

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONFIRMATION I

Program Information & Requirements



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INTRODUCTION

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

The Confirmation I (C1) program at Holy Spirit is designed to help you form a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in your life and the life of the Church. You will learn how to make a difference in the world, as members of the Catholic Church, through opportunities to grow in faith, as well as connect with the larger community.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age at the time s/he receives confirmation, regardless of grade in school.

CLASSES & ATTENDANCE POLICY

Classes will begin in September 2024. CI classes are held on Sunday nights from 6:30pm—7:30pm, approximately 1-2 Sundays each month. **Attendance and participation is mandatory.** Students are expected to be at all classes. If you are ill, please contact the office before class so we can mark you absent and send the link to complete the work online. There will be a mandatory student orientation on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Parents are invited to attend. Please refer to the calendar for all class and event dates. Please refer to the calendar for all class and event dates.

SPONSORS

In CII, the candidate will choose a Sponsor. Sponsors for Confirmation must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church via the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and if married, living in a sacramental marriage. The selection of a sponsor is to be based on appropriate lifestyle, participation in the Catholic Church, and the ability to provide the nurturing, supportive role of a sponsor. If possible, candidates are encouraged to choose one of the baptismal sponsors (godparents) to serve as the confirmation sponsor, so as to emphasize the relationship between baptism and confirmation (Canon 893, #2). CI teens are asked to prayerfully consider who they might choose to be their Sponsor before they enter CII.

SERVICE HOURS

Candidates are required to turn in community service hours. Only service hours from Holy Spirit and recognized charities and organizations will be accepted. Your service hours need to be verified via email, as per the instructions given using the MobileServe app. Details on how to use the app will be given out separately from this packet. There are many

- Food Bank/
Soup Kitchens
- Teen Mass (readers, etc)
- Parish Events (set-up/
clean-up)
- Catechism Assistance
- Right to Life
- Liturgy of the Word
- Catholic Charities
- RE Office Assistance
- Boys & Girls Club
- Confirmation Class Set-up
- Lenten Dinners

Completed Service Hour forms are due before February 2, 2025. Paper sheets will not be accepted.

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

Students in the Confirmation program are required to attend at least one retreat over the course of the 2 years of prep. Students who do not attend the CI retreat **must** attend the CII retreat in order to be confirmed.

In addition, Holy Spirit hosts a one-day youth conference. Attendance at both are strongly recommended. Dates and additional details will be provided once the program begins.

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Weekly Mass attendance is required, and regular confession is strongly encouraged. Holy Spirit will offer Reconciliation times for the Teens during many of the Confirmation events. For weekly confession and Mass times, check the parish website and bulletin at holyspiritfresno.org/.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Spirit will hold a Holy Hour once per month on Wednesday evenings. We invite all Confirmation students and their families to attend. Attendance is expected. This is an important part of your Confirmation preparation. Non-attendance could impact your readiness to receive the Sacrament.

YOUTH GROUP

Holy Spirit's High School Youth Group meets once per month for fellowship, food and fun. Every month has a theme, new activity, and the opportunity to meet new people. Youth Group events are generally held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Exact dates and themes are included on the Youth Group calendar. Youth Group is separate from Confirmation. If you are interested in joining the Youth Group, please contact Religious Education for registration forms and a calendar of events. The cost to join is \$20/year.

We encourage all of our Confirmation students to join the high school Youth Group.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available in the Religious Education office, or on our website at holyspiritfresno.org/. Click on "Youth Ministry". Please complete and submit the registration form, and all corresponding documents (listed below), by email to: religiouseducation@holyspiritfresno.org or by mail: Holy Spirit Catholic Church/ Religious Education | 355 E. Champlain Drive| Fresno, CA 93730.

Registration Forms include (all mandatory):

- Registration Form
- Annual Code of Conduct, R14/R15
- Annual Youth Authorization, R22, 2 part
- Event-Photography Release Authorization, R-30
- Copy of Baptism Certificate (for all non-Holy Spirit Baptisms)
- Copy of First Holy Communion Certificate (for all non-Holy Spirit FHC)
- \$150 Payment—cash, check or online at holyspiritfresno.org/ ("Online Giving")
- Photo of your teen (for filing and reference purposes only)

All completed forms, copies of certificates and payments are due at the time of Registration, but prior to the first class on September 10, 2023. Late entries will be

QUESTIONS?

