

2023-2024 CONFIRMATION Enrollment Agreement

My name is: _____

Year 1

Please print your full legal name

I realize that the following items are the requirements of the St. Matthew Confirmation program. I understand that if I do not complete all of these requirements, I will be asked to repeat this year of preparation.

The Confirmation program at St. Matthew Church is a 2-year program which consists of Faith Formation classes and **Weekend Mass attendance**. Youth wishing to prepare for Confirmation **must** attend all classes, group sessions, meetings/retreats and Mass along with other requirements.

1. Attend **Mass** and celebrate the Eucharist on a regular weekly basis; as well as sign in and participate in Mass while enrolled in the program.
2. Attend Confirmation classes and Mass. If I miss due to an emergency, illness or any other reason, I will be expected to make up the missed session work within 2 weeks of the absence. After **three missed sessions**, my parents will have to meet with the Youth Ministry staff and/or the Pastor. Retreat requirement:
 - (a) While in the Confirmation program, I need to attend 1 Retreat each year. It will be my responsibility to keep track of whether I attend a Retreat. **Dates Not Yet Set.**
3. I will complete all registration paperwork and turn in to the Youth Ministry Office and sign this Enrollment Agreements before classes start on September 13th session.
4. I will respect all Catechists/Volunteers as well as St. Matthew Church & Students.
5. I will dress appropriately for both classes and Mass...i.e., no torn jeans; crop tops, shirts must cover the body - front & back.
6. I will not wear a hat, beanie or hoodie at Mass.
7. I will remove ear buds for both class and Mass at all times & will not use my phone while at Mass or Class.
8. I will choose a Saint and Sponsor (practicing Catholic who is 18 years of age) to accompany me on my journey. All paperwork will be turned in before December 1, 2023.
9. I understand that St. Matthew Church has a NO bullying policy and that the use of or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during any St. Matthew event or session is strictly prohibited.
10. I will get involved in the community at St. Matthew Parish by completing no less than **20 Hours** each class year of volunteer work.

I agree to the above requirements and will be responsible for contacting **Alicia Quintero** at the Youth Ministry office at (951)272-3520, via Class Remind, or e-mail - **aquintero@sbdiocese.org** if I have a problem fulfilling any of these requirements.

I understand that my parents and I will be notified if I am asked to repeat the year for any reason. I have read and understand the above Confirmation requirements. **Signatures from the youth and at least one parent are required below!**

Student Cell No: _____ E-Mail: _____

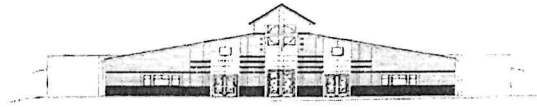
Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

St. Matthew Faith Formation Program

E-Mail: **aquintero@sbdiocese.org**

2023-2024



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Registration – Youth Ministry/Confirmation

7th, 8th, & 9th ~ Monday 6:30pm-8pm; Year 1 or Year 2 ~ Wednesday-7pm-8:30pm

Date: _____

Office Use Only

Family Last Name: _____
Address or PO Box: _____
City: _____ Zip code: _____
Home phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____
E-mail: _____
Preferred Language: _____
If child has different Last Name(s): _____

# of Children	_____	RE	_____	
Amount Due \$	_____	RE \$	_____	
Amount Paid \$	_____	RE \$	_____	
Balance Due \$	_____	RE \$	_____	
Cash	_____	Check #	_____	
Card	_____		_____	
7 th	8 th	9 th	Year 1	Year 2
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Catechist fee waived _____				

====PLEASE PRINT & SIGN BELOW FOR PROGRAM ENROLLMENT====

I agree to all of the guidelines for Registration and Attendance for my child at St. Matthew Family Religious Education Program.

Print Father's Name: _____ Print Mother's Name: _____
Father's Signature: _____ Mother's Signature: _____
Cell Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone:(____) _____
Other Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone:(____) _____

===== STUDENT INFORMATION (Grades 7th– 12th ONLY) =====

Please select: Monday 7th 8th 9th or Wednesday Year 1 Year 2
Full Name: _____ Grade in Fall 2023 _____

Enrolled in Formation classes before? [Yes or No] CELL# _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Baptized: Date _____ Church _____ Birthdate: _____ - _____ - _____

Sacraments Completed *Baptism 1st Reconciliation 1st Eucharist Confirmation

**Must be a Roman Catholic Baptism. Please contact the office if you are unsure.*

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Health Problems: _____

YES, I allow my child(ren)'s photograph to be taken, and used in church media (bulletin, Facebook, etc.)

