

St. Cornelius Parish
Parish Religious Education Program

Registration for PREP for 2018-2019

Registration forms are now on our website and will be sent home with students currently enrolled in PREP.

There will be a Tuesday or Wednesday option for PREP classes. Selections for the day of the week are done on a first come first serve basis until the classes become full.

Parents may request to home-school their child/children during any year that the child is not preparing for a sacrament. However, the request must be in writing, include an explanation, and turned in with the registration. The request will then need to be approved. If approved the following requirements must be met:

- Parents attend a home-school meeting at beginning of the year.
- Student and parent attend a meeting with DRE during the year.
- Student completes workbook and lessons.
- Student completes a mid-term and final-exam that is taken at the same time as our other PREP students.
- Regular Mass attendance, Holy Days of Obligation, PREP opening prayer service, and participation in some PREP activities are required.

Confirmation Information:

Since the Sacrament of Confirmation has been moved from 6th grade to 8th grade, there will be no Confirmation until 2020. The fifth grade going into 6th grade for 2018-2019 will complete the 6th grade curriculum. Then the following year, the 6th grade going into 7th grade for 2019-2020 they will spend the entire year preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. We are waiting for the Archdiocese to confirm a fall Confirmation date for 2020.

Throughout the Archdiocese schools moved to either a 7th grade spring Confirmation or a fall or spring Confirmation for 8th grade. We have asked for a fall of 8th grade Confirmation Mass so that we would have the entire year of 7th grade to prepare the students. Then in the fall complete the preparation and celebrate the sacrament.

The fall of 8th grade, the students will not be charged a yearly PREP fee. Instead, they will pay only the \$75.00 fee that is used for the musicians for Confirmation Mass, their robes, the gift for the Bishop, and any other necessity for the celebration. We will then schedule several meetings/sessions to prepare for the celebration (but it will not be every week). We are still in the process of working this all out, but I wanted to try to provide you with some information to help you understand what our plans are with the change. It is very difficult especially for PREP students to fully prepare for Confirmation in just 1 year. Things are often very rushed and more time and care should be taken. Teachers, Leaders, and Pastors especially felt that students were not adequately prepared.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have additional questions or concerns, Msgr. Diamond would be happy to discuss this further. Please schedule a time to call or meet with him if you feel it is necessary.

We are also in need of teachers and aides for the 2018-2019 PREP year. If you are feeling called by the Lord to help with this ministry, please let me know and I would be happy to provide additional information.

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I am looking forward to working with your families again next year!

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