



Confirmation Handbook · 2018-2019 · Grades 10th-12th

MISSION STATEMENT

The Igniters' program forms teens at OLV by teaching them in the faith the Catholic tradition and informing them regarding the teachings of the Church, students and adults involved in the program will grow in the awareness, knowledge and practice of their faith. (General Directory for Catechesis 87).

IGNITER'S PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Parent's Role

You are the primary religious educators of your child. It is the role of the parish to assist the parents in nurturing the faith of their children. This responsibility requires that you grow in faith yourselves and you share your faith with your family. Therefore, **parents are expected to fulfill the following expectations:**

- Attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation with my child.
- Assist my child in learning the traditional prayers of the Church. This includes **The Sign of the Cross, The Glory Be, The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary and The Act of Contrition.**
- Ensure that my child attends class weekly (**no more than 2 missed classes**).
- Complete 10 hours of community service (five of those hours **MUST** be completed in the parish, the other five **MAY** be completed outside of the Church)
- Ensure my teen attends the **ICYC** retreat, March 8-10. Registration must be completed by February 3rd. Cost is included in the Confirmation fees.
- Make sure teen identifies a sponsor and ensure that my child's sponsor meets requirements on sponsor contract and attends the Sponsor Retreat on January 20th, 2019.
- Turn in all required documents (sponsor sheets and baptismal certificates) by Nov. 18, 2018.
- Ensure that my teen attends the scheduled practice/reflection night prior to their Confirmation date.

Service Hours

One of the requirements teens in the *Igniters* Preparation Program is to complete 10 hours of service (five of those hours **MUST** be completed in the parish, the other five **MAY** be completed outside of the Church).

Teens are required to track their service hours using the "Service Hours Track Sheet". More forms may be found by the bulletin board in front of the JP II room and the gym. This sheet should be turned in to Margot, Mary, Gloria, Andrea or office once 10 service hours are completed.

Service opportunities will be announced during Confirmation classes. If you attend the 1-2 pm session you may help take down and clean the JP II room besides the gym.

Sponsors

The role of the sponsor is similar to that of a godparent. The sponsor is responsible for helping you prepare for Confirmation through learning and understanding the true meaning of Confirmation. More importantly, the sponsor must lead by example according to lifestyle and participation of the Catholic faith. (Diocese of Boise Confirmation Guidelines)

*You may only have **one person** as a sponsor.*

Sponsors are expected to fulfill the following expectations:

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- Be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church.
- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation.
- Confess sins at least once a year.
- Observe the days of fasting and abstinence (from meat) established by the Church.
- Help to provide for the needs of the Church according to ability.
- Be someone other than the parent of the child.
- Be married in the Church (if applicable).
- Attend Confirmation practice and reflection night and Mass with teen (date TBD).
- Attend the Sponsor Retreat on January 20, 6-8 pm.

Attendance/ absence

Teens that are enrolled in the *Igniters* Preparation program are expected to be in attendance each week. **If your child is attending classes, he/she is only allowed 2 missed classes.** If it is necessary for a student to be absent, the coordinator of the program must be contacted in advance and notified of that fact.

- Makeup essay will need to be completed for every absent. Makeup essay prompts may be found online at OLVCaldwell.org/confirmation-

Cancellation of Classes

In case of inclement weather or other conditions, classes may be cancelled. **If local schools are cancelled or dismissed early, there will be no Religious Education classes that day.** We will be communicating with you via a text using Flocknote.

Catechists

The catechists who teach the classes in our program are **volunteers**. Many are also parents who have busy schedules of their own. We value and appreciate the time and commitment that these volunteers give to our program and ask you to please do the same. As a parent, please support our catechists in whatever way possible.

Required Prayers

Your child must know the following prayers by March 31st, 2019.

- The Sign of the Cross
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Hail Mary
- The Glory Be
- The Act of Contrition

Prayers may be found on our webpage: www.ovcaldwell.org/prayers-oraciones

DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

Visit the Confirmation page at Our Lady of the Valley, OLVCaldwell.org/confirmation- to download important confirmation documents.

- [Igniter 18-19 Calendar/ Action Items](#)
- [2018 Fall Semester Calendar](#)
- [Entry Letter](#)
- [Sponsor Form- English](#)
- [Sponsor Form-Spanish](#)
- [Service Hour Log Sheet](#)

Decision Point Confirmation Curriculum

Download the "[Decision Point](#)" app on Android, iPhone, Windows or Kindle so you can read, listen or watch content for the Confirmation program.

Losing your "Decision Point" workbook: If you lose your workbook, you may purchase another one for \$5. You may also read and listen to content found in the *Decision Point* app.

CONFIRMATION MASS/REHEARSAL & REFLECTION

Confirmation Mass date will be determined after Christmas. It will be during the end of April or beginning of May. Mandatory Rehearsal & Reflection Night date will also be announced concurrently.

Dress Code for Confirmation: The color red is encouraged for ladies and gentlemen but is not required. At least have one item of clothing be red. Please have teens and sponsors follow this code:

For gentlemen:

Dress pants with a belt

Dress shoes with socks

Dress shirt with collar, shirt tucked in

Tie (optional but encouraged)

Jacket (optional)

NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, SAGGING PANTS, OR T-SHIRTS

For ladies:

Skirt, blouse, dress, or nice pants suit

Dress shoes (no flip flops)

Skirts must be to knees or lower

Tops and dresses must have sleeves – nothing strapless or spaghetti straps

No plunging neck lines – no cleavage

No bare backs

No bare midriff (belly should not show at all)

NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, OVERLY TIGHT CLOTHING, OR T-SHIRTS

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