



CONFIRMATION AT OLG

Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1285). Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church's mission of love and service.

INVITATION

*At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is strengthened. In Baptism, we become new members of the Body of Christ, but our journey does not end there. The decision to be baptized is followed by continued growth, learning, and witness. Our desire to continue to grow and develop as Christians finds expression in Confirmation, when we renew our baptismal promises and receive in a new way the gift of the Holy Spirit, which strengthens our bond with the Church and its members. **We invite you to connect to a Church community, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and be inspired to Gospel action by accepting the Sacrament of Confirmation.***

PREPARATION

Our Lady of Grace invites 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students to participate in the Confirmation preparation ministry. All of our Sacraments begin with a process of preparation so that participants are able to recognize the grace of the Sacrament. Our preparation is generally an 8-month process from September to April. This process includes a student, parents, a Confirmation mentor, Confirmation Sponsor, and our parish leaders.

OPENNESS

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we become instruments of grace. We encourage all participants to be open to this Spirit and grace. We do not expect that every person who begins the Confirmation preparation process will be perfectly holy or completely dedicated to a life of faith. However, our preparation ministry can lead those who have a desire to grow in faith (or at least an openness to grace) towards an authentic life of discipleship.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

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SAINT NAME

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CONTACT

Throughout the Confirmation preparation process, we invite you to direct questions, clarifications, concerns, and prayer requests to Youth & Young Adult Ministry at Our Lady of Grace:

confirmation@ologn.org

317.773.0297 x247

All registered Confirmation candidates and families will also receive regular updates via the Confirmation Flocknote list. You will be added to this contact list after registering or you can sign up yourself at Flocknote.com/OurLadyofGrace.



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REQUIREMENTS

Our Lady of Grace asks that students and families desiring the Sacrament of Confirmation complete 7 preparation requirements:

1. Register and Turn in Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration can be done at ologn.org/formation or via paper form. Forms include:

- (1) Confirmation Intent Form (filled out while registering for Religious Education) by **September 15, 2018**
- (2) Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if NOT baptized at Our Lady of Grace) by **October 15, 2018**
- (3) Parish Commitment Form by **October 15, 2018**
- (4) Sponsor & Saint Name Form (+ Sponsor Certification, if Sponsor is from another parish) by **March 15, 2019**

2. Attend Spirit & Fire Confirmation Retreat (September 28-30, 2018)

This retreat is mandatory and asks parents to participate on Sunday, September 30th.

3. Regularly Attend Sunday Mass

Participating in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, and we ask that Confirmation candidates and family, especially during the Confirmation preparation process, join in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist.

Mass Times: (Saturday) 5:30pm | (Sunday) 7:30am | 9:00am | 11:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish) | 5:30pm (Life Teen)

4. Meet with Youth Ministry Leadership for 2 Check-Ins

Confirmation Candidates will meet individually with youth ministry leaders for two 15-minute check-in meetings, once near the start of preparation and once during preparation. The purpose of these check-ins is to ensure students are on the right track in their Confirmation preparation process.

5. Participate in Confirmation Mentor Sessions

Each Confirmation candidate will be assigned to a small group and a Confirmation mentor who is an active adult in the parish. These groups will have 6 sessions to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation and a life of faithful discipleship.

Candidates and mentors will arrange meetings in public locations between October and May (including one session following the Sacrament). The purpose of meeting with Confirmation mentors is to ask students to think critically about faith and gain an adult faith role model.

6. Make a Parish Commitment

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A Parish Commitment is a way for a student to demonstrate that he/she is ready to serve our faith community. There are several ways a student could make a parish commitment:

<u>Life Teen</u>	OR	<u>Retreats</u>	OR	<u>Liturgical</u>	OR	<u>Parish Ministry</u>	OR	<u>Custom</u>
Attend 70% of weekly Sunday ministry nights for high school students		In addition to the Spirit & Fire Confirmation Retreat, attend 2 other parish youth ministry retreats/events, including summer trips.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular lector/server • Crooked Halo Choir regular participant • Knights of the Holy Temple participant 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERE Cadet Catechist • Parish Council or Committee Member • Monthly Graced Meals Volunteer • Etc. 		We welcome other ideas for Parish Commitments and will work with you so long as there is sufficient time before Confirmation.

By making a commitment, participants will be regular contributors, not just participants once or twice. These Parish Commitments must be verified by an Adult Leader via the Parish Commitment form.

7. Attend Confirmation Rehearsal and Liturgy on April 30, 2019.

The Confirmation Rehearsal will take 60 minutes on the Sunday prior to Confirmation. Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are expected to participate in the Confirmation Liturgy.



CONFIRMATION PARISH COMMITMENT FORM

DUE OCTOBER 15, 2018

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NOTICE FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

By making a commitment, participants will be regular contributors, not just participants once or twice. These Parish Commitments must be verified by an Adult Leader via the Parish Commitment form. If choosing an option besides Life Teen attendance or Retreat attendance, students should discuss with ministry leaders what is expected to be a regular contributor for the year.

FORM

Student Name: _____

Parish Commitment: _____

If choosing a commitment that is not Life Teen participation or Retreats, please fill out the rest of the form.

Description of Expectations for Commitment (i.e. how often you will participate, what your role will be, or details on the project you are working on):

Ministry Leader who can verify completion of your commitment: _____

Ministry Leader Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ministry Leader Signature: _____

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CONFIRMATION SAINT AND SPONSOR FORM

DUE MARCH 15, 2019

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Saint Name: _____

Reason for Choosing this Saint: _____

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Sponsor Name: _____

Reason for Choosing this Sponsor: _____

Is this Sponsor an Our Lady of Grace Parishioner? YES NO*

**If NO, then please have your Sponsor's home parish send a standard letter of good standing to Our Lady of Grace. This may be mailed (Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060) or emailed (confirmation@ologn.org).*

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CONFIRMATION CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE

- Register for Religious Education (including Confirmation Intent Form) - **August 2018**
Register at Parish Website <ologn.org/formation>
- Register for Spirit & Fire Confirmation Retreat - **Due September 15, 2018**
Link will be sent to you following Religious Education Registration
- Attend Spirit & Fire Confirmation Retreat - **September 28-30, 2018**
Parents to attend on September 30th
Mentors Assigned
- If not baptized at Our Lady of Grace, send Baptismal Certificate - **Due October 15, 2018**
- Parish Commitment Form Submitted - **Due October 15, 2018**
- Check-in #1 with OLG Youth Ministry - **October 2018**
Link will be sent to you to schedule 15-minute meeting
- Participate in Mentor Sessions (5 before Confirmation, 1 after) - **Beginning after Spirit & Fire**
Sessions Scheduled with Mentor to best fit family schedules
- Check-in #2 with OLG Youth Ministry - **February/March 2019**
Link will be sent to you to schedule 15-minute meeting
- Saint & Sponsor Form Submitted - **Due March 15, 2019**
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal - **April 28, 2019 at 6:30pm in Church**
Sponsors Invited if Available
- Sacrament of Confirmation - **April 30, 2019 at 5:30pm in Church**
Sponsor should be present (or a proxy is required)
Reception to follow Sacrament in Community Room
- Final Mentor Session - **May 2019**

Questions? Contact confirmation@ologn.org