

CONFIRMING DISCIPLES

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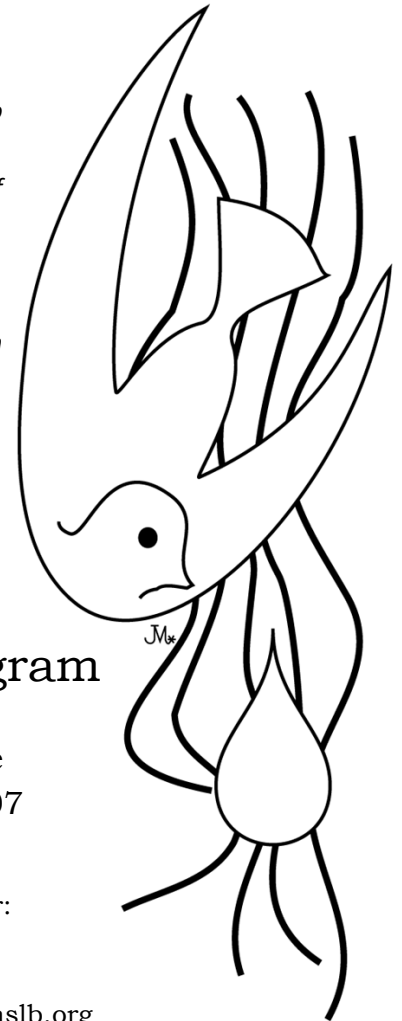
Confirmation is the sacrament which perfects Baptismal grace. Through it, we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way, so that we become more fully “the Children of God”; draw closer to the real person of Jesus Christ; strengthen our connection to the Church and her mission; and receive strength and 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 2022-2023*

1st Year - \$250

2nd Year - \$300

*Fee includes retreats and any other fees. Payment plans are available

Class Sessions & Events

Sessions will be every other Sunday, with some exceptions. Sunday sessions will be 3:30pm-5:30pm. Some events are held on specified days other than Sundays. A final calendar of events & sessions will be distributed at orientation.

Because of the material we cover in each session, it is imperative that your youth attend each event & session. We also realize that an absence may occur. More than 3 absences to class sessions may result in removal from the program.

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.

Session	Date	Time
Orientation	Saturday, September 17, 2022	11:30am-12:30pm
1st Day of Class	Sunday, September 25, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Class	Sunday, October 09, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	7:00-8:30pm
Mass	Sunday, October 16, 2022	11:00am
Class	Sunday, October 23, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Class	Sunday, November 06, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Mass	Sunday, November 13, 2022	11:00am
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Wednesday, November 16, 2022	7:00-8:30pm
1st Year Retreat	Saturday, November 19, 2022	TBD
Class	Sunday, November 20, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Class	Sunday, December 04, 2022	3:30-5:30pm
Confession	Saturday, December 10, 2022	10:00am
Mass + Class	Sunday, December 18, 2022	10:00am-1:00pm
Class	Sunday, January 08, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Saturday, January 21, 2023	10:00-11:30am
Class	Sunday, January 22, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Mass	Sunday, January 29, 2023	11:00am
Class	Sunday, February 05, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Mass	Sunday, February 12, 2023	11:00am
2nd Year Retreat	Sat Feb 18 - Sun Feb 19, 2023	TBD
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Tuesday, February 21, 2023	7:00-8:30pm
Class	Sunday, March 05, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Confession	Sunday, March 12, 2023	10:00am
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	7:00-8:30pm
Class	Sunday, March 19, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Mass + Class	Sunday, March 26, 2023	10:00am-1:00pm
Class	Sunday, April 02, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Class	Sunday, April 16, 2023	3:30-5:30pm
Parent/Sponsor Seminar	Saturday, April 22, 2023	10:00-11:30am
Mass	Sunday, April 23, 2023	11:00am
Last Day of Class	Sunday, April 30, 2023	3:30-5:30pm

2nd Year Candidates ONLY

“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 to be announced.

Interactive Conversation with Priest

2nd Year Confirmation Candidates will have an interactive conversation with the priests towards the end of the school 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 call us at (213) 948-7762 or email at confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org

Orientation

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

Procedures for Drop-Off and Pick-Up

The candidates can be dropped off for sessions or events 15 minutes prior to the start time. 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 and/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 (within church parking lot gates), **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. The majority of the sessions, 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, the session may be counted as an absence. Students must be signed out at the end of the sessions and events. 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 the session.

Mass Attendance

As Catholics, we must attend mass every Sunday. Attendance will be confirmed by the sign-in binder in the back of the church or by submitting a photo to the confirmation email. The 11am mass will be the youth mass, the youth are encouraged to attend and participate in this mass. Once a month, all the candidates will attend the 11am youth mass together. Excessive absences to weekly mass may result in removal from the program.

Retreats

Retreats are an integral part of the Confirmation preparation process. They are required for both 1st and 2nd year candidates. The fees for the retreats are included in the 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 talks and 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. A copy of their Confirmation (or Marriage if sponsor is married) certificate will need to be provided. If you change your sponsor, new paperwork must be submitted. All sponsor forms and paperwork is due by December 18th, 2022.

Parent & Sponsor Enrichment Seminars

We will be hosting enrichment seminars 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. Parents are required to attend at least **three** of the six seminars. Sponsors are also required to attend at least **three** of the eight seminars. Seminars are for parents and sponsors only. Parents and sponsors do not need to attend the same seminar. See calendar for seminar dates.

Youth day

Youth day is a one-day youth orientated event at the Anaheim Convention Center that is hosted by the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The youth will listen to 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 \$20. Transportation will be provided for the event.

Youth Service Hour Commitment

15 Service Hours are required by each Candidate for each year. (30 hours 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 Empowering God's Children Program, will present candidates a youth 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. The information and material will be shared with parents prior to the class to allow parents to review and approve the material. A permission slip must be signed by the parent/guardian for the youth to attend the class.

Confirmation Saint's Name

All Confirmation Candidates will choose a Saint's name as their "Confirmation" name and complete a project about the chosen Saint. 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.

Paperwork in Order

All paperwork must be turned into the office by December 18th, 2022 for the youth to proceed in the program. This includes baptism and 1st communion certificates, sponsor forms and sponsor certificates.