

Called To Mercy

2018-2019 Confirmation Program

St. Matthew's & Shepherd of the Hills

Confirmation Date: Thursday, April 4th 7pm @ SMC

Called to Mercy: a new kind of Confirmation program

Called to Mercy is a Confirmation program that combines the best of all learning experiences, tapping the strength and appeal of online learning with the power of interspersed, gathered, face-to-face sessions. This Confirmation curriculum offers ten online learning modules, five gathered community-building sessions, and a retreat. The result: engaging, relevant, and deeply reflective opportunities for a true spiritual conversion to lives that give witness to Jesus' call and the Church's mission of mercy.

Responsive Design

Called to Mercy is a responsive eLearning website that allows young people to easily access the online learning modules anytime, from anywhere, on any device that connects to the internet.



Mobile



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Desktop

Online Modules

Called to Mercy's online learning modules can be accessed from any browser or device, allowing leaders to reach young people despite their busy schedules. Each module engages participants with learning activities and real-life scenarios that will grab young people's attention, regardless of their learning style or personality type. And the digital platform breaks down social inhibition and welcomes deeper and more honest sharing by removing any sense of social pressure and judgment.

Online modules must be completed by 11:59pm (midnight) of the dates below. Students are more than welcomed to work ahead, but to help keep the Gathered Sessions on track, an outline of module deadlines has been provided below. Each module takes roughly 10-15 minutes to complete. Please contact the DRE if you are having difficulty completing the modules in a timely manner.

<u>Module</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Module 1: Nice to Meet You!	Mon, Oct 1 st , 2018
Module 2: True Happiness	Mon, Oct 1 st , 2018
Module 3: The Gift of Happiness	Thurs, Nov 1 st , 2018
Module 4: Doing What We Believe	Thurs, Nov 1 st , 2018
Module 5: Guides along the Way	Sat, Dec 1 st , 2018
Module 6: When We Hurt	Sat, Dec 1 st , 2018
Module 7: What's It All About?	Tue, Jan 1 st , 2019
Module 8: It's Me and We	Tue, Jan 1 st , 2019
Module 9: Beyond These Walls	Fri, Feb 1 st , 2019
Module 10: Confirmed to Witness Mercy	Fri, Feb 1 st , 2019

Gathered Community Sessions

The following Gathered Community Sessions are the **required sessions that teens must attend in person**. Different from the modules, the five gathered sessions are interspersed throughout the preparation process to reinforce themes from the Confirmation curriculum, build community, and help teens put into practice the things they have been learning.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun, Sep 9 th , 2018	10:30-11:30am	Session 1	St. Matthew's
Sun, Oct 14 th , 2018	10:00-11:30am	Session 2	St. Matthew's
Sat, Jan 12 th , 2019	9:00am-5:00pm	Retreat	St. Matthew's
Sun, Feb 24 th , 2019	10:00am-3:30pm	Sessions 3 & 4	St. Matthew's
Sun, May 5 th , 2018	1:00-2:30pm	Session 5	St. Matthew's

Session 1: Parent/Guardian and Young Person Introductory Session

- Overview and introduction to *Called to Mercy*

Session 2: Called to Serve

- Choosing a work of mercy that the group will engage in through a communal day of service

Session 3: Putting into Practice

- Community building and reflection on the call of living faith

Session 4: Service Day

- All-day service session (planned during Session 2)

Session 5: Mystagogia

- Post-Confirmation gathering to reflect and consider "what's next?"

High School Formation Attendance

St. Matthew's and Shepherd of the Hills juniors are expected to also attend high school formation the first Sunday of the month. *Called to Mercy* was purposefully chosen as the Confirmation curriculum because it does not interfere with the High School schedule by requiring students to come in weekly (or even bi-weekly) for classes. Therefore, it is expected that Juniors attend formation on a regular basis. SMSA must complete *Called to Mercy* and attend all Confirmation in-person sessions.

