

CONFIRMATION

YEAR ONE

**SAN CARLOS
CATHEDRAL**

CLASSES

Sessions that teach the truths of our faith while giving students the chance to build community

SERVICE

An opportunity for families to serve together, within the community and a parish ministry.*

SPONSOR

A person who is fully initiated in the Catholic faith, as well as a mentor to guide them in their faith journey.

MASS

The "source and summit" of our faith. Weekly Mass attendance is expected of all students and families.

RETREAT

A day away to focus on our relationship with Christ
Years 1 and 2 are required to attend.*

* DUE TO COVID-19 SOME ITEMS THAT ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED ARE BEING WAIVED FOR THIS YEAR ONLY

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SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL

FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY

10TH - INTRODUCTION CLASS

17TH - WHY AM I HERE?

24TH - WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY?

31ST - WHAT'S YOUR STORY, GOD?

FEBRUARY

7TH - HOW DO I KNOW GOD IS REAL?

21ST - WHO IS JESUS?

28TH - WHY BE CATHOLIC?

MARCH

7TH - WHERE AM I GOING?

14TH - TEACHING MASS*

-AT SCHOOL COURTYARD

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FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

APRIL

11TH - HOW DO I GET THERE?

18TH - WHEN DID MY JOURNEY BEGIN?

25TH - WHY TELL ME SINS TO A PRIEST?

MAY

2ND - HOW DOES GOD HELP WHEN IT
HURTS?

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FIRST YEAR DUE DATES

FEBRUARY

11TH - SPONSOR FORM

MAY

2ND - SAINT REPORT



THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR

What is a Sponsor?

- A Sponsor accompanies a baptized Catholic who is seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
- A Sponsor is a person who knows (or is willing to know) the confirmandi and be a witness of the confirmandi's moral character, faith and intention to receive the Sacrament (**A Sponsor is NOT a Parent**)
- A Sponsor commits him/herself to accompany the confirmandi throughout their faith formation and is willing to be present for all events prior to as well as the actual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
- A confirmandi may only have ONE (1) Sponsor

What does a Sponsor do?

- Prays for their confirmandi, all confirmandi & sponsors
- Listens to their confirmandi and when appropriate, shares their faith journey
- Focuses on the confirmandi's journey
- Participates in faith formation meetings and all events for the confirmandi when asked to do so
- Stays in regular touch with their confirmandi regularly by phone, text, email, social media, Sunday Mass, etc...
- Introduces their confirmandi to members of the parish

What might a Sponsor expect from a Candidate?

- Some anxiety or nervousness
- Bursts of enthusiasm as well as new insights and hopes
- Hesitancy and resistance to change
- On rare occasions, a withdrawal from the process
- Problem relationships with friends or family members

What might a Sponsor expect to receive from this ministry?

- A renewal or deepening on one's relationship with God
- A stronger experience of parish community and belonging
- A better sense of Christian identity in terms of self & church

A Saint for Confirmation

CHOOSING A SAINT

It is recommended that you choose a saint's name for Confirmation. The preferred name is your Baptismal name because it expresses the close relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation. If your Baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation. And, it is best to choose the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church.

A saint is chosen for Confirmation to serve as a patron and model for the person being confirmed. The candidate should choose a saint, not only for the beauty of the name, but more importantly because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that the person led. Select a saint that has special qualities, gifts, or charisms that you find inspirational for your own Christian life.

THE SAINT REPORT

Each Confirmation candidate will complete a written report about the saint whose name they have chosen for Confirmation. The outline of topics shown below should be carefully followed when writing the Saint Report. The factual information (topics a. and b.) should be carefully researched and compiled. The reflection parts (topics c. and d.) will describe how you relate to your chosen saint in a personal way. You may want to write a paragraph or more for each of the four topics indicated below:

Outline of Saint Report:

- A. When/Where was this person born? What information do you know about the person's family. . . parents, siblings, etc.
- B. How did the person spend his/her life? What did he or she do that merited being canonized a saint?
- C. What can you learn from that person's life which may help you to follow Jesus more closely and be a better Christian? What do you admire about him/her?
- D. Why did you choose this name for Confirmation?

The Saint Report is due no later than **May 2, 2021** but may be turned in anytime before that. It should be at least 1 page in length, double-spaced, and typed using a font size of 12 in Times New Roman. The Report should be handed into Scott Dimler by hand or email at sdimler@sancarloscathedral.org