



Confirmation Year 2 & 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 2018-2019 year
- Confirmation Requirements
- Year 2 Service Requirement
- Year 2 Saint and Sponsor Form
- Year 2 Confirmation Retreat 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.

Your teen is registered in:

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

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 Catholics believe 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
- **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. 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-2 Confirmation Requirements

Second Year Candidate

(All teens who **completed** the 2018-2019 Confirmation program requirements 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 **the Small Group Service Project** (TBD by Small Group)
- Serve at Mass** with your Small Group (Schedule TBD)
- Attend the **Confirmation Retreat** (February 21-23)
- Attend the **Candidate and Sponsor Day of Reflection** with your sponsor (March 8)
- Choose a **Sponsor for Confirmation** (Form DUE January 12th)
- Choose a **Confirmation Saint** (Form DUE January 12th)



Confirmation Year-2 Service Requirement

Be Like Christ

Serving the community is one of the most powerful ways we can be like Christ in the world. We can leave the world a better way if we all take time to serve our brothers and sisters in need.

There is also something to be said about serving the community *TOGETHER*, with your small group. Nothing bonds a small group like serving. **So this year all year 2 groups will do their service projects together with all of the members of their small group.** Your group will have the freedom to plan their own service project and serve however they'd like.

Requirements:

- The service project must involve the whole small group in some way.
- The service project must benefit the community in some way.
- The service project proposal must be approved by DECEMBER 15th, 2019.
- The service project must be completed by April 1st, 2020.

Other Service Opportunities

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 7st, 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 25th, 5:30pm-8:30pm (12-15 Teens Needed)



Confirmation Sponsor Form

Find Your Mentor – DUE JANUARY 12TH

Candidate: _____

Sponsor Name*: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsor Phone (Home): _____ Cell: _____

Sponsor Email (required): _____

Sponsor Date of Birth: _____ Sponsor's Parish: _____

*These are the criteria that a person must meet to qualify as a Sponsor for Confirmation:

- Be an active, practicing Catholic
- Not be one of the candidate's parents (ideally, the Sponsor is one of the Baptismal Godparents – linking the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation)
- Be at least 16 years of age
- **Have received the sacrament of Confirmation**
- Be receiving the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist frequently.
- Plan to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to promote the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth.

Note: It is customary that there be only one Sponsor for Confirmation, however the Diocese of Oakland allows more than one sponsor with the following rules: “There is to be only one male Sponsor or one female Sponsor or one of each. However, during the Rite, only ONE of the Sponsors comes forward to present the candidate for Confirmation.” These rules are specific to the Diocese of Oakland.

LANGUAGE PREFERENCE

You will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Confirmation Mass right after the homily. While the Mass will be in English, you may choose to have the Sacrament of Confirmation administered in Spanish. (This means the speaking parts for both sponsor AND candidate will be in Spanish).

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spanish? (Circle one)

YES / NO



Confirmation Saint Form

Inspire with Your Life. – DUE JANUARY 12TH



Why choose a saint's name for Confirmation? In the bible God gives people a new name right before He gives them a mission. At Confirmation you get a new name because God is giving you a mission. God is calling you to live a life with meaning, to be part of the next generation of Saints!

The name you take at Confirmation should be the name of a Saint who inspires you. You might think all the saints are the same, but the truth is that there is not a more diverse community of people who have ever lived. Pray about who you should choose, and even talk to each Saint you are considering. They're in Heaven, they hear you, and they will help you when you need them. Find the one who speaks to you! Take some time to research and pray about which saint you would like to choose. Here's a great place to start: <http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>. I googled "LifeTeen List of Saints" and it was the first hit. It's a great list.

Feel free to text Jacob for help picking a Saint @ 925-207-6618.

Candidate FULL Name: _____

Must match your Baptism certificate exactly, per Canon Law.

Candidate's Confirmation Saint: _____

Please write the FULL NAME of your Saint so we know who you're talking about (ex. St. Catherine **of Sienna**).

Would you like your saint name to appear on your Confirmation Certificate? (Circle one) Yes / No