**Fall 2017**

**Dear Confirmation Candidates, Parents, and Sponsors,**

**The reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very important event in a young person's life.** And the decision to enter this preparation program for reception of the Sacrament is not one to be taken lightly. In Confirmation the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to strengthen God's life within us and to fill us with enthusiasm and energy for Christ's mission. The Holy Spirit does not force us, however. We must do our part - we must be open to the presence of the Spirit; we must cooperate with the gifts the Spirit brings us and the work the Spirit wishes to accomplish in us. Confirmation does not produce immediate maturity and holiness. What it does is give us the power, the energy to grow and mature day-by-day, year-by-year so as to reach our full potential in Christ.

The process of preparation for this Sacrament is designed and formatted to help a candidate grow in skills, knowledge, attitudes, and practices that are considered essential to being a mature, responsible, and committed (that is Confirmed) member of the Catholic Church. When the candidate celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation it is seen as completing the process of Christian Initiation begun at Baptism.

**The Confirmation program at St. Vincent's is a one year process.** There is in this Confirmation Packet a complete calendar of classes, parent/sponsor nights, the retreat dates and other important information. **Due to the short duration of the program, if a candidate or their family foresees any conflict with the program's requirements or schedule, he or she should not register.** Requirements for confirmation are that the student must be baptized and will be fifteen years old by the date of Confirmation.

**St. Vincent's has the following mandatory requirements for the successful completion of our Confirmation program:**

**1) The candidate and their family attend and participate at Sunday** **mass.** It is an expectation that the candidates with their family join the community weekly for Eucharist to assist them in generating a pattern of going to Mass. Therefore: we have provided a mass attendance card. It would be negligent of us if we did not start to enable the practice of the faith in which they are to be Confirmed. Attendance at Sunday Liturgies is a sign of preparedness in making a choice to receive the final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Faith which was begun at Baptism. You, the parents & sponsors, have made that choice for them, now they make this choice with you. (NOTE: School masses do not take the place of Sunday worship nor are they to be written in on the Mass Attendance card!). Saturday vigil services are acceptable.

**2) Attendance at all scheduled** **classes, programs or events, and liturgies.** If the candidate is going to miss a learning session, it is the candidate who is to call to inform the program coordinator. Because of the importance of all learning sessions if two sessions are missed, the candidate will need to meet with the coordinator before attending another session. Additionally, any class that is missed will require a minimum two page paper based on the theme of the class missed.

**3) Candidates will participate in activities of Parish Ministries.** Confirmation is as much about the practice of our faith as it is about learning about it through Catechesis. There may be many who know more about the Catholic faith who are not practicing Catholics. The goal of our Confirmation program is to have the young people make a choice to live out their faith in their community through Eucharist and Christian Service. Parish hours are not exclusive to St. Vincent’s, they may serve in their home parishes. The definition of Parish involvement is purposely broad to allow students to work in areas that fit to their own talents and interests. This may very well include participating in Mass, Youth Ministry events, bible studies and helping at Parish, St. Vincent’s School and KOC events.

**NOTE:** *The hours you are required to do in high school are not the same as your Parish Involvement hours. However, the coordinator will be glad to sign off some of your Parish Involvement activity toward your required high school service hours.*

**4) An essential part of the Confirmation preparation process is that all candidates participate in a** **retreat experience.** This is a required event for completion of confirmation preparation, according to diocesan guidelines. The confirmation retreat takes place in lent on the weekend of March 11-13**.** This is close to many spring break vacations so please schedule ahead with this in mind.

**Candidates must submit the following by November 5:**

**1) A recent copy of their baptismal certificate.**

**2) Complete payment of the course fee ($200).** \*If payment is a problem please speak to me about installment payments.

**3) The name and address of their Confirmation** **sponsor.** The Church encourages you to choose, if possible, one of your baptismal godparents to be your sponsor for Confirmation because this expresses more clearly the link between your Baptism and Confirmation. This person would be a good choice if she/he:

* has been close enough to you to be supportive of your life so far;
* is a baptized Catholic who has received Eucharist and has been Confirmed;
* is a practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass every week;
* lives a good Catholic life & is in good standing with the church
* is at least 20 years old

**Confirmation Names:**

The candidates for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation have two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name:

1) To stay with your present baptismal name (your regular first name). Nicknames, abbreviations or any other types of slang are not acceptable to take the place of your baptismal name for Confirmation

2) Pick a saint's name that would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that particular saint.

The selection of the Confirmation name will take place on the retreat.

