

Confirmation Prep. Alternate Assignment

If you must miss one of the Confirmation Preparation Sessions, the following alternate assignment may be completed. All four elements of the assignment are required and must be submitted to the confirmation coordinator by the deadline prescribed in the assignment. You may not make up more than two Confirmation Prep. Sessions with an alternate assignment.

1. In 500 – 1000 words, describe your necessity for missing one of the Confirmation Sacrament Preparation Sessions. Explain why that event/function is more important than preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (This essay is due no later than one week before the session to be missed.)

Your essay must be typed and submitted via e-mail to Kevin White at kwhite@saintedward.com. Additionally a copy should be printed and signed by the student, a parent and an official or representative of the event/function that you will be attending instead of the Confirmation Prep. Session (example: coach, choir director, etc.)

2. Research the topic for the session that you are going to miss. (Refer to page 7 in the Confirmation Program Guide booklet for a schedule of topics.) Write a research paper on the Catholic teachings regarding this topic and its specific importance to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your paper should:
 - a. Be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font.
 - b. Be a minimum of 3 pages double spaced
 - c. Use and cite at least 3 reputable sources (www.vatican.va, www.usccb.org, www.newadvent.org, The New American Bible, The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, or other reputable Catholic Sources.)
 - d. Be e-mailed to Kevin White at kwhite@saintedward.com
3. Meet with your sponsor (either in person or over the phone) and discuss your findings in your research. Talk about how the teachings of the church on this topic have affected your faith life. What insight can your sponsor give you concerning these teachings of the faith. How do you feel about your newly found knowledge and how it will continue to form you as a Catholic. Summarize your conversation in a few paragraphs and submit it with your research paper.
4. Attend Holy Hour the Thursday before or the Thursday after the session that you will be missing at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Pray about the topic of the session that you will be missing in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Prepare a brief reflection on the benefits that you received in attending Holy Hour that week.

Elements 2,3 and 4 of this alternate assignment are due before the Confirmation Prep. Session AFTER the one missed. (Example: if you are missing the October session, your assignment is due BEFORE the November session.)