

CONFIRMING DISCIPLES

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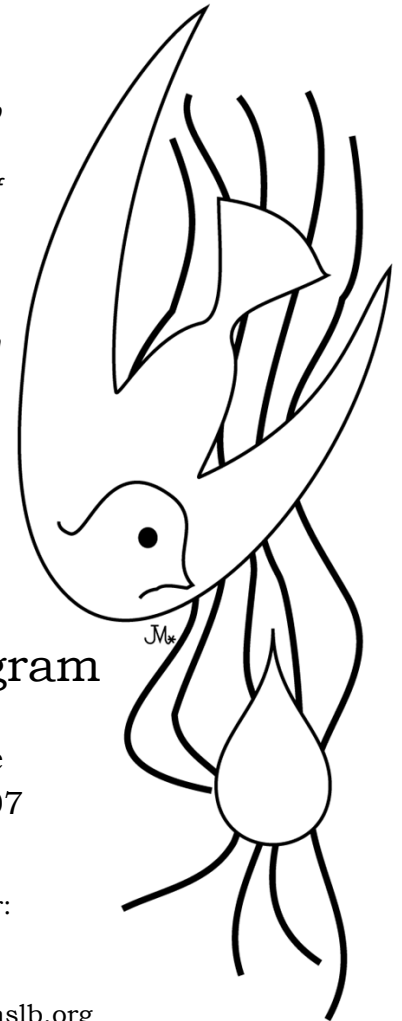
Confirmation is the sacrament which perfects Baptismal grace. Through it, we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way, so that we become more fully “the Children of God”; draw closer to the real person of Jesus Christ; strengthen our connection to the Church and her mission; and receive strength and courage to share the message of the Christian faith in both words and actions.

St. Barnabas Parish Confirmation Program for Youth

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Welcome to the St. Barnabas Confirmation Program

Entering the Confirmation Program is a family decision. It is a **2 year commitment** of growing in your faith within a caring parish community. This process begins in high school when you as a family have decided to begin the process.

Acknowledging that you, as parents, are the primary religious educators of your youth, we ask that you participate in the program to the best of your abilities. All youth are expected to participate in this program and within the parish to the best of their abilities.

Mission Statement

To help all generations, especially our youth, to know and understand that Jesus is present in the Church. To help them understand the importance of the Eucharist and the Mass. To help them build and maintain a strong relationship with God. To inform them of what it means to be a Christian Catholic so they can make and embrace their decision to be Confirmed.

Tuition for 2018-2019

1st Year - \$250

2nd Year - \$300

Class Sessions & Events

Sessions will be every other Sunday, with some exceptions. The class sessions will be 3:30pm-6:30pm which will include celebrating the 5:30pm youth Mass. Some events are held on specified days other than Sundays. A calendar of events & sessions will be included with your registration packet.

Because of the amount of material we cover in each session, it is imperative that your youth attend each event & session. We also realize that an absence may occur, 3 absences will call for a parent meeting with the candidate, catechist and confirmation coordinator. 4th absence will call for a parent meeting with the pastor.

Tentative Schedule

Events, times and dates are subject to change. Final schedule will be passed out at orientation. Candidates and parents must attend the orientation. Shaded events are *parent and sponsor only* events.

Orientation Year 1	Saturday, September 08, 2018	2-4pm
Orientation Year 2	Sunday, September 09, 2018	2-4pm
First Day of Class	Sunday, September 23, 2018	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, October 07, 2018	330pm-630pm
Guest Speaker	Saturday, TBA	TBA
Class + Mass	Sunday, October 21, 2018	330pm-630pm
Parent/Sponsor Workshop	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	7-9pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, November 04, 2018	330pm-630pm
Informative Parent Meeting	Tuesday, November 06, 2018	7-9pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, November 18, 2018	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, December 02, 2018	330pm-630pm
Parent/Sponsor Workshop	Tuesday, December 04, 2018	7-9pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, December 16, 2018	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, January 06, 2019	330pm-630pm
Cathedral Trip	Saturday, January 12, 2019	9-2pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, January 20, 2019	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, February 03, 2019	330pm-630pm
Year 2 Retreat	Sat. 2/9/19 & Sun. 2/10/19	TBA
Class + Mass	Sunday, February 17, 2019	330pm-630pm
Parent/Sponsor Workshop	Tuesday, February 26, 2019	7-9pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, March 03, 2019	330pm-630pm
Year 1 Retreat	Saturday, March 16, 2019	TBA
Class + Mass	Sunday, March 17, 2019	330pm-630pm
Youthday!!	Thursday, March 21, 2019	7-5pm
Parent/Sponsor Workshop	Tuesday, March 26, 2019	7-9pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, March 31, 2019	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, April 14, 2019	330pm-630pm
Class + Mass	Sunday, April 28, 2019	330pm-630pm
Last Day of Class	Sunday, May 05, 2019	330pm-630pm
Confessions	TBA	TBA
Confirmation Rehearsal	TBA	TBA
Confirmation Ceremony	TBA	TBA

2nd Year Candidates ONLY

Confirmation Saint's Name

2nd Year Confirmation Candidates will choose a saint's name as their "Confirmation" Name and complete a project about them. They will research and write a report on the life of the saint, why they chose this particular saint and the significance the life of this saint has made or can make in their lives.

