

Year 1 Confirmation Requirements 2021-2022

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 7th. Year 1 Registrants 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 volunteer in some way to experience the program with their teen. **All forms and payments are due by September 15th, 2021.**

RCIA for Teens

If your child needs the sacraments 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.

Mass Attendance

Students in Confirmation are expected to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. There will be special ritual Masses you are expected to attend with your family on: **Sundays, September 26th or October 3rd 2021, and April 24th at 5:00pm**

Confirmation Meetings

Confirmation meets on select Wednesday nights from 7:00pm-9:00pm 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 Faith Formation to discuss alternatives. The meetings this year are: **9/15 (with parent), 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/9, 3/30, 4/27**

Retreat

Each teen needs 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 **\$120** and it is the weekend of **January 15th-16th, 2022**. The retreat will be on campus at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Note: Catholic school retreats cannot replace your Confirmation retreat. **Forms and payment are due by Wednesday January 5th, 2022.**

Saint Report

Students will choose a patron saint, reflecting their research on the saint. They will write a one-page reflection on the saint, which must be completed by **Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022.**

Sponsor Declaration

Students will need to declare their Confirmation sponsor by **Wednesday, March 9th, 2022**. 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.

Service

Each year, students will need to participate in two service opportunities. 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 6:30pm - 8:30pm. It's a great way for teens to get a bigger picture of what youth ministry is, instead of just attending Confirmation sessions. Must be completed within the Confirmation year by **the final gathering**.

Parent Day

This afternoon workshop will occur on **Saturday, February 12th, 2022 from 2:00pm-6:00pm**. Students must attend with one or both of their parents. -

Interviews

Students may 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**