



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM * CHƯƠNG TRÌNH GIÁO LÝ

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January 8, 2017

Dear Confirmation Year II Parents & Sponsors,

Peace and Love of Christ Jesus be with you. We are anticipating with great joy the day your son/daughter will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The date for Confirmation Liturgy **Friday, May 12th @ 5:30PM.**

We will conduct Confirmation interviews to evaluate and to better prepare our Candidates for Confirmation.

The interview with the Confirmation **CANDIDATE AND THE SPONSOR** are scheduled for:

- **Sunday, January 22, 2017 between 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Classroom 1-2-3**
- **Sunday, February 5, 2017, between 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Classroom 1-2-3**

To make appointment, visit our website at faithformationhsfv.org/interview or call our office.

* **Time:** _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **Both the CANDIDATE and SPONSOR** need to come together to the interview.
2. The length of the interview will be about **20 minutes.**
3. Please contact Sponsor and confirm the date and time to come for interview.
4. **PLEASE BRING :**
 - a. **Your Personal Evaluation and Reflection Form** (see back page)
 - b. **Letter to the Bishop (TBA)**
 - c. **Confirmation Checklist** (page 3 of Confirmation Handbook)
 - d. **Service Project Reflection** (total of 15 hours minimum of 4 service projects)
 - e. **Baptismal Certificate** (if haven't turned in last year)
 - f. **Confirmation Sponsor** (if changed or haven't turned in last year)
5. If you are unable to come at this scheduled time, please call the Faith Formation Office (714) 963-7871 to arrange for another date for interview no later than **February 20, 2017.**

We thank you for your encouragement of your son/daughter to prepare for Confirmation. We and the Confirmation Team will continue our prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Cecilia Trang Pham, LHC
Director of Faith Formation

PERSONAL EVALUATION & REFLECTION FORM



Student Name: _____

Session: _____ Teacher: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR INTERVIEW BEFORE CONFIRMATION. PLEASE HONESTLY ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

Talk with your sponsor about these questions:

1. What were the high points of these last two years of Confirmation preparation for you? What have you and your sponsor done together as part of the Confirmation preparation?
2. Of all that you did to prepare for Confirmation, what had the strongest impact on you?
3. How has the time spent with your Sponsor been good for you? Can you find ways to continue to spend time together, both of you sharing your faith and growing in it together?
4. Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit's role in the Church? In your life?
5. Who is God to you? How would you describe him? What is your relationship with him?
6. How often do you pray? What is it like when you pray? Has your prayer life changed in any way through your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, in what way?
7. Think of the different Service Projects you did during these past 2 years. Which did you enjoy the most? How would you say you have changed for the better because of service you have done for others? What did you learn in particular from this years' service project?
8. How do you see yourself continuing to be of service in the Church, in your family and in your community after Confirmation? What are your plans to stay involved?
9. How do you feel about being Confirmed? Is it your free choice to do so? If someone asked you why you chose to be confirmed, what would your answer be? In what ways will your choice to be confirmed affect the way you live and make decisions?
10. In what way will weekly participation in the celebration of the Eucharist help you live as a confirmed Catholic? (If you do not attend mass regularly, what are your reasons?) Once you are confirmed, do you see yourself at weekly Mass?

Letter to the Bishop

Thư Thỉnh Nguyện Lên Đức Giám Mục

During these past 1 1/2 years you have expressed your desire to be confirmed in many ways—through your attendance and participation in class and in group gatherings, by your service to others, in the growth in your faith life through prayer, Mass, and the Sacraments. You have therefore shown that you want to belong fully to the Catholic Christian Community of Holy Spirit Parish. The initiation process, begun for you at Baptism by your parents and by the Church, is soon to be completed at your Confirmation.

It is now time for you to officially request Confirmation from the Bishop of the Diocese of Orange who will come to confer the sacrament. It is the custom here to do this through a letter.

Important Directions:

- Your letter must be **typed** on a clean, **unfolded, 8 1/2" x 11"** piece of white paper, at least **one page** long.
- Please write your letter to *Bishop Vann*.
- Remember, this is a letter, so all of the sentences should be complete thoughts and not just a list of answers to the above questions.
- The letter must be handed in at your confirmation interview. You cannot turn them in early and will be reviewed by the minister interviewing you.

The following information should be included in the letter:

Dear Bishop Kevin Vann,

1. Your name, age, school you attend, and your Parish.
2. The reason why you want to be confirmed and what you have been doing to prepare for this Sacrament.
3. State your Confirmation Name and why you chose that Saint.
4. State how you plan on living out your Christian commitment after confirmation (i.e., going to Mass weekly, serving the Church, What qualities of Jesus you want to live out in your life)
5. An explanation of what the Gospel reading chosen for the Confirmation Mass means to you. What is Jesus saying to you? **The Gospel passage is John 14: 23-26:**

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.”

6. You may add anything else you think important. State the service projects, retreat experiences and workshops you have participated in and what you have gotten out of those experiences. For example, how you feel you have grown during this time of preparation...or how your service to others may have helped you to grow...or how time spent with your Sponsor may have helped you, how the retreats have helped you in your relationship with Jesus, who is the saint you want to emulate in your life.
7. Finally, a formal request to Confirmed.

Gratefully,

Your Signature

Your name

January 6, 2016

Dear Bishop Kevin Vann,

I have been preparing for the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation for quite some time, and I would like to be confirmed in faith. I would like to be "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

As a teenager, I realize that more and more maturity will be expected from me. This is true of my faith life also; I would like to be strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit as I continue on my journey of faith.

To prepare for this sacrament, I have faithfully attended the catechetical instructions at my parish, and tried to be of service to others by (list here the specific ways you have been of service to others). In the future, I intend to continue serving my community by (list ways you intend to continue being of service after you have been confirmed).

As you can see, I have chosen to be part of the mission of Christ. I am now formally requesting the sacrament of confirmation.

Thank you very much.

Gratefully,

(Your name)

Confirmation candidate of Holy Spirit Parish