

**“Confirmation renews and strengthens the Christian’s baptismal call to bear witness to Christ before the world and work eagerly for the building up of His body, the Church.”**  
*National Catechetical Directory # 118*

To: Confirmation Class of 2020  
From: Dr. Cheryl Antos  
RE: Initial Preparation

Welcome to the initial preparation for Confirmation! The experience should hopefully strengthen your faith as well as prepare you to learn how God is working in your young life. The preparation is in four stages or parts:

1. Service or initial experience in the works of mercy
2. Celebrating and receiving the Eucharist with regularity
3. Retreats
4. Bearing witness to Christ before the world

You are responsible for turning in service and Mass reports in a timely manner. I have procured a deadline for this initial process of **September 16, 2019** that the contents of this folder are to be turned in before the next preparation step. Mass reports for the months of June, July and August are to be turned in by the date on the sheet. If, because of vacation or other circumstances those dates are not convenient, then the September date will be the final date for Mass reports. No Mass report requirement for the month of September.

Service hours can be obtained in various ways.

**Option 1:** Attend Summer Camp and be a volunteer. Contact Mrs. Carol Dougherty through the school.

**Option 2:** Become a member of the Junior Vincentians through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You must remain a member throughout the Confirmation process, attending meetings and participating in the Food Drives and Clothing Drives. This will be considered a service project and will fulfill the service requirement.

**Option 3:** Assist at the Blitzen Agility Club event in August. For a ½ day commitment, you will receive a two month (August/September... or other two months of choice) waiver. Then the service hours for the other months would apply. Details for this event will be posted on the web site sometime in June.

**Option 4:** Fulfill the Service hours the traditional way by completing 3 to 4 hours a month as is stated on the form.

**Please note: More information for Confirmation will be posted on the Religious Education Website in early June.**

I am looking forward in working with you on this faith journey.