

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;

9/13 (with parent), 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13, 1/24, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/17, 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.

Saint Report

Students will choose a patron saint and write a one-page reflection on their research of the saint. This must be completed by February 10th, 2024.

Sponsor Declaration

Students will need to declare their Confirmation sponsor by Wednesday, March 15th, 2024. A sponsor is an active and Confirmed Catholic in good standing, who is able to commit to an active role in the spiritual formation of their candidate. Unfortunately, parents are not eligible to be sponsors for the candidate. Sponsors will need to attend a Sponsor day retreat during the second year of the program, as well as the Confirmation rehearsal and Mass at the end of the program.

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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.

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.

Parent Day

This afternoon workshop will occur on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Students must attend with one or both of their parents.

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.