

St. Matthew Teen RCIA Program
REGISTRATION FORM - Year _____

Student's **Full Legal Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's Cell (____) _____ Student Email _____

Student's Date of Birth _____ School _____

Grade (Circle One): 9th 10th 11th 12th Sacraments needed: Baptism / First Communion / Confirmation

Contact Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Father's/Guardian's Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Student's Home Parish : _____ *St. Matthew Parishioner Number: _____

(If you are registered outside of St. Matthew, please include a REQUIRED letter from your parish stating it's okay that your child takes RCIA classes with us.)

Fee: \$50 Per Candidate (The inability to pay will not prevent any child from participating in our program.)

I would like to give an additional donation to assist another family in the religious education of their child/children. Amount donated: _____ Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

September 13th is the first day of class. It is also the informational parent/sponsor meeting.
September 27th is the registration deadline for the 2020/2021 Teen RCIA Program.

Registration Forms may be submitted by:

- > Email scan/copy to: TeenRCIA@lowerytech.net
- > Deliver to: St. Matthew Church Office, Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
- > Mailing to: St. Matthew Catholic Church
Office of Religious Education
Attn: Terry and Rosie Lowery
10703 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78230

OFFICE USE ONLY

___ Reg. Form ___ Comit. Form ___ Sponsor Form ___ Dress Code ___ Medical Form

___ Bapt. Cert. OR ___ Birth Cert. ___ Reg. Fee - Amt. Pd.: _____ St. Matt. Mo./Yr.: _____

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St. Matthew Catholic Church is dedicated to preventing the transmission of COVID-19. We are following CDC guidelines for sanitation, social distancing and face coverings. Even with these precautions, infections are still possible and may result in serious illness or even death. If you have concerns about your child's safety or your child or someone in your household is in a vulnerable population, you may opt to have your child participate in religious education/youth group on-line or by correspondence. If you have questions about whether your child or a family member are in a vulnerable population, please visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/other-at-risk-populations.html>

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PROVISIONS FOR INFORMED CONSENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPATION
VIA TELECOMMUTING (COVID-19)

This Informed Consent for minor participation via telecommuting contains important provisions for using the phone or the internet during the period of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Please read this carefully, and let your religious education directors/coordinators or youth ministers know if you have any questions.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct enacted by the Archdiocese of San Antonio, all ministry with minors via telecommuting will occur with two qualified adults in the sessions at all times.

For purposes herein, telecommuting refers to participating in religious education classes, youth groups, or other meetings remotely using telecommunications technologies, such as video conferencing or telephone.

Risks to confidentiality. Because telecommuting takes place outside of the normal gathering places on parish grounds, there is potential for other people to access these conversations or stored data could be accessed by unauthorized people or companies.

You are solely responsible for obtaining any necessary equipment, accessories, or software for your child to participate in telecommuting, as well as for ensuring the security of such equipment, accessories or software for your child's participation.

Recording. The telecommuting sessions shall be recorded by the religious education coordinators/youth ministers solely for auditing purposes and such recordings may not be published in any form, including any social media forums.

Parent/Legal Guardian Informed Consent

This agreement is intended as a supplement to the registration forms for in-person ministry with minors and does not amend any of the terms of that agreement.

Your signature below indicates agreement with its terms and conditions.

I agree to allow my child, _____, to participate in religious education/youth group participation via telecommuting with religious education/ youth group qualified adults at St. Matthew Catholic Church, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

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COMMITMENT FORM

1. As a responsible Catholic, you are expected to attend Mass every Sunday at 9:15 AM and on Holy Days of Obligation. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith and active participation in the Mass is a minimum requirement for faith formation. Afterwards, we will head to class. Please ensure to bring all your materials with you to every class.
2. As a responsible Catholic, you are expected to take an active role in your own faith formation and in the Parish life.
3. Complete and return ALL necessary paperwork ON TIME.
4. Attend all scheduled events for RCIA preparation:
 - a. Attend 2 one-day retreats - one in the Fall, another in the Spring.
 - b. Attend all classes, arriving no later than 9:00 AM, with no more than 3 absences for the entire class year otherwise sacraments may not be received. (More than 15 minutes late is considered an absence. 5-14 minutes late is considered a tardy and 3 tardies equals an absence.)
 - c. Attend all rehearsals - date/time TBD pending dates.
 - d. Attend all Rites - date/time TBD by Archdiocese.
 - e. Parents and/or Sponsors need to attend all required rehearsals and Rites.
5. Study and test on the basic doctrine of the Catholic faith. Tests will be given in forms of one-on-one conversations with your instructor and prayer partner or through Jeopardy games in class.
6. Select a Confirmation name. To aid in your selection, you will research and complete a paper/presentation on a saint, to be completed by the due date set later on in the year.
7. Students will select a Sponsor. This person may be a Godparent, but it is not required that they be. In accordance with Canon Law, sponsors:
 - a. Must be 16 years or older;
 - b. Must be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation;
 - c. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church;
 - d. Must attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation;
 - e. Must be a role model to you in your Catholic faith.
8. Cell phones will be left at home or silenced upon arrival. There will be NO distractions, especially at Mass.
9. Teens and Sponsors must abide by the dress code at all events associated with RCIA or religious education.
10. Must be respectful to others at ALL times.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date _____

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MEDICAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO TREAT
School Year _____

My child is in the care of St. Matthew's Religious Education Program for the purpose of this Religious Education activity.

I am giving medical permission and consent to treat.

