



# Confirmation Year 1 & High School Ministry



## Class Registration Confirmation

Thank you for registering your teen in St. Bonaventure’s Confirmation and High School Ministry Program. Below you will find the information for your teen’s class. Also attached are the following:

- Welcome Letter
- Calendar for 2019-2020 year
- Confirmation Requirements
- Year 1 Service Requirement
- Year 1 Lock-In Permission Form
- E-Scrip and AmazonSmile

**Please note that all of our Confirmation classes now meet at 3:00pm and Youth Ministry meets every Sunday night from 6pm-8pm.**

We want to make sure you are up to speed on what is required in our 2 year Confirmation program. Please take some time to read through this packet and reach out to us if you have any questions. We look forward to having your teen in our ministry!

### Your teen is registered in:

Class:	<b>Year 1 Confirmation and High School Ministry</b>
Confirmation Yr 1 Meets:	<b>2 Sundays / Month (see Calendar)</b>
Confirmation Yr 1 Time:	<b>3:00pm-6:00pm (includes Mass)</b>
Confirmation Yr 1 Location:	<b>Large Hall</b>
Confirmation Yr 1 Begins:	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
H.S. Ministry Meets:	<b>Sunday Nights</b> (see “Youth Alpha” & “LifeTeen” on Calendar)
H.S. Ministry Time:	<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>
H.S. Ministry Location:	<b>Large Hall</b>
H.S. Ministry Kick-Off Event:	<b>September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm</b>
Parent Meeting (required):	<b>Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Room B2</b>

# Welcome to the Family!

**Why Confirmation?** The mission of St. Bonaventure is “to know Christ and to make Christ better known.” That is exactly why Confirmation and High School Ministry exist. We are here to help lead your teens closer to Christ and to help them feel a sense of family in the Church. We are pouring our hearts into creating a program that they will love and want to come back to every week. Our hope is that St. Bonaventure will become their home away from home.

**What will they learn?** As you look over the calendar you will find that we have various “kinds” of nights. Some Sundays are Confirmation Sundays, while other Sundays are for High School Ministry and various events throughout the year. The Confirmation Sundays will give your teen a solid understanding of what the Church teaches and why. High School Ministry seeks to take them deeper and to address relevant issues that they are facing today. **Keep the calendar somewhere handy so that you don’t miss out on anything.** And please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

**How can I help?** High school can be a very challenging time for teens. We are here to guide them through these transitions and see them through the storm. But we cannot do it alone! We consider your participation in this ministry as vital as anything else we do. There are many ways you can help:

- **Clear your teen’s schedule for Sunday afternoons.** Make *Confirmation/High School Ministry* your teen’s Sunday commitment.
- **Come with your teen to St. Bonaventure’s Teen Mass on Sunday’s at 5:00pm.** If we really want to see transformation we need to give them the Eucharist at Mass. Only Christ can truly change lives. Let’s do everything we can to help them meet him!
- **Pray about joining our High School Core Team.** We are always looking for compassionate adults to walk with the teens on their journey. We could really use some help on Sundays. If you love teens and want to help them get to heaven, please reach out! Email Jacob at [jperry@stbonaventure.net](mailto:jperry@stbonaventure.net)
- **Support our Youth Ministry (Youth Alpha + LifeTeen) by bringing dinner and sending your teen!** Teens are always hungry. This year I am asking Confirmation parents to support our youth ministry by bringing dinner for the teens and sending your teen to check it out. This is vital to the success of our ministry. **We ask families to volunteer at least once during the year.** Sign-ups are through [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Invitations to sign up will be sent to the email address you supplied on the registration form.

We are thrilled and blessed to have your teen in Confirmation and High School Ministry and look forward to a year growing in Jesus’ love and His Word!

God’s Peace,  
Jacob Perry

# Year-1 Confirmation Requirements

## First Year Candidates

(All High School Grades 9-12 are eligible)

- Attend **Sunday Mass every week** (5pm Teen Mass)
- Attend **all Confirmation Sessions** (twice a month, see calendar)
- Attend **2+ Youth Ministry Events** (see calendar)
- Attend 1 Youth Alpha or LifeTeen Night (see calendar)
- Attend **Small Group Service Projects** (schedule TBD)
- Serve at Mass** with your Small Group (Schedule TBD)
- Attend the **First Year Lock-In** (November 16-17)



# Confirmation Year-1 Service Requirement

## Be Like Christ

**Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP):** SVdP is an international Catholic Fraternity with over 800 members in Contra Costa County alone. Our local Saint Vincent de Paul is involved in many charitable works, like feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, helping people pay their rent, providing winter coats to people who don't have anything to keep them warm, running job training programs so people can learn the skills they need to enter the work force, and SO MUCH MORE. **Saint Vincent de Paul also runs several Thrift Shops in the Bay Area that use their proceeds to fund a free health clinic in Pittsburg for people who can't afford health care.** Those thrift shops could use our help. This year our teens will be helping the Saint Vincent de Paul thrift shops so they can maximize the good work they are doing for their health clinic. **Each small group has been assigned a Saturday to serve together. These days are part of the Confirmation program, so they should be considered required.** However, exceptions can be made in advance by talking to Jacob. St. Bonaventure has always partnered with SVdP and we always have a great experience. You will love it.

## SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN AT FIRST DAY OF CONFIRMATION

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### Other Ways to Serve

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**Jr. Catechist:** *You can be a helper in one of the children's classes. These little one's really look up to you guys and want to be like you. Everyone who does it says it's a rewarding way to serve.*

- Sundays during the 9:00am Mass (5-10 teens needed)
- Mondays 4pm-5pm (3-4 teens needed)
- Tuesdays 4pm-5pm (3-4 teens needed)
- Wednesdays 2pm-3pm (3-4 teens needed)
- Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm (3-4 teens needed)
- *En Español: los Domingos 11am-12:30pm (5-10 teens needed)*

**EDGE Lock-In:** *Come help out at the annual Middle School Lock-In! We need teenagers to lead small groups, games and activities at our all-nighter. You can make a difference in a middle schooler's life!*

- Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, all night. (20 Teens Needed)

**Breakfast with Santa:** *Come be one of Santa's helpers at our annual Road to Bethlehem for the little kids of our parish. You will lead crafts and games and help serve the pancakes, juice and coffee! Santa will be there, so dress up like an elf if you can!*

- Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-11:30am (30 Teens Needed)

**Knights of Columbus Crab Feed:** *How's your French/British accent? Come be a waiter at the annual surf and turf! It is a lot of fun and the food is delicious ;)*

- Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-8:30pm (12-15 Teens Needed)