

# *Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Parish*



## *Confirmation 2011/2012*

### **What is Confirmation?**

Baptism, the Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation together make up the “Sacraments of Christian Initiation”. The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. By the sacrament of Confirmation (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. They become true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

### **Who can be Confirmed?**

Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should be confirmed. The minimum age for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is 15 for those already baptized and not confirmed. The policy of the parish is to accept candidates for Confirmation who are in the ninth grade, up to age 17. Those who are 18 years of age are to be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. Please contact us as soon as possible to enroll in the RCIA program.

### **Preparation for Confirmation?**

The preparation process aims to lead the candidate to a more intimate union with Christ and more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his actions, his gifts and his biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. The catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church, the universal Church, as well as the parish community.

### **What are the requirements?**

- **Attend Sunday Mass** each week- yes, each week!
- Since continuity is a high value and important element of formation, a candidate may have only **3 excused absences**
- **Program fee paid in full-** (*payment arrangements can be set up in advance*)
- Attend the **Confirmation Retreat**
- Complete **20 hours** of **Community Service**
- Attend the **Parish Mission**
- Participate in a **Youth Leadership Team**
- Second year only:
  - Provide a copy of **Baptismal Certificate**
  - Write Letter to the Bishop
  - Choose **Confirmation Name**, if desired
  - Choose **Confirmation Sponsor**

More information on the above requirements are on the next page and will be provided throughout the year. Diocesan requirements for the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation can be found here:

[http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/handbook/handbook\\_pdfs/edmin3.pdf](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/handbook/handbook_pdfs/edmin3.pdf)

**\*\*\*Confirmation I and II classes will be held every Sunday night at the Church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

## **Community Service Hours**

The purpose of the Community Service Hours requirement is to have the candidate experience what it means to share in the apostolic mission of the Church. Candidates are expected to complete **20 hours** of Community service in the parish and the community. Service hours may include soup kitchen, helping with the Children's Faith Formation (CFF) program, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Soup Kitchen, Nursing home visits, Brother Benno's, etc. Candidates are required to maintain a Service Hours Log that is to be turned in to the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Nick Petro. All Service Hours must be completed before the candidate is confirmed.

## **What is the role of the parent?**

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, your support, encouragement and involvement in the preparation of your son or daughter is vital. Your attendance at parent meetings and Sunday Mass with your family is crucial. There is no substitute for your presence and interest in the formation program. You do make a difference in your son or daughters preparation for Confirmation and in their walk with Christ.

## **What are the requirements of the Confirmation Sponsor?**

The Sponsor for Confirmation plays an important role in the life of their candidate. The Sponsor is to see that the one to be confirmed acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with Confirmation during the formation process and, in fact, all throughout the newly confirmed's life. Sponsors are acting mentors in their lives and are encouraged to ask them the hard questions about the choices they are making, help them identify their gifts and talents and be there for them to open the lines of communication between them and their parents. Therefore, the Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be chosen by the candidate themselves (a Sponsor must not be a parent of the candidate)
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
- Lead a life that is in harmony with the faith (be a practicing Catholic)
- Attend Parent/Sponsor meetings

## **What materials are used in the Confirmation program?**

- The CATHOLIC YOUTH Bible
- YOU CAT (Catholic Youth Catechism)
- What is Your Life? Book
- NOOMA Video Series
- I Am Second Video Series

## **What is the fee for the Confirmation Program?**

The 2010-2011 Confirmation Program fee for *Registration and Retreat* was: **\$159.00**

The 2011-2012 Confirmation Program fee for Registration and Retreat PLUS additional items below is only: **\$169.00**

Item	Last Year Cost	This Year Cost	*Fundraising Discount	Amount Due
Materials (above)	\$30	\$35	\$5	\$30
Retreat (all included)	\$109	\$138	\$39	\$99
Non-Perishables	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5
Rosary & Scapular	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5
Food for functions	\$10	\$50	\$20	\$30

*\*If financial assistance is needed, contact the Youth Office. Volunteering is expected for families needing assistance.*

## **Who can I contact with other questions or concerns?**

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\*Confirmation I and II classes will be held **EVERY Sunday** night from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the **Church**  
\*\*Club Nights (High School Youth Group) are the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** nights from **6:30-8:00pm** in the **Bosco Center (BC)**

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2011/2012 IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

(Dates are tentative and may be subject to change)

<b>September 11</b>	Confirmation I and II classes begin, 6:30-8:30pm, Church
<b>October 2</b>	Required Candidate/Parent/Sponsor Meeting ( <i>Confirmation II only</i> ) – Church @ 6:30pm
<b>November 13, 20, 27</b>	No classes – Thanksgiving Break
<b>Dec. 18 &amp; 25 / Jan. 1</b>	No classes - Winter Break
<b>January 8</b>	Confirmation I and II classes resume
<b>January 15</b>	No class – Martin Luther King Holiday
<b>Feb 3-5</b> <b>February 5</b>	Confirmation II Retreat @ Whispering Winds, Julian (Confirmation II only) No class
<b>February 19</b>	No class – President’s Day Holiday
<b>March 18</b>	No class – Spring Break
<b>April 1 &amp; 8</b>	No class – Holy Week/Easter
<b>April (date to be determined)</b>	Required Parent/Sponsor Meeting (Confirmation II only)
<b>May (date to be determined)</b>	Classes end
<b>May (date to be determined)</b>	Confirmation Rehearsal, Church – Candidates and Sponsors only
<b>May (date to be determined)</b>	Confirmation Mass, Church (Candidates and Sponsors meet in the Hall 1 hour before Confirmation Mass)

**The following events involve additional costs, except where noted. More events may be offered through the year.**

<b>October 15</b>	“Alive” Day for Youth - San Diego, CA
<b>December 26-30</b>	Snowboarding Trip – Mammoth, CA
<b>January 19-23, 2012</b>	March For Life - Washington DC

<b>March 9 &amp; 16</b>	Living Stations of the Cross (no cost)
<b>March 12 - 15</b>	Parish Mission (no cost)
<b>April 21, 2012</b>	Mother/Daughter Tea and Fashion Show – Parish Hall
<b>July 27-29, 2012</b>	“The Eighth Day” Steubenville San Diego Catholic Youth Conference, SDSU

- **Confirmation I Retreat is TBD for Date and Location at present moment in time**
- Join our Facebook StPeters YouthGroup page: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000753319770&ref=ts>

- Send an email to [lisa.waddington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa.waddington@sbcglobal.net) to be added to our email list.
- Check out the website at: <http://www.stpeterscc.org/>