**Our Lady of the Mountains**

**Confirmation Preparation Handbook**

**In 2011, Our Lady of the Mountains Pastoral Staff and Confirmation Planning Team developed this Confirmation Preparation Program to help you conform your life to the life of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. The following five principles have been identified to ready you to encounter God the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

1. **Consistency**

In order to build relationships centered on Jesus Christ, and a sense of unity

and communion among the candidates, catechists, confirmation team, parents and parish, gatherings will be held on a consistent basis.

1. **Commitment**

An emphasis will be placed on your commitment to the preparation program so that you might actively receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and continue to live your newly empowered life in Christ after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. **Parish Community/Visibility**

Candidates will be visible in the parish and be active in parish life during and after the preparation program. The parish community will be involved in praying and supporting the candidates and their families.

1. **Service**

Service to the parish and community will be an integral part of the Confirmation Preparation Program.

1. **Parent Involvement**

Parents are the greatest influence in the faith and upbringing of their children. Parents are the first teachers of the faith. We ask parents to be actively involved throughout the Confirmation Preparation process.

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