Print Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 7th – 12th) EMERGENCY FORM

This form is necessary for enrollment and must be submitted at registration.

Print 1 st Youth's (Last Name)	(First Name)	(Parent or Guardian's Signature)	(Print Full Name)	(Date)
(Youth's Birthdate)	(Grade)	(Family Name if different)		
Print 2 nd Youth's (Last Name)	(First Name)	(Parent or Guardian's Signature)	(Print Full Name)	(Date)
(Youth's Birthdate)	(Grade)	(Family Name if different)		
Print 3 rd Youth's (Last Name)	(First Name)	(Parent or Guardian's Signature)	(Print Full Name)	(Date)
(Youth's Birthdate)	(Grade)	(Family Name if different)		

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____ Telephone # or Cell # _____

(I/We) request that the above named youth be permitted to attend St. Matthew Youth Ministry/Confirmation Classes. We [youth and parent(s)] agree to all of the guidelines outlined in the Registration Packet and agree to the emergency instructions. *In the event of an emergency and I do not answer my phone or the emergency contacts listed below are not available, I give St. Matthew's permission to seek medical care for my youth. I accept responsibility for the payment of these medical services. Please Initial ()*.

Parents Languages: _____ Youth lives with: (both parents _____) (Dad _____) (Mom _____) (Other _____)

****Name of other persons authorized to pick up your youth from class:**

1st Emergency #: _____	Contact Person: _____	Can this person pick up youth from class? Yes () No ()
2nd Emergency #: _____	Contact Person: _____	Can this person pick up youth from class? Yes () No ()

CUSTODY ISSUES: Absent a court order, we will assume that both parents have custody of the youth. If there are problems of custody which might involve St. Matthew, please give us the necessary information below. Specific custody restrictions must be verified by providing us with a copy of the COURT ORDER.

(PARISH OFFICE USE ONLY)

Youth's Name _____	Signature of parent or guardian _____	Print Full Name _____	Date _____	Time _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Choosing a Saint's Name for Confirmation

Why Choose a Confirmation Name?

A name identifies us in a unique way; not just our physical selves, but who we are as a person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this Sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you to determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments. You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian that you want to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be an advocate for you for the rest of your life. Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the meaning behind the name you choose, for as Scripture says, "*Yahweh calls each of us by name.*"

Remember that the church's canonized saints are like members of the Catholic "Hall of Fame." They were not canonized as saints because they are "perfect people" or have "ideals we can never live up to." They are canonized because of their willingness to love and serve the Lord. Their stories and lives have inspired believers throughout history.

To learn more about the saints, you can check out these websites:

www.americancatholic.org

www.catholic.org/saints

www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm

www.cin.org/saintlink.html

After you have chosen your Confirmation name, you will need to write a brief paper (300 words or more for example this paper is 360 words) about your chosen name. This paper may be typed or hand written. Your paper should include a brief biography about your saint's life, **and why you chose this particular saint. Please be sure to include how this saint inspires you, and how their story influences your faith journey.**

This paper needs to be turned in by December 1st, 2023. So I may continue attending my preparations classes

If you have any questions please call Alicia Quintero at (951)272-3520 or email at Aquintero@sbdioocese.org



**St. Matthew Catholic Church
Confirmation Program**

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From the code of Canon Law: Sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been confirmed, have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and who lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. (Canon 874 & 893)

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM – DUE BY December 1, 2023

Sponsors need to be at least 18 years of age, practicing Catholics and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and currently receiving Eucharist. Sponsors that are not from this parish must have this form signed by the pastor of their registered parish. Parents cannot sponsor their own teens, nor can they act as proxies.

Name of your Confirmation Candidate (Full Legal Name) _____

Please provide sponsor information below (please print)

Sponsor Name (First/Middle/Last) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Are you registered here at St. Matthew? YES ___ NO ___ If no, please include the signature of the pastor of the parish at which you are registered. (Pastor & Parish information needed below.)

I recognize that in accepting the role of Sacramental Sponsor I become responsible to be a model and example to the candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be a support to his/her life in the practice of our Catholic faith. Therefore, I affirm that I am committed to my Catholic faith; that I am myself baptized and confirmed in it; that I am not married outside the church or otherwise compromised in my own sacramental life; and that I meet my fundamental obligations as a Catholic by participating in Sunday mass; by receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and Penance as necessary; by being open to the work of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church; by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and by seeking to be of service to others for love of Him.