**Classes are** **scheduled on most Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** It is imperative the candidates are on time and prepared with the work completed from their last class. At the beginning of our program the expectations of the staff will be explained to all our candidates and their parents.

Confirmation Guidelines of the San Diego Diocese specify areas of study the candidates are to show competence in before the reception of the sacrament. These are Scripture, Sacramental Initiation, Moral Living and Prayer. Basic doctrine and themes of Catholicism are taught, but are meant primarily to facilitate a jumping off point to engage the students with how they view the faith handed to them by their parents.

* Attendance at all Class events
* 20 Parish Involvement hours
* Weekly Mass Attendance
* Sponsor Holy Spirit Interview
* Parish Involvement Report

**Sponsor Holy Spirit Interview.**

Each student is to conduct an interview with their sponsor on the subject of a moment when the Holy Spirit touched their life. This interview should be written in a newspaper style fashion and be no less than 500 words. These interviews will be due after Christmas Break. Selected interviews will be read on the retreat.

**Parish Involvement Report**

Each student will create a profile report on the ministry they participate in and present it at the Confirmation Retreat during Lent. Students may participate in the same ministry as other students. However, each student must create their own report and coordinate it to be substantively different than those of other students involved in the same ministry.

**All students are to be picked up by 8:45. All classes are over at 8:30.** A letter of permission is needed from the parent/s for the candidate to walk home or use any other form of transportation. No candidate is to leave the grounds of the parish facilities from the time they arrive to the time they are picked up at the end of classes.

Any disruptive, disrespectful or rude behavior by any individual or clique will result in the candidate's immediate suspension from the program. In order to be readmitted to the program the individual/s involved, and their parents will meet with the program director. A second suspension may result in permanent dismissal from the program. (No refunds -will be given for suspension or dismissal.)

**At the completion of the Confirmation preparation process an assessment interview with the candidate will be held.** At this meeting an overall review will take place of the candidate's time, and involvement in the Confirmation preparation process. The determination of the candidates’ willingness and sacramental maturity to receive the sacrament will be discussed and assessed at this time.

It is hoped that the Confirmation process will strengthen you and your family's commitment to grow spiritually in the Catholic Faith. We pray it will be a rewarding experience for all the candidates.

**Email is an essential component of our communication with you.** Updates of youth activities, confirmation classes and other information are sent out on a weekly basis.

For any questions or concerns you may have please call Mr. Kevin Diamond, the Director of Youth Ministry at **619.549.6143 or email kevinwdiamond@cox.net.**



Parish Youth Ministry meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm in Church Hall.**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Please complete this form and be sure that we have your current address, email, phone number, and business phone. If there is shared custody where the child is living with more than one parent we would like addresses and phone numbers also. This information is for contacting you in case of emergency or getting information to you.

We need Sacramental information for our permanent records and a copy of your youth’s Baptismal Certificate. The fee for registration is $150.00. This will provide for texts, materials, and the retreat weekend. The registration fee can be made in monthly payments. No candidate will be denied the Sacrament based on financial need. If the Baptismal Certificate is not handed in by November 6th, the youth may be dropped from the program.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

ADULT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR

CATECHITICAL MINISTRY

**Parents or sponsors, please volunteer for at least two activities**.

Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**I am willing to help in the following areas:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Assist with setting up the Confirmation reception

\_\_\_\_\_Guest Speaker Topic of interest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Organize Confirmation Prayer Group

\_\_\_\_\_ Cooking/Snack Volunteers

**Mass Attendance Sheet**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Each week have the officiating priest sign off on your attendance. This is your record of Mass attendance. You will be required to turn in this sheet every couple months. You are responsible for its accuracy. Do not misplace this form. If you need to miss Mass for a week, have your parents record the reason and sign off on that week.

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Parish Involvement Hours

The following form is to help you keep track of your completed Parish Involvement hours. You are required participate in 20 hours of in Parish service at Saint Vincent’s Church.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student Survey Form

Please take a couple minutes to fill out the questions below. Your answers help our team of instructors to know you better and custom fit their classes to be the most beneficial to you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Siblings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Where do you stand in order of siblings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Hobby or sport: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After school activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite musician/group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of past religious instruction (CCD, school, etc..):

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Understanding of Catholic faith (0=Nothing, 10=I’m the Pope):

0… 1… 2… 3… 4… 5… 6… 7… 8… 9… 10

To me my faith is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The reason I want to be confirmed is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I feel it is important to be Catholic because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_