**Our Lady of the Mountains**

**Confirmation Preparation Handbook**

**Program Components**

The Confirmation Preparation Program is composed of three major components:

1. Preparation Sessions (classes)
   1. 8 total classes
2. Service
   1. 3 Service Sundays
3. Informational and Faith-Building Sessions
   1. Parent/Candidate Session
   2. Sponsor/Candidate Session
   3. One afternoon mini-retreat (3 hour)
   4. One day retreat

Prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, each of the candidates will have a one-on-one session with a member of the Confirmation Team. This session is an opportunity for discussion and reflection on the Confirmation process and how they will choose to live out their faith in their lives. There will also be a rehearsal the day prior to receiving the Sacrament. Both dates and times for these will be announced.

**Missed Events Policy**

Our Lady of the Mountains acknowledges that the lives of parents and their high school age children are busy. In order to help families plan their busy lives, and still thrive in their Catholic faith, a letter and calendar are provided for the candidate to give to the leader of his/her co-curricular activities or area community leaders (coaches, play directors, musicians, etc.).

If circumstances arise that the candidate is going to miss one of the components of the Confirmation Preparation Program, please notify the coordinator or Confirmation catechist. It is understandable that sickness and family emergencies arise. Once a candidate has missed two components of the program, they will be contacted by the coordinator or a member of the pastoral team to discuss whether or not the candidate is still committed to the preparation of receiving the sacrament. Retreats are very difficult to make up. Candidates are expected to make every effort to attend.

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