**Our Lady of Lourdes Confirmation Preparation Program (OLL CPP)**

**Requirements:**

1. **Baptismal Certificate**

If you were baptized somewhere other than OLL, you must ask that parish to send OLL your baptismal certificate. This cannot be an old copy – it must be less than 6 months old. (Diocesan rule, not mine)

1. **OLL CPP Fee**

In order to support the costs of the Confirmation Prep Program, each Candidate must pay a $40 fee.

1. **Attendance at Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil) every week**

Families are the first Church our children experience. If parents desire Confirmation for their children, *they should model an active faith life*. Attending Mass is our Catholic duty; it also shows the importance we place on the faith we are handing on to our children. Candidates must attend Mass every week.

1. **Perform 5 faith hours and 10 service hours**

Christian discipleship is all about faith and works. Faith hours may be completed by doing any faith-related activity outside of Mass, Confirmation Prep, and Retreats. Bible Studies, Parish Missions, and Youth Group are good ways to complete Faith Hours.

Service hours may be completed with your Sponsor or parents or on your own. It could be service projects, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or volunteering to take responsibilities at Mass. See “*Youth Volunteering Directory*” (ask Coordinator if you need a copy) **Keep track of your hours – you’ll need to turn them in!**

1. **Choose a Sponsor and meet at least three times for discussions about faith**

There are three different discussions on *Prayer and Spiritual Life, Saints and Service,* and *Liturgy and Community*. If you need help, ask a parent to help set up the initial meeting with your Sponsor. If the Sponsor does not live in the area or travels for extended periods of time, phone calls may be acceptable.

1. **Sponsor’s *Letter of Good Standing***

Your Sponsor must ask his/her current pastor for a *Letter of Good Standing in the Catholic Church* to be sent on his/her behalf to the Confirmation Coordinator of Our Lady of Lourdes.

1. **Attend all Confirmation Prep Sessions**

Attendance at sessions is an integral part of learning about our Faith. Confirmation Candidates are allowed no more than two absences before a conference will be held with parents and the student. In the event that there is a conflict with sports or another event, please make arrangements with the Coordinator to attend a makeup session. Save the two absences for emergencies only, (sickness or other unplanned events!)

1. **Take advantage of retreat experiences**

The following day retreats are **required**:

**\* Youth Rally** – Rally for the whole Diocese of Jefferson City, usually at Tolton ($15)

**\*Vocation Reflection Day** – Evening retreat in Jeff City for Confirmation candidates

**\*REAP Team Day Retreat** – Afternoon retreat, usually in October. Check Schedule for details

**TWO weekend retreats** are **required** for all candidates. Other retreat opportunities are also available:

**\*Steubenville Youth Conference** – Possibly the biggest retreat program in the country

**\*Teens Encounter Christ** – These happen all over the country and can be very powerful

**\*OLLY Spring/Fall Retreats** – Knock out a retreat credit and a service credit at the same time

\***Any other Catholic weekend retreat** – Periodic retreats are available through the diocese, Tolton, OLL, Newman, etc. Retreats not from diocese or OLL must be ok’d by Confirmation Coordinator.

1. **Choose a Confirmation Name & write report**

Each Candidate will be required to choose a name for Confirmation and write a report on that name. See the page labeled “*Choosing Your Confirmation Name*” for details. Due in November.

1. **Write a letter to Bishop Gaydos**

Each Candidate must request to receive Confirmation from the bishop. See the page labeled “*Letter to Bishop Gaydos*” for details. Due in November.