not** baptized at OLOL, please make sure you have either emailed a scanned copy of their baptismal certificate to Verenice Dubon or bring in a hard copy to our offices no later than **December 1st**.

Community Involvement: Children preparing for Confirmation (year 1 and 2) are asked to begin to actively discern their place and involvement in the parish community. Just as there are many gifts given by the Spirit, there are many opportunities for involvement for our children at Our Lady of the Lake. Confirmands should submit their decision to participate in either a ministry opportunity or to complete service hours by **October 1st**.

- **Ministry:** Altar Servers, Laudate Children Choir, Fraternus/Fidelis, The Pier, assistant Catechist, or assist with another parish ministry.

- **Service Hours:**

    - **Year 1 Confirmands:** 10 hours of community service, please download the community service form attached and complete one form per event. All 10 hours should be completed **by April 1st**.
    - **Year 2 Confirmands:** 20 hours of community service, please download the community service form attached and complete one form per event. All 20 hours should be completed **by April 1st**.

Patron Saint Name: All Confirmation 2 confirmands are asked to select a patron saint whose name they will take upon the celebration of their confirmation. During their preparation, they will also do a project to familiarize themselves with their chosen saint. Their patron will need to be selected no later than **December 1st**.

Sponsor: First Year students do **not** need to have the sponsor form completed this year but do need to choose who will be their sponsor this year. Here are the requirements for sponsors:

- Cannot be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed. (Cannon 874, §1, 1 and 5) Is at least 16 years old. (Cannon 874, §1,2)
- Have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. (Canon 874, § 1,3)
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared. (Canon 874, § 4)

- Worship regularly at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ by partaking in Holy Communion and by participating in the life of their parish.
- Realize that they are assuming the responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a Sponsor of this child by supporting and guiding them by prayers and the example of their daily life.

Attendance: If your child has accumulated more than 3 unexcused absences this year, they will need to meet with the Director of Faith Formation to determine their readiness before moving into their second year of preparation.

Retreat: If your child has missed the required retreat, we will need to continue to work on finding make-up opportunities for them.