

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT FAITH FORMATION

Greetings to our MBS Faith Formation Families!

A very special announcement for families with **middle school and high school students!**

In January 2024, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley approved a proposal that lowers the age of confirmation within the Archdiocese of Boston from tenth grade to eighth grade.

Please read the attached letter from Cardinal O'Malley.

https://mcusercontent.com/887b49e11d421a3545eb0704f/files/6e5ba572-f367-b02d-a355-ef6d87a09930/ConfirmationAge_Boston_2024.pdf?mc_cid=ce43436233&mc_eid=8ae7f27543

We will be adapting our Faith Formation program over the next few years to transition in order to accommodate this change.

Here is what our program will look like:

2025-2026 – Student entering 8th and 9th grade in the fall of 2025, will receive Confirmation in the Spring 2026.

2026-2027 - Students entering the 7th grade in the fall of 2025, will receive Confirmation in Spring of 2027.

Going forward from there, all students in the 8th grade will receive confirmation in the spring of their 8th grade year.

We learn in the Catechism that *“Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his actions, his gifts, and his biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life”*. CCC 1309.

Our program will contain an invitation and instruction on how to participate in the life of the Church as an expression of lived faith in the person of Jesus Christ. The expectation is that candidates have an earnest desire for the sacrament, openness to living a Christian life, and have been exposed to catechetical instruction and Christian practice at some point leading up to or during their preparation. *Church Guidelines: CCC 1309*

Please share this news with your friends in our community. We look forward to working together with you and your children as we transition. If you are interested in volunteering for the school year 2025-2026, please reach out to us via email. Tuition is waived for volunteers. Thank you.

Gratefully in Christ,

Kathy Casey, Faith Formation Coordinator