We look forward to welcoming you to Confirmation at Holy Spirit Church. If you have any questions about the program, please contact us:

Kate Mallam, DRE
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TEEN CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM – Year 1 (CI)

2024 – 2025

CANDIDATE INFORMATION					
Candidate Full Name					
Candidate's Cell*		Candidate Email*			
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Date of Birth		Age		Place of Birth	
Grade in Fall (2023)		School Attending			
PARENT INFORMATION					
Mother's Name			Mother's Maiden Name		
Mother's Cell*		Mother's Email*			
Father's Name					
Father's Cell*		Father's Email*			
CANDIDATE SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION					
<i>Copies of Baptism and First Holy Communion Certificates must be provided unless your child had their sacraments at Holy Spirit. If your child was baptized and/or had their FHC at Holy Spirit, please list the dates of the Sacrament(s) below.</i>					
Holy Spirit Baptism Date		Holy Spirit First Holy Communion Date			
EMERGENCY CONTACT (Other than parents listed above)					
Name		Phone #			
Name		Phone #			

**Holy Spirit Church uses Flocknote to communicate with parents & teens. Your email and phone number will be added by the Religious Education Department. Please do not opt out of these communications.*

I have read and agree to the requirements outlined in the CI Teen Confirmation Program Packet regarding attendance for class, conferences and retreats, mandatory forms/certificates, payment, and service hour requirements. I understand that I/my child must meet at least the minimum requirements in order to move onto Confirmation II classes, and before being confirmed in year 2.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Diocese of Fresno (DOF) and Entities of the Diocese of Fresno: Code of Conduct Agreement for Participants under the age of 18 and Non Participating Parents or Guardians

NAME OF PARISH OR SCHOOL Holy Spirit Church, Fresno	NAME OF GROUP Teen Confirmation Program
NAME OF EVENT 2024-2025 Parish / School <i>(Use Event Form for Individual Activities or Events)</i>	

In order to participate in any youth activities sponsored by DOF, all youth participants, under the age of 18, and a parent or legal guardian must sign that they have read and agree to the following:

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT (under the age of 18):

I agree to politely obey the requests and directions of the adult leaders.

I agree to stay with my assigned group or buddy at all times.

I agree to participate in the approved activities at all times.

I agree to dress appropriately at all times.

If the event involves an overnight stay, I agree to stay in my assigned room and observe the bedtime and quiet hours schedule until group activities begin the next day unless otherwise directed by an adult leader.

I agree to be on time to activities and will observe all check-in rules.

I agree to treat others with respect and will not engage in behavior that reflects poorly on me or the group which includes, but not limited to: stealing, swearing, fighting, being physically or verbally abusive, being dishonest, damaging property, threatening others, or engaging in disruptive behavior.

I agree not to participate in hazing, teasing, bullying, or similar activities.

I agree not to engage in any illegal activities including, but not limited to: smoking, using drugs, gambling, possession of tobacco, drugs, or any weapons.

As a participant, I will take responsibility for my actions and understand that I will be sent home if I do not comply with this Code of Conduct to the satisfaction of the adult leaders.

PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT
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PARENT / GUARDIAN AGREEMENT (requires signature and all contact information)

I have reviewed the Code of Conduct with my child. He or she understands that the Code of Conduct and promises to comply with the demands in order to participate.

If my child does not comply with this Code of Conduct to the satisfaction of the adult leaders, I agree to immediately retrieve my child from the activity or event, at my own expense.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT / GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN
HOME PHONE NUMBER	WORK PHONE NUMBER
CELLULAR NUMBER	OTHER MEANS OF CONTACT

Diocese of Fresno (DOF) and all Entities of the Diocese of Fresno: Permission for a Minor to Participate in a DOF Activities, Release of Liability, and Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment

Parent / Guardian: In order for your child to attend and/or participate in DOF sponsored events, activities, or sports during this calendar year, you must give your signed permission by completing this ANNUAL form. In addition to this form, you will also be required to sign permission PR21 Event Forms for you child to participate in specific DOF sponsored events, activities and sports conducted off parish grounds

NAME OF PARISH OR SCHOOL Holy Spirit Church, Fresno	NAME OF GROUP Teen Confirmation Program
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I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, voluntarily wish to give permission for and request that my child be allowed to attend and participate in DOF-sponsored events and activities during this calendar year including those conducted off parish grounds. My child is physically fit and capable of participating in DOF events and activities. I have informed my child to cooperate and conform with the rules, guidelines, and instructions given by DOF personnel or agents, or chaperones, or responsible for DOF events and activities. If requested, I will sign a permission and release PR20 Form for each specific event or activity conducted off DOF grounds. I reserve the right to disallow my child to participate in DOF -sponsored events by notifying the leader in writing.

