## Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Youth Confirmation 2025-26 (Year A)

Our aim is to prepare youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation over the course of two years by taking them through a study of the Scriptures and the doctrine of the Church.

**Year A:** We will be watching and discussing the *Bible Project* video series and reading selections from each biblical book to gain an understanding of our own roles within the story of God's redemption of the world.

**Year B:** We will be reading together the *Youcat* (Youth Catechism) to discuss in an accessible and comprehensive way the teachings that the Church hands on to us.

Our hope is that through a focus on the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church our youth will come away with a greater understanding of who God is, what he has done for us through his Son, Jesus, and how to live in light of this knowledge.

## Schedule

August 24 - Orientation/Session 1

September 7 – Session 2 September 21 – Session 3

October 5 - Session 4

October 19 – Session 5; Parent and Sponsor

Session

October 26 – Discipleship Conference 1

November 2 - Session 6

November 16 – Session 7

December 7 – Discipleship Conference 2

December 14 - Session 8

January 4 – Session 9

January 18 - Session 10

January 25 - Discipleship Conference 3

February 1 – Session 11

February 15 - Session 12

March 1 – Session 13

March 7 – Retreat

March 15 - Session 14

April 13-24 Year 2 Interviews scheduled

April 19 - Session 15

April 26 – youth, parent, and Sponsor

Session 11:45-1pm

May 3 – Session 16

May 17 - Session 17

## **Session Rundown**

11:15 Sign-in & pizza

11:30-12:55 pm

Q&A

Bible Project and

discussion

1 pm Wrap Up and Basketball for those interested

**Attendance** – No more than 2 absences are permitted per year. If more absences accrue, make up work must be completed to meet the requirements to be Confirmed at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Parent and Sponsor sessions** – These sessions are geared to helping parents and sponsors support their youth through the Confirmation process. Youth will either join parents or have separate instruction for this session.

**Discipleship Conferences** – Youth will meet one on one with a mentor for 20-30 minutes three times per year to discuss their spiritual life, growth in virtue, and readiness for Confirmation.

Retreat – The Retreat is a whole day affair and per Diocesan guidelines, is mandatory.

**Service hours** – First year students are expected to complete 10 hours; second year students are asked to complete 20 hours. Half of service hours are to be done at OLG.

Mass – Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation is a crucial part of one's preparation for Confirmation. By registering for Confirmation preparation, you are committing to weekly Sunday Mass attendance.

**Year 2 Interviews** – 15 min interview with priest scheduled individually from April 13-24 during parish office hours.

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