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

For Pastors of parishes other than St. Matthew:

To the best of my knowledge, (sponsor name) _____ is qualified to be a Confirmation sponsor for (candidate name) _____ who is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Matthew Catholic Church. He/She is an active member of the parish and is in good standings with the Church.

(Signature of sponsor's Pastor/Assoc. Pastor/Pastoral Coordinator)

(Parish)

(City and State)

(Date)

Sponsors: Are you Baptized Catholic? YES ___ NO ___
Have you received: First Eucharist? YES ___ NO ___ Confirmation? YES ___ NO ___
Are you currently able to receive Eucharist? YES ___ NO ___

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? YES ___ NO ___

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

PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. You may use the reverse side, if necessary.
In what capacity do you know your candidate (relative, friend, etc)? Please describe.

Why do you want to be a sponsor?



The Role of a Confirmation Sponsor

"Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents." (#1311 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

In the Diocese of San Bernardino, there is to be only one sponsor for each candidate for Confirmation who is to be at least **18 years of age** and is a **fully initiated Roman Catholic**; a person who has received **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. The Sponsor **cannot** be a parent, nor can they act as proxies.

The most important role of Confirmation sponsors is to journey with the candidates and guide them as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament of Initiation, and to continue to help them live out their mission as fully initiated Catholics especially after the celebration. They are to listen attentively to candidates and affirm their strengths. They are to share in the catechetical sessions, rites, retreats and service projects whenever possible. Sponsors act in the name of the Church; they have the responsibility to witness to the faith through their actions.

As a Sacramental Sponsor, I will become responsible to be a model and example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic; to be a support to his/her life in the practice of our Catholic Faith. Therefore, I will affirm to commit to my Catholic Faith; that I am Baptized and Confirmed in it and able to receive the Holy Eucharist.

"The sponsor brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for anointing, will later help him fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit." Rite of Confirmation

Every effort is to be made to insure that the sponsor for Confirmation will be present and accompany the candidate at the liturgical celebration of the Rite of Confirmation. The sponsor serves as a mentor/guide in the faith and should have regular contact with the candidate. *Living at a remote distance from the Confirmation candidate is not an excuse for the sponsor's absence during the celebration of the rite itself.*

Having explained that, there may emergency situations where the sponsor may not be able to be physically present for the celebration of the rite. Such reasons may include illness, inclement weather, and national emergencies. In this extreme emergency absence of the sponsor, a witness is required who can attest to the administering of the sacrament. The only requirements for the witness are that he or she be practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age. This may include the person who prepared the candidate for the sacrament.



Confirmation Sponsor Guidelines

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The sponsor for a candidate of the sacrament of Confirmation has a unique role as teacher, spiritual guide and companion on this journey through the process of confirmation to full initiation within the Church. When choosing a sponsor, the candidate should look for someone that the candidate desires to share in that same faith life.

A sponsor must be able to fulfill the conditions mentioned in Cannon 874

Cannon Law 874

To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1. Be designated by the one to be Baptized/Confirmed.
2. Be of age – Set by Bishop (18 years of age in The Diocese of San Bernardino)
3. Be a fully initiated Catholic
4. Practicing Catholic (not bound by canonical penalty)
5. Not be the father or mother of the one to be Baptized/Confirmed.

The candidate should be allowed to choose his or her own sponsor. It is the task of the parent to assist your son or daughter to reflect on an adult member of the faith community who has influenced their faith development or who has been an example to them of a person living a faithful life. The candidate should not rush into asking just anyone, but should spend time in prayer and reflection about this invitation, but should be chosen in the first year.

The following are a few items to consider when thinking about different people in your life:

1. Do you feel comfortable talking and sharing with this person?
2. Are you willing to spend time outside of church with this person?
3. Do you look up to and respect this person?
4. Do you feel this person will listen and respect your views and questions?
5. Do you feel that this person will guide and teach you through this process of confirmation?
6. Do you see this person at church and participating within the community?

The following are things to think about:

1. Your sponsor may be your Baptismal sponsor.
2. Your sponsor may be either male or female.
3. Your sponsor must accept the invitation to help you prepare by being a friend, witness and guide.
4. Your sponsor must agree to participate in special meetings, workshops and liturgies, retreats during the process.
5. Your sponsor must be willing to continue to be a friend, witness and guide after your confirmation.
6. If married, your sponsor must be married in the Catholic church.