

8th & 9th Grade Student & Family Statement of Agreement Regarding:

HMC CONFIRMATION 1 ENROLLMENT IN FAITH FORMATION, 2017-2018

I _____, *FIRST & LAST NAME (PLEASE PRINT)* **ALONG WITH MY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)** _____, *FIRST & LAST NAME (PLEASE PRINT)*

ACKNOWLEDGE OUR AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOLLOWING, AS IT PERTAINS TO CONFIRMATION PREPARATION, AS PART OF FAITH FORMATION, AT HOLY MOTHER OF CONSOLATION PARISH, IN OREGON, WISCONSIN:

Article 1: Confirmation. That, beginning in Fall 2017, my registration in HMC’s Faith Formation program as an 8th or 9th Grader is automatically an enrollment in a two-year process designed to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2019. I further understand this is a two-year process by virtue of a requirement of the Diocese of Madison: that there be at least one complete year of formal religious instruction during the school year PRIOR to a student receiving any church sacrament.

Article 2: Classes. That these two years of preparation take place during regular 8th, 9th, and 10th Grade Faith Formation classes which are currently referred to as “Confirmation 1” and “Confirmation 2.” Further, that I must be at least an incoming 8th or 9th Grader to take Confirmation 1—though I may also enroll in Confirmation 1 as a sophomore or junior—and that I must *successfully complete* Confirmation 1 in order to be admitted into Confirmation 2—ie, I will need to make up any missed classes or sacraments (ARTICLES 4 and 5).

Article 3: Attendance. That I must maintain adequate attendance during BOTH years of Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2. Namely: No more than three (3) hours of class time can be missed during either year, including accumulated time deducted for habitual tardiness; that anything beyond those three hours need to be made up as verifiable homework assignments.

Article 4: Prior Sacraments. That I have been baptized into a recognized Christian church and am able to provide formal documentation (ie: copy of a signed baptismal certificate). Further, that I have also formally received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion within the Catholic Church. I understand that if any of these sacraments are missing or questionable, it’s my responsibility to inform HMC’s Faith Formation office ASAP—and that reception of Confirmation may therefore be deferred, depending on the level of preparation needed for missing sacraments. Finally, I understand that—using this two-year preparation process—the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be conferred in the same school year as a missing sacrament; that is to say, part of being in Confirmation 1 is getting “caught up” in any missing prior sacraments...Confirmation 2 is far too busy a year to be adding anything extra to a Confirmation student’s plate.

Article 5: Extra Requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation. That, aside from successful completion of coursework described above, I will also need to fulfill ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS in order to be confirmed during the timeframe noted here—that such requirements are usual and customary for Confirmation candidates in the Diocese of Madison, including:

- (a) Regular Mass attendance, at HMC or another parish. Verification of Mass attendance doesn’t currently exist but may in the future.
- (b) A minimum of 20 Service Hours, to be completed at least 1 month prior to conferral of Confirmation—consisting of the type of service as described by HMC’s “Service Hour Explanation & Tally Sheet.” I understand that I can find a copy of the Service Hours form (along with THIS FORM and OTHER FORMS referenced here) on HMC’s parish website, at <http://holymotherchurch.weconnect.com/Confirmation>. I further understand that I can now begin completing, tracking, and “banking” these hours beginning the summer that I complete 7th Grade.
- (c) IN ADDITION, that the following must be completed during Confirmation 2 year (ie, the 2018-2019 school year):
 - _ Parent/Guardian participation in one of several “Family Orientation” sessions offered at the parish during September.
 - _ Completion of an overnight parish-sponsored Confirmation retreat in November (or one of several approved alternatives, which are the responsibility of the family/candidate to register for and complete).
 - _ Return of HMC’s official “Confirmation Enrollment” sheet: detailing sponsor’s name, candidate’s baptismal information, etc.
 - _ Participation in HMC’s “Rite of Acceptance & Welcome,” typically at 10:15 Mass the Sunday after OHS’s January final exams.
 - _ Participation in Confirmation practice, typically at the end of 10:15 Mass on the Sunday preceding Regional Confirmation.

Article 5: Fulfilling these Requirements. That completion of the above-mentioned requirements are MANDATORY for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during the time period noted above. That Confirmation will be delayed until the requirements mentioned here are satisfactorily completed. That students are not penalized in any way should they decide to defer or prolong their sacramental preparation over a longer stretch of time, in essence taking longer than two years to complete the requirements outlined here. In fact: Because HMC does not confirm during a specific year of high school—only at the conclusion of successfully completing Confirmation 2 and all additional Confirmation-related requirements—students who, because of extremely busy schedules, have difficulty completing these requirements in two years are heartily encouraged to take the additional time needed rather than “cram” any requirements in. *A final note: Students who have disabilities that may prevent or prolong completion of any of the above should inquire with the Director of Faith Formation for suitable adaptations.*

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PLEASE SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THIS STATEMENT (to HMC’s Faith Formation Office),
along with the regular HMC Faith Formation registration form for this and/or other children whom you are enrolling.

Signature of enrolling HMC Student in Confirmation 1: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____