

Dear Confirmation Family,

Thank you for inquiring and/or registering for Confirmation at St Charles / St Agnes. This year's confirmation coordinator is Nicky Knuff, our High School youth minister. Please see his contact information below.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation our young people are sealed with the Holy Spirit, and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We are blessed to have you in our St. Charles Borromeo and St. Agnes community and look forward to making this a truly faith filled and joyful experience. In the Diocese of San Diego, the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on teens who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. Please let us know if you need one or both of these sacraments.

Confirmation is a two-year process in most cases.

Level I: Generally, this is for Freshman aged who register and attend The Gathering youth ministry on Monday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Hall at St Charles as well the Fall and one of our service projects. (see schedule below)

Level II: Sophomores or upperclassmen who have been through Level I. Requirements are to attend monthly classes (see schedule below) as well as the Spring Retreat and participate in a service project. The classes are immediate prep for the sacrament.

2019-20 Confirmation Schedule:

1. Sunday, September 22nd, 11:15am – 12:15pm: Parent AND Teen introduction meeting (Year II only).
2. October 6 (first meeting with teens only)
3. November 17
4. November 8-10 Fall Retreat (Mandatory for Level I)
SERVICE Dec 7: Youth Group Christmas Tree Lot 8am – 1pm
4. December 15
5. January 26
6. February 23
RETREAT March 13-15 (mandatory)
8. April 12 Easter Sunday
9. Late April early May – Confirmation (TBD based on our Confirmation date which is assigned by the Bishop in March).

Service:

Teens are asked to choose one of the following service opportunities:

1. Christmas Tree Lot. Saturday, December 6 from 8:00am – 2:00pm (Usually Level II)
2. Mother's Day flower Sales. Saturday, May 9 from 8-11 am (Usually Level I)

Gathering:

Teens are asked to attend Monday youth group "Gathering" Meetings from 7-8:30 at St. Charles in the parish hall. Gathering meetings are social in nature and build community. Friends are welcome to these high-energy, Christ centered meetings. Teens are encouraged to attend all meetings but should be present for at least 2 meetings a month. A sign-in sheet will be provided.

Retreat:

There is a required weekend retreat March 13-15, 2019. You have already paid \$100 deposit (included in your fees) and the balance will be due at the time of the retreat. You will be asked to go the GatheringMinistry.com and register your child for this retreat.

Confirmation Fee:

\$250 Year II. The fee includes a \$100 deposit for their required weekend retreat.

\$150 Year I. The fee will include a \$100.00 deposit for their required weekend retreat.

Sponsor: (Year II only)

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will choose a Sponsor to journey with them through this process. We will discern together during class sessions on who this person is for each candidate. A Sponsor should be:

- Confirmed practicing Catholics
- A person who will be a witness of faith to you for the rest your life
- Someone other than your parents

Thank you,

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