



St. Timothy's Teenage Confirmation 2018-19



Dear Confirmation Families:

We recall that Jesus said in the Gospels, "let the children come to me," and we understand that literally and figuratively. The former for children and youth, and the latter for adults, that they might be simple of heart. The religious education we provide supplements and confirms the religious experience you offer in your homes. Parents (guardians) are the first evangelizers. Families, homes, or whatever the makeup, are a domestic church. The local church assembly or parish completes and confirms you and your family's faith in God.

Blessings,

Fr. Paul Vigil, *Pastor*
Lena Randle, *School Principal*
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Faith Formation Team

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

James Cones, *Confirmation 1*

Larry Zehnder, *Confirmation 2*

Confirmation Preparation is a two year program. Parents are required to attend one orientation session each year. Sponsor and Confirmandi are required to attend the retreat and rehearsal the second year. Weekly Mass attendance is expected. Attendance at 9:00am STYM Mass, 1x/month, is expected.

EXPECTATIONS

Students: Arrive on time Respect others. Follow class rules Complete assignments
Bring textbook & pencil to class each week (\$30 replacement fee for lost textbook)

Parents:

- Attend Mass regularly with your youth, if possible. 9:00 am Family Mass offers STYM Mass once per month.
- Encourage your child to be an active minister, such as an altar server, STYM Mass: lector, Offertory gift bearer
- Incorporate class lessons into family life.
- **Baptism Certificate for Confirmation 2, due upon registration, final due date November 11.**
- Student absences, maximum 1 excused per year. **Please email stluciavf@gmail.com or stcmanetterf@gmail.com, in advance**, if your child will be absent. We find parents communicate primarily by email, but you may also leave a message for us at 310-474-1216.

DO NOT BRING TO CLASS: food, beverages

CELL PHONE USAGE is not permitted during class, as it is disruptive to fellow students and the teacher. Usage will result in confiscation until class ends. Please discuss this policy with your youth.

CURRICULUM

Confirmation, Year 1: Basic formation for Confirmation two year program begins with this class. Students are accepted starting in the 8th grade.

Confirmation, Year 2: This class focuses on the formation of prayer, the Bible, The Holy Spirit, The Church and its mission, and the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ST. TIMOTHY YOUTH MINISTRY - "STYM"

St. Timothy Youth Ministry (STYM) is offered to the youth of our parish in grades 8th through 12th. Many opportunities are offered, such as Community Service, Leadership Skills, Public Speaking, Team Building Skills, and Active Participation in the Mass. Confirmation students are required to attend 4 STYM gatherings per school year in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Manette at 310-470-6276 for more information.

SERVICE HOURS

In addition to the 4 STYM gatherings each year, Confirmation students are required to perform the following service hours: **Confirmation Year 1: 10 hours; Confirmation, Year 2: 20 hours.** Participation in STYM service opportunities and, if needed, outside service hours, will fulfill the requirement.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Although we do not anticipate any reason to cancel a class, we will make every effort to inform you via a phone call or e mail.

CRISIS PLAN

In the unlikely event that the school would need to be evacuated, students would be taken to the Parish Hall or the parking lot.

SUNDAY DISMISSAL

Confirmation class ends at 12:30 p.m., please plan to pick up your youth promptly at 12:30 p.m.

BREAK/SNACK

A light snack is served at the lunch tables during the 10 minute break.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

St. Timothy’s C.C.D. presents a child abuse prevention program, the Touching Safety program. Developed by the creators of Protecting God’s Children, it is taught by a trained instructor and is age appropriate. For more information visit the VIRTUS Online website at <http://www.Virtus.org>. A handout with an overview of the program is provided at orientation.

VIRTUS FOR ADULTS

The **VIRTUS** session will help you as parents understand the facts and myths about protecting your children, warning signs and how caring adults can take five important steps to keep children safe. This class is for adults only who wish to volunteer with our children and youth. Please contact stluciavf@gmail.com for information regarding upcoming classes, or go to la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx

Teenage Confirmation Schedule 2018-19
Class is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

	YEAR 1 CALLED TO BE CATHOLIC	YEAR 2 DECISION POINT
SEPTEMBER 9 Parent Orientation Meeting (in Classroom) 11:45 – 12:30	Foundations of our Faith	Life is Choices
OCTOBER 14	United in Love	What’s Holding You Back? The Jesus Question
NOVEMBER 11 Baptism Certificates Due,	Source of our Redemption, Confirmation 2	The Prayer Process; The Bible Baptism Certificates Due, Confirmation 2
DECEMBER 2	One Body, One Family	Relationships
JANUARY 20	Worshipping as a Community	The Eucharist; The Holy Spirit
FEBRUARY 10	Welcome, Strength,	The Church and Nourishment
MARCH 10	Forgiveness & Discipleship	Confirmation
MARCH 15	World Youth Day, Anaheim (not required, recommended)	
APRIL 28 Last Class	Guided by God’s Grace; Our Faith in Action;	Made for Mission; Holiness is Possible’ Thanks and Praise
DATE/TIME TBD Saturday or Sunday		Confirmation Liturgy, Confirmation Retreat