

# CONFIRMATION PORTFOLIO

Each candidate for Confirmation will have the responsibility of creating a portfolio beginning in 6th grade containing documentation of specific activities or exercises completed during their preparation for the sacrament. The portfolios will be kept with the teachers, and as each element is completed the student will add that paper or document to their portfolio. At the time of the Confirmation Interview in the spring of 8th grade, the completed portfolio will be sent to the Parish Staff member conducting those candidates' interviews. The portfolio will be one of the major resources used during the interview. Students will have access to their portfolios during the hours of the Religious Education Office and during class time.

Portfolios are to be completed by **January**. Confirmation interviews will begin in February.

## **ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PORTFOLIO:**

### **SIXTH GRADE**

- Essay "What the Bible Means to Me"
- Essay "Favorite Person" (in the Old Testament of the Bible)
- Synagogue worksheet
- participate in 6th grade studies and/or grade level test with a passing score

### **SEVENTH GRADE**

- Essay on service your parent has given or currently provides
- "Who is Jesus to me?" essay
- participate in service project(s) coordinated by St. Mary's service coordinator, and follow up by submitting reflection sheet(s) of the experience
- participate in 7th grade studies and/or grade level test with a passing score

### **EIGHTH GRADE**

- Enrollment Promise (during Mass)
- Essay on describing yourself
- Report on your Patron Saint
- Essay on "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
- A personal creed
- Letter to the Bishop
- Reflection sheet(s) on your "independent" service project(s) with a commitment to over ten hours of service to others outside your immediate family (to be completed by January)