To the best of my knowledge, my daughter/son, _____, is in good health and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child.

In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

If you are unable to reach me, please contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to me or my child _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Please include a photocopy of your insurance card, front and back.

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

My child is taking the following medication(s):

I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as cough drops, cough syrup, Tylenol, etc.) to be given to my child if necessary.

I understand that aspirin will not be given to my child without my express permission.

I grant such permission: ____ Yes ____ No

My child is allergic to the following: _____

My child's immunizations are current and up-to-date: ____ Yes ____ No

My child has the following limitations: _____

Please explain: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

St. Matthew Catholic Church Sponsor Form

School Year _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE NAME: _____

FIRST

LAST

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

SPONSOR'S PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please Circle Yes or No to the Following:

Yes or No I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed.

Yes or No I am fully initiated into the Catholic Church, as I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Yes or No I continue to be active in my faith by attending Mass regularly, including Holy Days of Obligation.

***If you circled "No" to any of the above statements, you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.**

Marital Status:

I am _____ Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed

_____ If married, I am married in the Catholic Church. ***If you are married, you must be married in the Catholic Church or you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.**

PARISH INFORMATION

I am a registered parishioner of St. Matthew: _____ Yes _____ No

If no, please complete the following:

Name of Sponsor's home parish: _____

Street address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ (Arch) Diocese: _____

If you are NOT a registered Parishioner at St. Matthew – please have your pastor complete the information below.

"Pastors must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and is has not been prohibited by law from exercising the roles of sponsor. One of the Baptismal Sponsors is not only allowed, but is in fact desired as the Confirmation sponsor, so as to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation." (Canon 893). This person is an active witness of the Catholic faith in both word and deed, and is able to perform the duties of a Confirmation Sponsor.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date: _____

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DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

All students, parents and sponsors will be expected to dress in a manner that is appropriately modest at all events coordinated by St. Matthew's RCIA and Faith Formation Department. These are sacred and special times so clothing should not be a distraction from the ceremonies and Masses. With this objective in mind, the following Dress Code will be adhered to at all times:

- The following attire will **NOT** be allowed at any event:
 - Strapless
 - Spaghetti straps
 - Sheer clothing (revealing undergarments)
 - Plunging necklines
 - Short-shorts (must have 5" inseam or longer)
 - Short skirts/dresses (must hit no higher than 4" above the knee)
 - Leggings without a thigh-length shirt over them
 - Pants low enough to be revealing undergarments
 - Torn or ripped jeans
 - Athletic wear (sweat-proof material style clothing)
 - Basketball shorts

- Students may dress 'casually' for weekly classes and day retreats, following the above-set guidelines; however, they, along with their parents and sponsors will be expected to dress 'Business Casual' or nicer for Rites.
 - Young Women
 - Dress Slacks / Skirt / Dress / Pantsuit / Dress Shoes
 - Young Men
 - Suit / Sports Jacket and Dress Slacks / Collared Shirt (Tie optional) / Dress Shoes

- Flip-flops and sandals are NOT permitted. We are not referring to dressy, strappy sandals, but more like beachwear.
- Athletic shoes are *highly discouraged*. If they are a "must", they will be clean, completely laced with pants on the outside of the shoe tongue.

This dress code will be strictly enforced. If you are in doubt, do not wear it. Violations of dress code will result in being sent home, with an absence recorded. If dress code violations occur at the Rites, a choir robe will be worn for the duration of the Mass.

I have read and understood the above stated Dress Code Requirements and agree to abide by them for all classes, events and Masses.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date _____

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RCIA Saint Paper and Presentation

God's family includes all the saints in heaven as well as all the saints on earth, who persevere in their path towards holiness by living the Christian life with the help of God's grace. The saints in heaven serve as role models to the saints on earth, as models of God's graces lived out during their lifetime. This does not mean they are sinless individuals, but rather, that they are individuals who genuinely strived to live out their lives in the manner in which God calls each of us to do.

Each teen will select a saint as their Confirmation Saint, understanding that the saint name you choose will then be the saint who will act as a role model and intercessor in your life. Begin by researching several saints who might interest you, and then proceed to choose a saint that you can relate to, one that speaks to you - be it through their activities, their love of certain things, their strengths or even their weaknesses. Your Confirmation Saint should inspire you in your faith.

Assignment: Complete a paper on the Saint of your choice.

Format:

- Typed
- 12 pt font, Arial or Times New Roman
- Double-spaced with no extra space between paragraphs
- 1-inch margins
- Black ink
- Minimum of 1 FULL page, with a maximum of 3 pages

Outline as Follows:

- I. Introduction (1 paragraph - a paragraph consists of a minimum of 3 complete sentences)
 - A. Full name of your saint
 - B. 1-2 interesting or fun facts about your saint
- II. Biography (1-2 paragraphs)
 - A. When and where he/she lived
 - B. Feast Day
 - C. Special devotions / symbols for which he/she is known for
 - D. Qualities that made him/her a saint
 - E. Contributions he/she made to the Church
- III. Conclusion (1 paragraph)
 - A. Why you chose this saint
 - B. What qualities you admire
 - C. How might you try to imitate this saint
 - D. How and why does this saint inspire you to be a disciple of Christ

If your paper does not meet the requirements, it will be returned to you to be redone.

Presentation:

Once your paper is approved, you will prepare a visual board (pictures, devotions, etc) to present to class. Be as creative as you'd like in order to showcase your saint. This board will be your visual reminder of how to live a Christian life.