



## **Our Divine Savior Catholic Church**

### **Youth Confirmation Preparation**

#### **What is Confirmation?**

**Confirmation:** A sacrament of initiation which completes Baptism. In it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He/she is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church. (YOUCAT 203)

#### **When is my child ready to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation?**

Students, who are baptized in the Catholic faith, have received their first Reconciliation and first Eucharist, and who have reached the 7<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to begin preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Sacrament preparation is a 2 year journey. Candidates will be Confirmed in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

#### **Where should my child prepare for sacraments?**

Children should prepare for sacraments within the parish community in which they worship. Families of Confirmation candidates should be registered and actively participating members of Our Divine Savior Catholic Church. You can register your family by completing a **parish registration form** found in the gathering space of the church or from the receptionist in the parish office. Families from other parishes may participate in our program with **permission from their pastor**.

#### **How do I register my child for the Our Divine Savior Catholic Church Confirmation Program?**

Complete the 1)**Religious Education Registration Form** and the 2)**Sponsor Selection Form**.  
3)**Schedule an interview** with the Director of Religious Education.

#### **Registration forms for Confirmation are due by August 28, 2019.**

*A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be attached to the registration form even if they were baptized at Our Divine Savior parish. The sponsor selection form should be attached as well.*



## **What can I expect from the sacrament preparation process?**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. **Families are expected to attend regular weekend Mass.**

A parent/guardian orientation meeting providing a full explanation of the sacrament preparation process and a schedule of events will be held on August 28, 2019 at 7:00pm. Your attendance, **along with your student** at the parent orientation meeting completes the registration process.

**All candidates are asked to select a sponsor.** Guidelines for selecting a sponsor can be found on the **Sponsor Selection Form**. The Sponsor Selection Form is to be attached to the registration Form. Sponsors should attend the orientation as well and therefore should be identified by August 28th.

**All candidates complete sponsor conversations** with their sponsor. Sponsor Conversations are due to class in September.

**All candidates complete a series of classes.** These Confirmation preparation classes are offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm September-April in the social hall for Junior High. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45am September-April for High School.

Class meetings are limited. Therefore, unless a student is ill enough to miss school, attendance is expected at all class meetings. Contact the DRE to discuss extenuating circumstances. Students often have to miss an occasional practice or other event during their year 2 sacrament preparation.

**Year 2 candidates attend the Fired Up Confirmation Conference** held in Red Bluff on Sunday, November 17th.

**Year 2 Jr High candidates attend a retreat** held at Our Divine Savior February 1-2, 2020. Year 2 High School candidates attend a retreat held at Richardson Springs Retreat Center February 28-March 1, 2020.

**All candidates select a patron saint and complete a Saint Discovery Report.** Candidates will be called by their selected saint's name at their Confirmation.

**All candidates participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**All candidates participate in 2 service projects.** One project includes parent/sponsor participation and the other is student led. Our main service event is the Parish Festival on September 14, 2019.



**Parents and Sponsors** attend some meetings or events with or without students. (See the calendar for details)

Your Confirmation Team is looking forward to a great year. Thank you to Miguel Rosso, Ron Guilliams, and Brian Broadway for journeying with our families again this year. We welcome Dan Rodriguez and Rina Gonzalez to our Confirmation Team this year.

For questions regarding sacrament preparation, please contact Jennifer Forward, DRE at [odsreligious@yahoo.com](mailto:odsreligious@yahoo.com) or 345-6201. Details are also available on the Parish website at [www.ourdivinesavior.org](http://www.ourdivinesavior.org).

**Confirmation Fees:**

Students will not be turned away or miss any part of the sacrament preparation if they have not or are unable to contribute financially. It is a costly program, but we only ask for help to cover the extra expenses of study materials, retreat, and conference. You are welcome to contribute above the amount requested. It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide families to contribute regularly during the normal Mass collection which helps to cover the cost of Religious Education expenses. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Break down of fees

Materials: \$20.00 If you have a workbook from last year you do not need to pay additional materials fees.

NET Retreat: \$35.00 due along with retreat registration form at Orientation.

Fired Up Confirmation Conference: \$35.00 due along with conference registration form at Orientation.

Make checks out to Our Divine Savior or ODS. You can write one check or make payments.

Materials:	\$20.00 (if necessary)
NET Retreat:	\$35.00 (year 2 Jr High only)
FiredUP:	<u>\$35.00 (year 2 Jr High only)</u>
Total:	\$20.00 for Year 1 Students \$70.00 for Year 2 Students (without a workbook)