

*The Church of the Nativity
Religious Education Department
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**8th Grade Confirmation Program 2023-2024
Instructions and Calendar**

*Classes are held Tuesday or Wednesday, 7pm – 8:15pm. Class attendance is mandatory.

*All forms in your confirmation packet must be completed. These forms include:

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| -Application | -Confirmation Name |
| -Letter to Father Chris | -Sponsor Reflection |
| -Personal Reflection | -Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility |

DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED TO YOUR PARISH GIVING ACCOUNT UNDER FAMILY DOCUMENTS. Each document has its own heading under the Family Documents tab. Please contact the RE office if you have problems uploading any documents.

*A total of at least 12 mass quizzes must be completed and placed in the 8th grade mailbox in the side entrance of the Church after mass between September 3rd and March 10th. On the nativitychurchnj.org website, quizzes can be printed from the main page. Be sure to refresh your browser before printing to ensure you have the correct quiz. Remember to put your name on the quizzes and the mass you attended (date and time). Weekend mass readings can be found next in the link next to the quiz to help you answer the questions.

*You **must attend** the All Saints Day or All Souls Day service (7 pm), Advent service (7:15pm) and any Ash Wednesday service. You **must** also attend at least two Holy Hours throughout the year (Holy Hours are the following Thursdays at 7pm):

September 14 th	January 11 th
October 12 th	February 8 th
November 9 th	March 14 th
December 14 th	

A sign-in sheet will be available at each service mass and Holy Hour.

*6 hours of volunteer church/community service are required. Documentation from your service organization can be turned in as completed.

*You will attend The Rite of Enrollment service (at which you will sign your Confirmation Covenant), a Penance service and the Confirmation Retreat. Dates for these events are listed on the calendar.

*Students are strongly encouraged to attend The Diocesan Youth Conference held at Red Bank Catholic High School on Saturday, February 3rd 2024. The time is TBD. Check www.DOTYOUTH.org/DYC for details. This event is an excellent way to connect with peers beyond our own parish and schools.

*Students will read a biography of Blessed Carlo Acutis and be familiar with the information. The book will be provided to you before Christmas break (book must be returned in March).

*If you are absent, you must make up the missed lesson online:

-Log on to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>. Save this link in your computer. You do not need login credentials to access the lessons or activities.

-Watch the six videos of the lesson/season of the class you missed. You will be emailed the crossword puzzle and word bank. Bring the completed crossword puzzle when you return to class the following week.

-You can access the workbook (Confirmation workbook) if you wish to read along with the videos.

*Excessive absences will be addressed with parents by RE administration.

*Due to the high number of Confirmation students, Confirmation dates and times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. The RE Department CANNOT guarantee a requested time. Extreme circumstances will be considered, but space is limited. We ask that you plan carefully and well in advance to avoid changes once a student has signed up for a date and time. The sign-up times will be made available after January 1, 2024. The RE Department greatly appreciates your cooperation.

*The RE Department maintains a complete list of student requirement compliance. Contact the office if you need to check your progress.

*Please contact the RE Department with any questions or concerns.