

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# **TEEN CONFIRMATION**

**Program Information & Requirements**



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**Religious Education Office (559) 434-3522**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Confirmation 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 from the many opportunities provided to grow in your faith and connect you with each other and your larger community.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are available on our website; [holyspiritfresno.org/](http://holyspiritfresno.org/)

Please complete and submit either by email to: [kmallam@holyspiritfresno.org](mailto:kmallam@holyspiritfresno.org) or by mail: Holy Spirit Catholic Church/Religious Education | 355 E. Champlain Drive | Fresno, CA 93730.

A copy of the Baptism & First Holy Communion Certificates are required at the time of registration, if students received the sacraments at another parish.

Forms include:

- Registration form
- Medical/Media Release Forms
- Online Instruction form
- Copy of Baptism & First Communion Certificates

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes will begin in October 2020 with ZOOM sessions. In-person classes will take place when we are permitted to do so. Attendance and participation is mandatory. Students are allowed one unexcused absence and one excused absence that is made-up with an assignment.

An absence is considered excused if you have notified the RE Office or your instructor before class begins and your absence is due to illness.

## **SERVICE HOURS**

Students must complete 15 hours of service in Year 1 and in Year 2. There are many opportunities available through our parish as well as the community. Students may participate in the Teen Mass each Sunday for service hours, or in one of the many parish ministries.

Participation in the Teen Mass includes: Readers, Altar Servers, Choir, and Ushers. If you choose to participate in one of these ministries, you are expected to commit to the training and/or practices, as well as the schedule they implement.

Religious Education welcomes volunteers to assist in the classrooms each week. Classes meet once a week from 4:00PM-5:00PM, and are offered Monday through Thursday. This is another way to complete service hours, but if you choose to sign up and assist in a classroom, you are expected to volunteer the entire year.

In the event that parishes do not open up during the 2020-21 Confirmation year, service hours will be waived or replaced with another community-related project.

## **LETTER OF INTENT**

Candidates in Year 2 are required to write a letter to Msgr. McCormick giving their reasons for wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letter introduces the candidate to Msgr. McCormick, therefore it should give your personal feelings concerning the sacrament, the Church, and your faith life. The letter can include how you have prepared, your sponsor choice, and why and how you plan to share your gifts with the Church, family and community. Your letter should be no longer than 2 paragraphs.

## **SPONSOR**

Sponsors for Confirmation must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church via the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, living in a sacramental marriage. The selection of 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, 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).

Sponsor forms should be completed and submitted by the beginning of Year 2. Forms are available on the website.

## MASS

Weekly Mass attendance is required. You have the option to attend Mass in person or watch the Live Stream of the 10 am Mass using the link on the Holy Spirit website. Please check the website and the bulletin to keep informed of any updates.

## RETREATS

Students in Year 2 of the Confirmation program are required to attend one retreat. More information will be provided once the program begins. In the event that parishes do not open up during the 2020-21 confirmation year, the retreat requirement will be adjusted.

## SAINT NAME

Each candidate is required to choose a Saint Name. Teens are encouraged to prayerfully research the lives of the Saints and choose one who inspires them or has special meaning to them to accompany them in their life of faith. Your Saint Name is to be submitted to the Religious Education Office 2 weeks prior to Confirmation.

## SAINT PROJECT

Year 2 Confirmation Candidates must complete a Saint Project on his/her Saint. This project can be done in any format, as long as students present their Saint clearly. Examples include, but are not limited to: a written report, drawing, painting, poem, song, art piece, video, power point, etc. Be creative. Due 2 weeks prior to Confirmation.



\* Program information & requirements are subject to change as the parish re-opens under the guidelines provided by the CDC, CA. Dept of Health & Environmental Control, the mandates from the state government as well as the Diocese of Fresno.