Additional Due Dates

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Confirmation Registration Form	October 1 st , 2018
Letter to the Bishop	February 3 rd , 2019
Sponsor/ Confirmandi Take-Home Interview	February 3 rd , 2019
Service Hours (15 Parish & 15 Community)	March 3 rd , 2019

Log-In and Access Code Information



1. Go to *mlearn.smp.org/enroll*.
2. Enter access code: Please see attached sheet.
3. Enter parent/guardian information and young person information.
4. Read and agree to the terms of service. If the young person is under 13 years of age, a parent/guardian must agree to the terms.
5. Receive a confirmation e-mail. (Both the parent/guardian and the young person will receive this.)
6. Open the e-mail and click on the link to reset your password. Create a new password and save changes. Then click "Continue."
7. Log in with your e-mail address and password.
8. Select your course and begin with learning module 1.
9. Move through the 10 modules sequentially, completing them by the dates indicated on the handout.

Last	First	Group	Understanding Catholicism Code	Called 2 Mercy Code
Beisbier	Sarah	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Berres	Eli	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Casey	Dalton	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Danza	Madi	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Donigain	Isabella	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Donigain	Myah	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Egle	Cayla	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Engel	Jared	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Engel	Trevor	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Falk	Ryan	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Fleischman	Drake	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Fleischman	Nicholas	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Genz	Gracie	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Gierach	Lucas	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Gilles	Melissa	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Grahl	Sam	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Hammes	Paige	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Harter	Carson	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Jandre	Megan	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Jungers	Daley	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Kissinger	Amber	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Koffman	Jacob	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Lamberton	Nathan	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Loehr	Calla	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Loehr	Julianna	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Mugan	Levi	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Narges	Shayley	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Nerat	Grace	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Oelke	Caitlin	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Pierret	Elizabeth	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Ramskugler	Randall (Trey)	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Scannell	Bret	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Schrauth	Autumn	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Schueffner	Trent	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Sinjakovic	Colin	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Strupp	Michael	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Taylor	Allison	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	4mwq53ds
Urban	Devyn	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Urban	Dylan	Fear of the Lord (11-B)	4ndgw7wm	kqkvyker
Walsh	Kade	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6
Welsh	Cora	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	8f9mmk6t
Yahr	Andrea	Piety (11-A)	ck646rks	fd43vpw6

2018-19 High School Formation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 9th, 2018	Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting	10:30-11:30am	SMC
Sunday, October 7th, 2018	High School Formation	12:00-1:30pm	SOTH
Sunday, October 14th, 2018	Confirmation Class	10am-11:30am	SMC
Sunday, November 4th, 2018	High School Formation	10:30-12:00pm	SMC
Sunday, December 2nd, 2018	High School Formation	12:00-1:30pm	SOTH
Sunday, December 9th, 2018	Santa Breakfast (SMC Teens <i>must</i> help)	8am-11:30am	SMC
Sunday, January 6th, 2019	High School Formation	10:30-12:00pm	SMC
Saturday, January 12th, 2019	Confirmation Retreat	9am-5pm	SMC
Sunday, February 3rd, 2019	High School Formation Grade 11 Letters to Bishop Haines Due	12:00-1:30pm	SOTH
Sunday, February 10th, 2019	Valetine's Brunch (SOTH Teens <i>must</i> help)	9-12:30pm	SOTH
Sunday, February 24th, 2019	Confirmation Class	10:00-3:30pm	SMC
Sunday, March 3rd, 2019	High School Formation	12:00-1:30pm	SOTH
Sunday, March 31st, 2019	Confirmation Practice	7:00-8:30pm	SMC
Thursday, April 4th, 2019	Confirmation (Arrive by 6:30pm)	7:00-9:00	SMC
Sunday, April 7th, 2019	High School Formation	10:30-12:00pm	SMC
Sunday, May 5th, 2019	Confirmation Class (Mystagogy)	1:00-3:30pm	SMC

Attendance and Online Formation Expectations

Students	Online Formation	Required (In-Person) Attendance
Public School Grades 9 & 10	Understanding Catholicism (UC) Required	All High School Formation Classes
Public School Grade 11	UC & Called to Mercy Required	All Dates and one Breakfast
SMSA Grades 9 & 10	UC Optional	Brunch Help Required
SMSA Grade 11	Called to Mercy Required	All Confirmation Dates & 1 Brunch Required

St. Matthew's & Shepherd of the Hills Religious Education Program (9-12)



LOG OF SERVICE HOURS

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS: A total of 30 service hours is a requirement for Confirmation. 10 hours should be completed per year to obtain 30 service hours. Of those 10, 5 hours of service should be completed for your Parish (SOTH or St. Matt's) and 5 for the community. Participating in a summer mission trip will fulfill all 5 community service hours in a year.

