



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## “TRACK B” CONFIRMATION PREP SCHEDULE 2025 – 2026

\*\*\* for 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Students in Queen of Angels School AND St. Matthias School \*\*\*

- 1) Most instruction will take place during the school day in Religion class. Some classes (2 with parents and/or Sponsors, 4 with all students) will take place Monday evenings, 6:45pm to 8:30pm.
- 2) Religious Education students at Queen of Apostles Parish should see the Track A schedule. Underlined dates listed below also appear on the Track A schedule for RE students.

SEPTEMBER 2025	22	<u>First Class – Parents/Guardians &amp; Candidates</u> ( <i>jóvenes con padres</i> ) 6:45pm to 8:30pm, at Queen of Angels Church, 2330 W. Sunnyside
OCTOBER	01 & 02	WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY in Religion
	04-05	<u>WEEKEND MASSES – Rite of Enrollment</u> ( <i>arr. 15 min. early</i> ) Blessing & Commitment at any parish Mass: Sunday 8am at St M Church; Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am, 11am, 12:30pm ( <i>español</i> ) at Q of A Church
	08 & 09	WED. & THURS. in Religion – <i>Discipleship Form due Thursday</i>
	20	<u>MONDAY EVENING Class</u> in Mission Hall, 4412 N. Western
	29 & 30	WED. & THURS. in Religion – <i>Sponsor Form due Thursday</i>
NOVEMBER	05 & 06	WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY in Religion
	09	<u>SUNDAY – Family Masses:</u> 8am at St M, 9am at Q of Angels
	10	<u>Class – Sponsors, Parents &amp; Candidates</u> ( <i>jóvenes con padrinos y padres</i> ) 6:45pm-8:30pm at St. Matthias Church (Ainslie & Claremont)
	15	<u>SATURDAY – Retreat I “Never Alone”</u> with guest presenters 12noon-6pm at Q of Angels Church Lunch & snacks provided. Families & Sponsors are invited to join for 5pm Mass in English.
	19 & 20	WED. & THURS. in Religion – <i>Conf. Name reflection due Thursday</i>
DECEMBER	03 & 04	WED. [& THURS.] in Religion [ <i>shorter session with confessions prep</i> ]
	10 & 11	WED. [& THURS.] in Religion [ <i>shorter session for Track A</i> ]
	17 & 18	WED. & THURS. in Religion to begin writing Pastor Letters
JANUARY 2026	07 & 08	WED. & THURS. in Religion – <i>Pastor Letters due Thursday</i>
	12	<u>MONDAY EVENING Class</u> with guest speakers
	26	<u>MONDAY EVENING Class</u> with guest presenters
	30	<u>FRIDAY – Retreat II “Purify My Heart”</u> with Reconciliation at St. Matthias (Gym and Church) <i>en S. Matías (Gimnasio y Iglesia)</i> <u>Candidates 4:30-8:30pm</u> ( <i>jóvenes 4:30-8:30pm</i> ) <u>with Parents &amp; Sponsors 6:30-8:30pm</u> ( <i>con padres y padrinos 6:30-8:30pm</i> )
FEBRUARY	04 & 05	WED. & THURS. in Religion – <i>Service documentation due Wednesday</i>
	11 & 12	WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY in Religion
	23	<u>MONDAY EVENING Class</u> with guest speakers
MARCH	04	<u>WEDNESDAY – Confirmation Practices</u> 6pm-7pm in St. Matthias Church for English-only AM Mass 7:30pm-8:30pm in Queen of Angels Church for Bilingual PM Mass <i>Practice for Candidate &amp; Sponsor(s). Ensayo para el joven y padrino(s).</i>
	07	<u>SATURDAY – CONFIRMATION MASSES</u> w/ Bishop Turley 10am at St. Matthias Church in English only 1:30pm at Queen of Angels Church <u>bilingually</u> in English & Spanish <i>Local reception &amp; photos to follow each Mass. Con recepción y fotos.</i>

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## ATTENDANCE POLICY and FURTHER NOTES ON THE SCHEDULE

CANDIDATES for Confirmation should attend all classes and retreats as listed on their schedule. **Not participating regularly in Confirmation Prep will result in not being adequately prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.** Excessive absences may be a sign that the Candidate is not able to commit to the preparation process at this time, which may delay their Confirmation.

