

Outline of Confirmation Program 2017-2018

8th grade students

Meeting May 17th at 7:00 with parents and students

1. Teachers will be introduced if available
2. Copy of Baptismal Record is required unless baptized at St. Cyril's.
3. Requirements will be explained including class behavior, participation, service hours (to be completed by January 1, 2018), prayers and questions will be passed out with outline of upcoming events.
4. Explanation of testing plan...testing will be available before and after class beginning mid-September in their classrooms with their teachers. **Homeschoolers (only)** will go to Testing Center.
5. 8th grade teachers will teach Matthew Kelly's "Decision Point". Home school families to do Decision Point at home or coordinate with Home school Groups.
6. Commitment Mass for 8th grade in Oct or Nov (date to be announced)
7. Students and parents will be reminded of mentor/sponsor program
8. **Service Hours - 12 needed**
 - Salad luncheon (Oct) approx. 4-5 hrs
 - Missal Covering (Nov) approx. 3 hrs
 - Christmas Party Cleanup (Dec 13th) approx. 1 hr.
 - Additional Hours can be done at VBS, festival, garden cleanup, Saints' Party, etc.Hours must be done for St. Cyril's...volunteer work for other organizations is wonderful but for this requirement, they should be done for benefit of entire parish.
9. 8th graders – will be given essays in early 2018 to be completed before Confirmation
 - For the Bishop - Prompt will be given in March, 2018. Last year's example was How I see myself as an Adult Catholic.
 - Why I Want to Crown Mary (For female students only & will be requested in April, 2018)
10. Two more Retreats - one at beginning of year (Nov) and another in March (one with their mentor/ sponsor, one with priest).

8th Grade Requirements - Summary

Service Hours, Essays, Retreats, Commitment Mass, Sponsors/Mentors, Class Participation and Matthew Kelly's Decision Point will be the requirements along with being retested on the prayers and questions they learned in 7th grade.