*****PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*****

Student _____ Grade _____

Date of Service _____

Number of Service Hours _____ Parish Community

Description of Service _____

Print Name of Service Leader _____

Service Leader Contact Phone _____

Service Leader Signature _____

Please return completed forms to the Religious Education Office.

Authorized By _____

Recorded _____

WRITING A LETTER TO THE CONFIRMING BISHOP (DUE FEB 3, 2019)

Prior to Confirmation, each confirmation candidate is required to write a letter to the confirming bishop. **Bishop Haines** will be the confirming presider.

The letter should include:

1. A brief introduction of yourself
2. An expression of your desire to be confirmed and why
3. The name of the saint chosen as the Confirmation name and why you picked this name
4. An explanation of the service projects you participated in -- what did you learn through your experiences about those you served? about yourself? about the Church? about the message of Jesus?
5. Some words about your personal faith growth – past, present, and future
6. An explanation of how you will live out the commitment made through Confirmation
 - The letter should be typed. Be sure to type your name at the bottom and SIGN your letter by hand above your name.
 - Letter length should be at least a half page and no more than two pages.
 - The letter should be neatly folded and placed into an envelope labeled “[*Confirmation name*] Bishop Letter”
 - A. DO NOT fold the envelope.
 - B. DO NOT include anything other than the letter to the bishop in the envelope.
 - **Letters to the Bishop are due in the Religious Education office by February 3, 2019 so they can be forwarded to the bishop.**

Below is an example of what you might write in your letter to the bishop. Please DO NOT copy the letter word for word, but do try to include the six points mentioned above. Write to the bishop with seriousness and respect – but also write ‘from your heart’.

Dear Bishop Haines,

I have been preparing for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for quite some time, and I would like to be confirmed in my faith. I would like to be ‘sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit’.

As a teenager, I realize that more and more maturity will be expected from me. This is true of my faith life also. I would like to be strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit as I continue on my journey of faith.

To prepare for this sacrament, I have faithfully attended the catechetical instructions at my parish, and tried to be of service to others by (list here the specific ways you have been of service to others). In the future, I intend to continue serving my community by (list ways you intend to continue being of service after you have been confirmed). I have chosen St. [your saint name here] as my Confirmation name because [explanation].

As you can see, I have chosen to be part of the mission of Christ. I am now formally requesting the sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you very much.

Gratefully,

(Your full name)

Confirmation candidate of _____ Parish

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

According to the Sacramental Guidelines for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Sponsors must:

- A. Be designated by the one who is to be confirmed.
- B. Be at least 16 years old.
- C. Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- D. Lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role that is to be undertaken.
- E. Cannot be the father or mother of the one who is to be confirmed.

The Church encourages candidates to choose one of their baptismal godparents as their sponsor because the Confirmation sponsor continues the godparents' role of helping young people fulfill their baptismal promises.

While parents are not to serve as sponsors, their role in the faith development of their child is not to be underplayed or minimized. A proxy may fill in for a sponsor who is unable to attend Confirmation.

After choosing a sponsor, please have them complete the back of the Confirmation Registration Form. Sheets are due to the Religious Education Office by October 1, 2018.

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

Parents introduce you to the Church at baptism when you receive your name. Parents and godparents agree to share their faith with you, to support you in learning about Christian beliefs, and to help you develop spiritually. Confirmation completes your initiation into the full life of Christians.

At Confirmation, you choose a saint name or affirm the name given to you at baptism. Every candidate should have a saint's name. If you wish to choose a name other than your baptismal name, here are some ideas to help you choose a Confirmation name:

- Choose the name of a saint who represents a cause you find important.
- Choose the name of someone in the bible whom you admire.
- Choose the name of someone in your life who has influenced your faith or has been a living witness of the Spirit to you. It should also be a saint's name.
- Affirm the name your parents gave you at baptism.

Resources on Saints and Saints' names can be found in the Religious Education Office and on the Called to Mercy App.

Sponsor's Side (To help take notes)**Due Feb 3, 2019****Name _____**

The following questions are to be asked during a conversation between the sponsor and confirmand. It is recommended the conversation take place in the church or another special place of prayer.