- **Absences** from class or other events due to illness or conflict should be documented with a note, email, phone call, text message to Ms. Rachel Hohner, [rhohner@qofachicago.org](mailto:rhohner@qofachicago.org) or **312-857-6782**. Please also contact Ms. Hohner to discuss any ongoing attendance issue or conflict.
- If the Candidate misses either **RETREAT I** or **RETREAT II**, scheduled for November 15, 2025 and January 30, 2026, the Candidate should make up the absence with an alternative retreat or experience.
  - **Retreat I Alternative:** Alternatives for Retreat I may be identified later on.
  - **Retreat II Alternative:** Make-up packet and participation in parish confessions on a Saturday morning in February, 9am-9:30am at Queen of Angels Church.
- One **PARENT** or **GUARDIAN** should attend with the Candidate on September 22, 2025 and November 10, 2025, and should join the Candidate for the second half of Retreat II on January 30, 2026. *If a parent or guardian is unable to attend, a **Sponsor or another responsible adult relative** should accompany the Candidate.*
- The **SPONSOR(S)** should attend with the Candidate on November 10, 2025 and March 4, 2026, and should join the Candidate for the second half of Retreat II on January 30, 2026. *If the Sponsor is unable to attend, a **parent/guardian or another responsible adult relative** should accompany the Candidate.*
- The Candidate will need to sign up for an **INTERVIEW** with a parish staff member outside of class time during January or February. Appointments will be available after school, on weeknight evenings and on Saturday mornings.
- The **SPONSOR** must be present for the Confirmation Mass on March 7, 2026 or a non-parent proxy will need to be chosen. Parents and Candidates should make sure that family, loved ones and friends are invited to share in this special day.

## ASISTENCIA y MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL CALENDARIO

Los **CANDIDATOS** para Confirmación deben de asistir a todas las clases y retiros que figuran en su calendario. **No participar regularmente en la Preparación para la Confirmación resultará en no estar adecuadamente preparado para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación.** Las ausencias excesivas pueden ser una señal de que el Candidato no puede comprometerse con el proceso de preparación en este momento; esto puede retrasar su Confirmación.

- **Las ausencias** de clase u otros eventos debido a enfermedad o conflicto deben documentarse con una nota, mensaje de correo electrónico, llamada o mensaje de texto a la Srta. Rachel Hohner al [rhohner@qofachicago.org](mailto:rhohner@qofachicago.org) o al **312-857-6782**. Comuníquese también con la Srta. Hohner para discutir cualquier problema o conflictos frecuentes de asistencia.
- Si el Candidato se falta **RETIRO I** o **RETIRO II**, 15 de noviembre de 2025 y el 30 de enero de 2026, el Candidato debe completar una experiencia alternativa.
  - **Alternativa al Retiro I:** Es posible que más adelante se identifiquen alternativas para el Retiro I.
  - **Alternativa al Retiro II:** Paquete de hojas con preguntas y participación en confesiones parroquiales un sábado por la mañana en febrero, de 9am-9:30am en la Iglesia Reina de los Ángeles.
- Un **PADRE** o **TUTOR** deberá de asistir junto con el Candidato el 22 de septiembre del 2025 y 10 de noviembre de 2025, y debe unirse al Candidato para la segunda mitad del Retiro II el 30 de enero de 2026. *Si por alguna razón el padre/guardián no puede asistir, un **padrino/madrina u otro pariente responsable** deberá acompañar al Candidato.*
- El **PADRINO** o **MADRINA** deberá de asistir junto con el Candidato el 10 de noviembre del 2025 y el 4 de marzo de 2026, y y debe unirse al Candidato para la segunda mitad del Retiro II el 30 de enero de 2026. *Si por alguna razón el Padrino o Madrina no puede asistir con el Candidato en estas fechas, un **padre/tutor u otro pariente responsable** deberá acompañar al Candidato.*
- El Candidato deberá inscribirse para una **ENTREVISTA** con un miembro del personal parroquial fuera del horario de clases durante enero o febrero. Las citas estarán disponibles durante la semana por las tardes y los sábados por la mañana.
- El **PADRINO** o **MADRINA** debe estar presente el día de la Misa de Confirmación que será el 7 de marzo de 2026, o se necesita elegir un(a) representante. Los papás/tutores y candidatos deben de asegurarse que toda la familia, seres queridos y amigos estén invitados a celebrar este día tan especial.