"Why I Want to be Confirmed" Letter

2nd Year Confirmation Candidates will be asked to write a letter to the Bishop and Parish Priest on why they want to be confirmed. This letter is an integral part of the Confirmation Preparation Process and must be turned in by the due date that will be announced.

Interactive Conversation with Priest

2nd Year Confirmation Candidates will have an interactive conversation with the priests towards the end of the year. This interactive conversation is designed for the priests to get to know the candidates and evaluate their readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This booklet is designed to guide you through the Confirmation Process. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to

Orientation

This session is required for 1st Year & 2nd Year candidates. It enters them into their Confirmation year & completes the registration process. The orientations will be held 2 weeks prior to the start of class sessions. Please see calendar.

Procedures for Drop-Off and Pick-Up

All youth can be dropped off for sessions or events 15 minutes prior to the session. Once they are left on the church grounds, **they may not leave the church grounds for any reason due to insurance and liability.** Please go over this with your son or daughter. **No trips to 99c Store, Pete's etc. after they are dropped off on the Church grounds.** Please drop your youth off on the church grounds, **not on the corner.** This is for the safety of all our youth, so that we know where they are at all times when they are our responsibility. After the first day, the students will be meeting in their classes with their catechists. We ask that your youth be on time for each session & stay the duration of each session. If your youth arrives late or leaves early without an appropriate excuse, the session may be counted as an absence. At the end of Mass, all classes will stay seated at the church where you can sign them out and pick them up there. Upon request we can provide a form for you to fill out that will allow us to dismiss your child without your presence at the end of Mass.

Mass Attendance

Confirmation Sessions are held on specified Sunday afternoons. When we do have session, we will end class with celebrating the 5:30pm youth Mass. Your family is more than welcome to attend the Mass. On days we do not have session, your youth is still expected to meet Sunday obligation of attending mass and getting their mass cards signed. If they forget their card, a bulletin signed by the presiding Priest will be accepted as confirmation of Mass attendance.

Retreats

Retreats are an integral part of the Confirmation Preparation Process. They are required for both 1st Year and 2nd Year Candidates. The fees for the retreats are included in your registration fee. If your youth misses these retreats, you are responsible for finding another retreat in the area. (2nd year candidates must attend a weekend retreat approved by the confirmation coordinator. Proof of retreat attendance is required.)

The Sponsor

The Sponsor plays a key role in the Confirmation Process. They must be a practicing Catholic (someone other than a parent) who will attend the sponsor workshops and will walk with your youth on this important journey to full initiation into the Church. They must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and if married- marriage must have been in a Catholic Church. Information will be given at the orientation on how to choose a sponsor and their role in this 2 year process. Each candidate requires one sponsor. The sponsor will need to have their paperwork signed by their Pastor and turned in for our files. If you change your sponsor - new paperwork must resubmitted.

Parent/Sponsor Enrichment Workshops

We will be hosting enrichment workshops for parents and sponsors so that you, as the primary religious educators of your youth, will be able to grow in your faith alongside your candidate. Workshops are for parents and sponsors only. See calendar for workshop dates.

Youth day

Youth day is a 1 day youth orientated event at the Anaheim Convention Center that is put together by the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The youth will hear different speakers, enjoy music provided by Catholic musicians, and attend Mass presided by Archbishop Gomez. This is an optional event. See calendar for date. Fee for the event ticket is \$15. Please provide your youth with money for food.

Cathedral Trip

This year we will be taking a trip to Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. We will be taking a tour of the Cathedral. Transportation is provided to your youth, however they will need to bring money to buy their food. For 1st year candidates, not attending this event will count as an absence. For this year, it is an optional session for 2nd year Confirmation candidates. See calendar for date.

Youth Service Hour Commitment

20 Service Hours are required by each Candidate for each year. (40 hrs total for the 2 Years) A Service Hour Log Sheet will be given in the Candidate Packet at the Orientation Session. Service hours will be due throughout the year.

VIRTUS Program

St. Barnabas Confirmation, in accordance with the VIRTUS Teaching Touching Safety Program, will present candidates a youth sexual abuse prevention program this school year. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth. **Parents are required to attend the informational meeting** regarding the program to better understand the material that will be presented to your youth. Please see calendar for informational meeting day.