I understand that participation in this activity involves some risk (including any travel to and from this activity) and that unforeseen occurrences can arise. I am informed and agree that transportation, if involved, may be provided by volunteers, parents, private individuals, or approved commercial operators who are believed to be reliable and insured, but are not under the supervision or control of the Diocese of Fresno.

In exchange for permitting my child to participate in this voluntary activity, I waive and give up all claims (and the right to file a lawsuit) which I or my child (and our successors, heirs, and assigns) may have against DOF. I release and discharge the DOF from all liability or responsibility for death, illness, personal injury, or property damage arising out of DOF activity and any transportation involved with the DOF activities.

In the event of an emergency and if the DOF is unable to contact me, I authorize the DOF personal or other adult leadership of a parish-sponsored event or activity, at my expense, to secure and consent to x-ray examination, medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis, treatment, and hospital care advised and supervised by a duly licensed physician, surgeon, or dentist. I expect to be contacted as soon as possible. I agree that if emergency medical or dental services are required for my child, the DOF will not be responsible to pay for any medical or dental expenses. A copy or digital image of this form shall be valid as the original and may be given to the adult leader of parish-sponsored activities.

This permission, waiver, release, and consent applies to the DOF named, including but not limited to the Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation; the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno (a corporate sole); the Diocese of Fresno; other Fresno Diocesan Parishes and Schools; affiliated organizations and officers; clergy; agents; and employees.

This waiver and release form is signed in order for my child to participate in the DOF -sponsored events and activities for my child's own personal enjoyment and benefit and is done so freely with the knowledge of the risk and dangers that are or may be involved.

I authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the named participant pursuant to the provisions of Family code section 6910 to surrender physical custody of such minor to the DOF representative upon the completion of treatment. This authorization is given pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1283.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all of its terms. I request that my child be allowed to participate in DOF -sponsored events and activities. I execute this form voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. I have discussed the above with my child, and my child is aware of and understands the importance of following all rules set out for these events, activities, or sports. A copy or digital image of this form shall be as valid as the original authorization and may be given to the adult leader of the events, activities, or sports.

PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT	DATE
PRINT NAME OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

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The following information is provided for the benefit of the parish in case of an emergency.

PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT	DATE OF BIRTH
PRINT NAME OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN	PAGER / CELLULAR TELEPHONE NUMBER
DAYTIME TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> WORK	EVENING TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> WORK
EMERGENCY CONTACT (OTHER THAN PARENT / GUARDIAN)	RELATIONSHIP
EMERGENCY CONTACT DAYTIME TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> WORK	EMERGENCY CONTACT EVENING TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> WORK
ALLERGIES (FOODS, DRUGS, INSECTS, ETC.)	
MEDICATIONS (NAME, DOSAGE, TREATMENT)	
IF ANY MEDICATION IS LISTED: FORMS R18 OR R19 MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED	
OTHER INFORMATION	

DOCTOR S / MEDICAL GROUP INFORMATION	INSURANCE INFORMATION
FAMILY DOCTOR OR MEDICAL GROUP	INSURANCE COMPANY
DOCTOR'S TELEPHONE	POLICY HOLDER'S NAME
<input type="checkbox"/> No Family Physician Listed	INSURANCE GROUP OR ID NUMBER
DENTIST'S NAME OR MEDICAL GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> No insurance Listed
DENTIST'S NAME TELEPHONE	DATE RECEIVED AND BY
ORTHODONTIST'S NAME OR MEDICAL GROUP	
ORTHODONTIST'S NAME TELEPHONE	

Release for Diocesan Production for the Diocese of Fresno (DOF) and all Entities for the Diocese of Fresno (DOF)

Parents / Guardians: This form must be completed in order for your child to participate in this event or function. Please respond accordingly to the authorized use of your child's photograph or video image in a DOF produced public-relations document.

