

# Year 1 Confirmation Program Expectations

2023 - 2024

## Program

Confirmation in the Diocese of Orange is a two-year program, and these years must be consecutive (typically 9th and 10th grade). Registrations close September 13th. Year 1 Registrant must be in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. Registrations must include copies of the student's Baptismal and First Communion certificates. The cost is \$160 per year and parents are asked to join their teens for select sessions to experience the program with their teen. **All forms and payments are due by September 13th, 2023.**

## OCIA Adapted for Teens

If your teen needs the sacrament of Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Eucharist, they can still register for Confirmation. They will attend extra meetings to prepare them for these sacraments and they will receive them before or on the day of their Confirmation.

## Confirmation Meetings

Confirmation meets on select Wednesday nights from 7:15pm - 8:45pm in the Hall. Teens are expected to arrive early to check-in and to bring their Bibles (which they will receive at one of their first sessions). There are 12 meetings and students who miss more than 3 total meetings will be asked to meet with the Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization and Faith Formation to discuss alternatives. The meetings this year are;

**9/20 (with parent), 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 1/17, 1/31, 2/28, 3/13, 4/10, 5/1.**

## Retreat

Each teen is required to participate in a Confirmation retreat *each* year. Teens are strongly encouraged to make this weekend a priority, otherwise they will need to find an alternate Year 1 Confirmation retreat with another parish in the Diocese of Orange. This year's Confirmation 1 retreat is **\$200** and it is the weekend of **October 20th - 22nd**. The retreat will be off-campus at the Irvine Outdoor Education Center in Vista, CA. Note: Catholic school retreats cannot replace your Confirmation retreat.

## Sponsor Day

This afternoon workshop will occur on Saturday, March 9th, 2023 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Students must attend with their sponsor.

## Letters to the Bishop

These will be written at Sponsor Day, then typed up and emailed by **TBD**.

## Life Nights

Teens will need to attend 2 Life Nights each year, which will take place each Sunday night from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. This is a great way for teens to get a bigger picture of what Youth Ministry is, instead of just attending Confirmation sessions. These nights must be completed within the Confirmation year by the final gathering.

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### **Service**

Each year, students will need to complete 10 service hours. One of which must be at Saint Timothy's, the other can be completed outside the parish. Service opportunities are generally two hours or more, and one of them can be satisfied through helping in a liturgical ministry, or volunteering regularly with faith formation (Tiny Tim's, Elementary School or CLUB 7-8). Must be completed within the Confirmation year with verification and submitted by the final gathering.

### **Confirmation Rehearsal**

Rehearsal for Confirmation will be the Sunday before Confirmation, which will be determined by the Diocese of Orange in the Winter. Please attend with your sponsors. Rehearsal will be at 4:00pm, Mass at 5:00pm and followed by a special time of prayer after in the Hall.

### **Interviews**

Students will be asked to schedule interviews with the Pastor and/or Confirmation coordinator each year. These interviews must be attended by the student with a parent and/or their sponsor. Dates are **TBD**.