



**MOST HOLY
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Dear Parents,

As we get closer to sharing in the Sacrament of Confirmation with your child, I would like to provide you with some important information.

The **Confirmation Retreat** will take place on **Thursday, February 7th** from 8:15am-2:00pm at Mercy Circle. Details and Permission Form attached.

Practice for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, February 21st** from 6:00-7:00pm in Church. This practice is for candidates only. All candidates are expected to attend.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place **Sunday, February 24th** at 1pm.

SOR Remaining Classes for St. Peter's League:

I am thrilled to be moving forward on this journey with your children. As we progress through our school of religion year, they will continue to be engaged in many activities that will enrich and challenge them. Our class schedule of lessons in the remaining months after Confirmation is available on our website www.mostholyredeemer.org.

Retreat Details:

The 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat will be held on Thursday, February 7th from 8:15-2:00pm at Mercy Circle. Meet at the main entrance.



3659 W. 99th St.

Students will spend a day in prayer, reflection, and activities led by Kim McMillan, our guest presenter for the retreat. Students will meet at Mercy Circle @ 8:15 and will be dismissed @ 2pm.

All 8th graders are required to attend this retreat as part of their Confirmation preparation.

For the retreat, students should wear casual dress clothes. (T-shirts with writing, jeans with holes in them, or ripped clothing is unacceptable.) Students should bring a pen, a bag lunch with their name on the bag and something to drink.

**We are also in need of a few adults to help with the small group breakout sessions throughout the day. Please indicate on the attached permission form if you would like to join us on the retreat.

Confirmation Details:

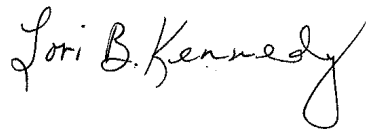
This year Bishop Alberto Rojas will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, February 24th. **THE CONFIRMATION MASS WILL BEGIN AT 1PM.** Parents, candidates, and sponsors must arrive **NO LATER THAN 12:45PM.** Name tags will be in the vestibule of the Church for each candidate. There will not be a collection during the Confirmation Mass. We ask that each family make a donation for this special occasion to be used as a stipend for the Bishop. (An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please make checks payable to Most Holy Redeemer and send the donation to class, the rectory, or the practice on February 21st). This Confirmation Mass will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation. You are asked to make your usual Sunday contribution by dropping your envelope off in the basket on the gift table.

Candidates are expected to wear their "**Sunday Best**". Each candidate will have a pew designated for their family. The candidate will sit at the end of the pew with his or her sponsor next to them, then their parents and remaining family. Parents, you brought your child to the Church for Baptism and have nurtured his/her faith life; we ask that you accept the privilege of presenting your child for Confirmation. You are invited to come forward with the sponsor and stand behind the candidate for Confirmation.

In keeping with the solemnity of this occasion, we ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the Confirmation Mass and anointing. We are pleased to have a professional photographer from Tom Killoran Photography taking pictures of the Sacrament (information is attached). If there are any special seating arrangements, please contact the office at 346-8185. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in Briody Hall to honor our newly Confirmed. Pictures with the Bishop may be taken at that time. All Confirmandi will receive a certificate. These certificates will be given on the last day of class.

Thank you to Mrs. Signorelli, Mr. Brett, Mrs. Marcosa, and Mrs. McKibbin for their commitment to teaching and nurturing your children in their faith. It is my hope that all the children will continue to embrace the joy that comes from living out their faith and doing service for others.

God Bless!



Lori Kennedy
Director of Religious Education

Confirmation Practice & Mass

I have read the details regarding the Confirmation Mass and understand the Confirmation Practice is mandatory for all students.

Student Name

Parent Signature

Date

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Retreat Permission

Return by February 4th

I give permission for my child: (name) _____ to attend the 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat on Thursday, February 7th from 8:15-2:00pm. I understand that my child should report to Mercy Circle for a day of retreat beginning at 8:15am. Students will be dismissed at 2pm.

I understand that the activity will take place off parish premises and that my child will be under supervision. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including any method of transportation.

I hereby release and indemnify Most Holy Redeemer Parish School/Religious Education Program, its staff and its volunteers, and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the designated supervisor of the activity or other responsible person accompanying the group, there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

_____ I will pick up my child at Mercy Circle.

_____ Someone else will pick up my child at Mercy Circle.

_____ Name of adult picking up child

_____ My child has my permission to walk home.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Telephone
(where I can be reached on retreat day)

_____ Yes, I can help on the retreat day from 8:15-2:00pm at Mercy Circle.

Email _____