

Dear Confirmation Family,

Thank you for inquiring and/or registering for Confirmation at St Charles / St Agnes. My name is Nicky Knuff, St. Charles Borromeo Youth Minister, and I am pleased to be coordinating Confirmation this year!

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 received by teens who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. Our parish provides a **one-year program** and all candidates are eligible to receive the sacrament if they are at least 15 years of age by the date of the Confirmation. We kindly ask that our public school teens attend *all* sessions listed below, while our Catholic school teens attend the ones highlighted in red. However, we kindly ask that *all* candidates regularly attend Monday Youth Nights (Gathering).

Confirmation Session Schedule: (all meetings are set to begin immediately following St Charles' 10 AM Mass).

1. October 6
3. November 3

Service Opportunity Dec 7: Youth Group Christmas Tree Lot 8am – 1pm

4. December 15
5. January 12
6. February 2 (**required of all Confirmation candidates**)

SPRING RETREAT: March 13-15

8. April 5 (Palm Sunday) [**required of all Confirmation candidates**]
9. May - TBD based on our Confirmation date which is assigned by the Bishop in the new year.

Service:

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

1. Christmas Tree Lot. Saturday, December 7 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2. Mother's Day flower Sales. Saturday, May 9 from 8-11 AM
3. Other service options will be announced

We also recognize service activities through school.

Gathering Youth Nights:

Teens are asked to attend Monday Youth Nights or "Gathering" Meetings from 7-8:30 PM at St. Charles in the parish hall. Gathering meetings are social in nature and faith-filled meetings. All are welcome to these high-energy, Christ-centered, community-building meetings.

Retreat:

There are two weekend retreat options - November 15-17, 2019 at Palomar Christian Conference Center and March 13-15, 2020 at Camp Cedar Glen.

Confirmation Fee:

\$250.00 for all candidates - this fee goes toward the cost of one retreat plus all other Confirmation costs (supplies, books, the sacrament, etc.)

Sponsor:

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will choose a Sponsor to journey with them through this process. We will discern together 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 of your life
- Someone other than your parents

Yours in Christ,

Nicky Knuff

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