



# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

300 East Oldtown Road, Suite 2 Cumberland, Maryland 21502

[www.OLMCumberland.org](http://www.OLMCumberland.org) 301-777-1750 [OLMCumberland@archbalt.org](mailto:OLMCumberland@archbalt.org)

Greetings in Christ,

I am writing to joyfully welcome you into the Confirmation preparation program at Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) Catholic parish. The sacrament of Confirmation is a profound step in your faith. Confirmation is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit similar to the Holy Spirit's descent on the apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). It empowers you to live your Catholic faith as an adult.

Preparation for this encounter with the living God involves learning more about your faith, practicing the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist attentively, and service to your parish and the wider community. The preparation program at Our Lady of the Mountains uses the words of Pope Francis as a guide: "[Confirmation] unites us more firmly to Christ, it strengthens our relationship with the Church and it gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to defend the faith and confess the name of Christ."

Confirmation ignites this life united to Christ. Our Lady of the Mountains will give you opportunities to live this life with Christ through numerous ministries. You may choose to serve the hungry and the homeless at the Union Rescue Mission here in Cumberland. You may choose to give back to the OLM Faith Formation program by serving as catechist for our young people. Or you may choose to serve during the Liturgy of the Eucharist as a cantor, lector or a choir member. However you choose to serve, the Sacrament of Confirmation marks a Christian life for service enflamed by God, the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you with the Christian zeal and joy during your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Greg Chervenak OFM, CAP.  
Pastor, Our Lady of the Mountains

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news." Isaiah 52:7*