



QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Worshipping at Queen of Angels Church & St. Matthias Church
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“TRACK A” CONFIRMATION PREP SCHEDULE 2026 – 2027

*** for 2nd Year Students from Religious Education (Catecismo) ***

- 1) All regular classes will take place on Monday evenings in the Parish Center Mission Hall from 6:45pm to 8:30pm. Times and places for other events are noted on the schedule.
- 2) Students in Queen of Angels School or St. Matthias School should see the **Track B schedule**. Underlined dates listed below also appear on the Track B schedule (8th Graders in Catholic Schools).

SEPTEMBER 2026	21	<u>First Class – Parents/Guardians & Candidates</u> (<i>jóvenes con padres</i>) 6:45pm to 8:30pm, at Queen of Angels Church, 2330 W. Sunnyside
	28	<u>Class, 6:45pm to 8:30pm</u> , Mission Hall, 4412 N. Western
OCTOBER	03-04	<u>WEEKEND MASSES – Rite of Enrollment</u> (<i>arr. 15 min. early</i>) Blessing & Commitment at any parish Mass: Sun. 8am St M Church (CFM); Sat. 5pm, Sun. 9am (CFM), 11am, 12:30pm (<i>español</i>) Q of A Church
	05	<u>Class – signed Discipleship Commitment Form due</u>
	12	No Class (Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day Holiday)
	19	<u>Class with special group activity</u>
	26	<u>Class – Sponsor Form due signed by parent/guardian</u>
NOVEMBER	02	No Class (All Souls Day; Evening before Retreat)
	03	<u>TUESDAY – Retreat I “Never Alone”</u> (<i>CPS non-attendance day</i>) 8:30am-2:30pm at Q of Angels Church Lunch & snacks provided.
	09	<u>Class – Sponsors, Parents & Candidates</u> (<i>jóvenes con padrinos y padres</i>) 6:45pm-8:30pm at St. Matthias Church (Ainslie & Claremont)
	16	<u>Class – Confirmation Name reflection paper due</u>
	23	No Class (Thanksgiving Break for CPS)
DECEMBER	30	<u>Class with Advent seasonal confessions</u> (<i>con confesiones de Adviento</i>)
	07	<u>Class</u>
	14	<u>Class – begin writing Pastor Letters in class</u>
JANUARY 2027	21 & 28	No Class (Christmas Break for CPS)
	04	No Class (Christmas Break continues for CPS)
	11	<u>Class with guest speakers</u>
	18	No Class (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
FEBRUARY	25	<u>Class – late Pastor Letters due</u>
	01	<u>Class with guest presenters</u>
	05	<u>FRIDAY – Retreat II “Purify My Heart” with Reconciliation</u> <u>at St. Matthias</u> (Gym and Church) <i>en S. Matías</i> (<i>Gimnasio y Iglesia</i>) <u>Candidates 4:30-8:30pm</u> (<i>jóvenes 4:30-8:30pm</i>) <u>with Parents & Sponsors 6:30-8:30pm</u> (<i>padres y padrinos 6:30-8:30pm</i>)
	08	<u>Class – CRS Rice Bowls distributed at class</u>
	15	No Class (Presidents’ Day Holiday)
MARCH	22	<u>Class</u>
	01	<u>Class – Service Documentation Forms Due</u>
	08	<u>Class with guest speakers</u>
	15	<u>Class</u>
APRIL	22 & 29	No Class (CPS Spring Break & Easter Monday)
	05	No Class (<i>possible replacement class in case of an emergency</i>)
	07	<u>WEDNESDAY – Confirmation Rehearsals (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 & Sponsor(s). Ensayo para el joven y padrino(s).</i>
	10	<u>SATURDAY – CONFIRMATION MASSES w/ Bishop Turley</u> (10:00am? or 10:30am?) at St. Matthias Church in English only 1:30pm at Queen of Angels Church <u>bilingually in English & Spanish</u> <i>Local reception & photos to follow each Mass. Con recepción y fotos.</i>

February & March:
Confirmation Interviews
to be scheduled

March 20-April 4:
Return CRS Rice
Bowls at parish Masses

- PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE / VEA POR FAVOR EL OTRO LADO -

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 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 3, 2026 and February 5, 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, March or April, 9am-9:30am at Queen of Angels Church.
- One **PARENT** or **GUARDIAN** should attend with the Candidate on September 21, 2026 and November 9, 2026, and should join the Candidate for the second half of Retreat II on February 5, 2027. *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 9, 2026 and April 7, 2027, and should join the Candidate for the second half of Retreat II on February 5, 2027. *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 February or March. Appointments will be available after school, on weeknight evenings and on Saturday mornings.
- The **SPONSOR** must be present for the Confirmation Mass on April 10, 2027 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 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**, 3 de noviembre de 2026 y el 5 de febrero de 2027, 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, marzo o abril, de 9am-9:30am en la Iglesia Reina de los Ángeles.
- Un **PADRE** o **TUTOR** deberá de asistir junto con el Candidato el 21 de septiembre del 2026 y 9 de noviembre de 2026, y debe unirse al Candidato para la segunda mitad del Retiro II el 5 de febrero de 2027. *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 9 de noviembre del 2026 y el 7 de abril de 2027, y debe unirse al Candidato para la segunda mitad del Retiro II el 5 de febrero de 2027. *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 febrero o marzo. 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 10 de abril de 2027, 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.