

Dear Confirmation Families,

Thank you for inquiring and/or registering for Confirmation at St. Charles / St. Agnes. My name is Nicholas (Nicky) Knuff and I am the Youth Minister at SCB. I can be reached by the following email address: Nicky@gatheringministry.com.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation our young people are sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We hope that by the end of the year, this is a decision our teens will freely make. We are blessed to have you in our St. Charles Borromeo and St. Agnes communities 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 and will be at least 15 years of age upon receiving the sacrament.

Level 1 is for incoming freshmen or those who will not be 15 years of age by May 1, 2020. Year I students will simply be attending Monday Youth Nights (youth group). This page is for Level II candidates who will be of age and have either completed Year I or have had an interview with your pastor confirming you are ready to enter the Year II classes.

Meeting Schedule Confirmation Level II: (most meetings are set to coincide starting immediately following St. Charles' 10am Liturgy.

1. Sunday, September 22, 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Parent AND Teen introduction meeting (Year II only).

Our Year II program will meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday's from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM. We

will meet on the following Sundays:

2. October 6 (first meeting with teens only)

3. November 3

4. December 15

5. January 12

6. February 2

7. RETREAT March 13-15 (mandatory); this will take the place of the March Confirmation Sunday session

8. April 5 (Palm Sunday)

9. May - 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 7 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Usually Year 2)
2. Mother's Day flower Sales. Saturday, May 9 from 8-11 AM (Usually Year 1)
3. Other service options will be made available (TBD)

Gathering:

Teens are asked to attend Monday Youth Night 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.

Teens are encouraged to attend all meetings but are required to attend at least twice a month. A sign-in sheet will be provided.

Retreat:

There is a required weekend retreat March 13-15, 2019. More details to follow as to time and place.

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 on who this person is for each candidate. A Sponsor should be:

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve your teens. I very much look forward to journeying alongside them!

Yours in Christ,

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