NAME OF PARISH OR SCHOOL Holy Spirit Church, Fresno	NAME OF GROUP Teen Confirmation Program
NAME OF EVENT	DATE OF EVENT

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:

I hereby grant the Diocese of Fresno and its entities (hereinafter called Producer), their nominees, designees, and successors full authorization and the absolute right and permission to sell, assign, convey, reproduce, copyright, use or publish photographic reproductions, portraits, or pictures of me, motion picture or video tape pictures of me, or in which I may be included in whole, in part, or in composite, or in which character or form is distorted, in conjunction with my own or any other picture, product, person, name or reproduction, in color or otherwise, made through any media at its studios or elsewhere, for art, advertising, commerce, business or trade, or any other lawful purpose whatsoever.

I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or the advertising copy that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless PRODUCER, its nominees, designees, or successors, and assignees or others for whom they are acting from any liability of any nature or description by virtue of any use whatsoever, whether intentional or otherwise, or from any change that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or pictures, or any processing tending towards the completion of the finished product, unless it can be shown that said use or change is solely for its purpose of subjecting me to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	EMAIL

PARENT / GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FOR A MINOR

If the participant is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the above participant must provide the following information and must check one of the following and sign.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> As the parent and/or legal guardian of the above named participant, <u>I do hereby consent and grant my permission</u> to all of the foregoing. | <input type="checkbox"/> As the parent and/or legal guardian of the above named participant, <u>I do not give my consent</u> for my child to be photographed, but I understand that it will be the responsibility of the participant to make every effort possible from participating in any posed pictures. If a picture or pictures are inadvertently taken, then I agree to review the photographs or video within the given time frame in order to identify my child to avoid any reproduction or usage of that image and/or images. |
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PRINT NAME OF PARENT / GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS KATE MALLAM	DATE

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
Confirmation Student Parent Calendar
2024-2025

	DATE	GROUP	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
AUG	Saturday 08/3/2024	CI & CII Orientation (MANDATORY)	Orientation	10:00AM-2:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH/HALL
	Saturday 08/31/2024	Speaker Event	Event	9:00AM-5:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH/HALL
S E P T	Sunday 9/15/2024	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 9/15/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 9/29/2024	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 9/29/2024	Confirmation II PARENT MEETING	CLASS	5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 9/29/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 9/29/2024	Confirmation I PARENT MEETING	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
O C T	Wednesday 10/2/2024	ALL: HOLY HOUR	Adoration	6:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 10/6/2024	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 10/6/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 10/20/2024	PARENT Meeting, Safe Environment (MANDATORY)	Meeting	11:00AM or 12:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
N O V	Friday 11/1/2024	ALL: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (MANDATORY)	MASS	TBD	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 11/17/2024	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 11/17/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
D E C	Saturday 12/7/24	CI Day Retreat	Retreat	8:00A-4:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH/HALL
	Sunday 12/8/2024	Confirmation II Meeting: Sponsor, Parent, Student (MANDATORY)	Meeting	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 12/8/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 12/15/2024	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 12/15/2024	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
Confirmation Student Parent Calendar
2024-2025

	DATE	GROUP	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
J A N	Sunday 1/5/2025	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 1/5/2025	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Wednesday 1/8/2025	ALL: HOLY HOUR	Adoration	6:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 1/26/2025	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 1/26/2025	Confirmation II PARENT Meeting	Meeting	5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 1/26/2025	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 1/26/2025	Confirmation I PARENT Meeting	Meeting	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

F E B	Saturday 2/1/2025	Confirmation II Retreat	Retreat	9:00-5:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 2/2/2025	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 2/2/2025	Confirmation II PARENT Meeting	Meeting	5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 2/2/2025	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 2/2/2025	Confirmation I PARENT Meeting	Meeting	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Wednesday 2/5/2025	ALL: HOLY HOUR	Adoration	6:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 2/23/2025	Confirmation II	CLASS	Group A: 1:00-2:00PM Group B: 5:00-6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Sunday 2/23/2025	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL
	Friday 2/28/2025	CII: Confirmation Practice (Mandatory) Sponsors Included	PRACTICE	6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

M A R	Saturday 3/1/2025	CII: CONFIRMATION DAY CEREMONY	CEREMONY	6:00PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Wednesday 03/5/2025	ALL: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	MASS	6:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
	Sunday 3/16/2025	Confirmation I	CLASS	6:30-7:30PM	HOLY SPIRIT LOGAN HALL

* Date subject to change