The questions below are for the sponsor to ask the confirmand during the conversation

1. Why have you decided to be confirmed?

2. How do you think Confirmation will help you in life?

3. Your parents had you baptized in the Catholic faith. Why do you want to continue being Catholic?

4. How have you seen God working in your life?

5. Do you feel close to God right now? Why?

6. What is your prayer life like?

7. Where are you on Church participation? Do you attend regularly, occasionally, or seldom? What do you get from the Mass when you attend?

8. With Confirmation you will become an adult member of the church. What does this mean to you?

9. How do you think you will live your life as an adult member of the church?

10. What talent or gift can you bring to the community?

Confirmand's Side (To help take notes) Due Feb 3, 2019 Name _____

The following questions are to be asked during a conversation between the sponsor and confirmand. It is recommended the conversation take place in the church or another special place of prayer.

Sponsor Interview Questions (ask these questions to your sponsor during your conversation)

1. Why have you decided to stay Catholic?

2. What was your Confirmation like?

3. Who is Jesus for you?

4. How has God worked in your life?

5. How do you show in your daily life that you have accepted your responsibility as a confirmed Catholic?

6. Do you feel close to God right now? Why?

7. What is your prayer life like?

8. How have you been involved in Church activities? Why have you chosen to be active/not active in the Church community?

9. How have you furthered your faith life since being confirmed?

10. How can we grow in our faith together after I am Confirmed? Will you come with me to Mass?

St. Matthew's & Shepherd of the Hills CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Confirmation Candidate

Name _____
First Name (Baptismal) Middle Name (required) Last Name

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
M/F

Home Address _____
Street or PO Box City Zip Code

Telephone _____ Email _____

Father _____
First Name Last Name

Mother _____
First Name Last Name Maiden Name

Parish of Baptism (All information required)

_____ Parish (specific location required) City State
Date of Baptism (Month/Day/Year required) _____

If baptism occurred at a Parish other than St. Matthew's or Shepherd of the Hills, please include a copy of the baptismal certificate even if you have already submitted a copy in earlier years. .

Current Parish of Membership (Please Check One):

St. Matthew's Parish Shepherd of the Hills Parish

Other _____
Parish City State.

Confirmation Sponsor (Must be a practicing, Confirmed Catholic)

Name _____
First Name Last Name

Relationship to Confirmation Candidate _____

Home Address _____
Street or PO Box City Zip Code

Telephone _____ Email _____

Parish of Membership _____
Parish City State

Please have your Confirmation Sponsor complete the Sponsor Information and Pledge on the backside of this sheet.

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
BY October 1st, 2018**

Sponsor Pledge Form

If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation for a student at Shepherd of the Hills, please complete the form below and sign the bottom. **Completed forms should be returned to the Religious Education Office by October 1st, 2018.**

Name of Sponsor: _____

I am a Confirmation Sponsor for: _____
Name of Confirmation Candidate

- I affirm that I have received the three sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- I regularly participate at Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the parish life of the Church by my interest, support and loving responses to those I meet in daily life.
- I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the example of my Catholic faith as practiced in my daily life.

Sponsor Signature: _____

Signature of Parish Priest: _____

Parish: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sponsor Pledge

Your role as a sponsor, in the preparation of this young adult for Confirmation, is of the utmost importance. As a sponsor, it is your duty to walk closely with your candidate throughout the upcoming months. You will not, however, be in this alone. First and foremost, trust in the Spirit to guide you in this all-important ministry; secondly, we will also give you direction and assistance throughout the process.

We want you to understand what will be required of you, so before you say yes to your candidate, please read and reflect upon the following...

As a Confirmation sponsor, I will reflect upon the following with your candidate:

- **Why I go to Sunday Mass on a regular basis.**
- **How I have contributed my service to others and to the church.**
- **How I pray and why I pray.**
- **When/if I have doubted and how I dealt with those doubts.**
- **People who have been examples of faith to me.**

As a Confirmation sponsor, I will accept the following responsibilities:

- **Share the gift of myself and the gift of my faith with the candidate.**
- **Pray with and for the candidate and make sure that they are participating in the worship life of their parish.**
- **Be a role model in the area of service to others.**
- **Participate in the interview process with my confirmand**

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____