

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE AGREEMENT 2025-2026

It is very important that everyone understand the expectations and requirements of the Confirmation program. After you and your parents have finished reading this information very carefully, please return this agreement signed, along with a **copy of your baptism and First Communion certificate (even if you were baptized at Saint Anne), a current, wallet-sized picture of yourself, your stewardship offering (\$5), and your registration fee for the program and the Youth Rally (\$30) to your scheduled interview.**
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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

A As the program starts in September, gathering sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You are expected to be here on time. Because these sessions are one component of the Confirmation process, it's important that you attend. The Confirmation program allows for two (2) absences from scheduled classes during the entire Confirmation process. **Should a third absence occur,** you will be asked to meet with your teachers and discern if repeating the program would best for both you and the program.

There will be three components to the Confirmation program: (1) **Sunday gathering Confirmation classes** (including Mass), (2) **Service ministry** and (3) **Youth Rally participation.** All three must be completed during the Confirmation preparation program.

The Confirmation Youth Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 11 at Moreau Catholic High School.** There will be a \$30 fee for the day that will be collected outside of the registration fee.

B. The Confirmation retreat **MUST** be attended by everyone in the program. There is one offsite retreat, December 5-7, 2025. The retreat will be held at the Mission Springs Christian Conference Center in Scott's Valley. **The retreat fee, \$260.00 approximate (which includes the retreat and the bus fee), is due at the retreat information meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2025.** The November 9 meeting is for both Parents and Candidates. Parents will be asked to attend the retreat liturgy on December 7 and pick up their child on Sunday of the retreat.

C. **There are three (3) types of service ministry to be completed during the Confirmation Preparation program.** (1) A personal service project of the candidate's own choosing. This project must be completed by January 11, 2026. (2) A Community Service Project will take place in the Spring of 2026 either at St. Anne's or an off-site project. **All students must attend the entire day.** (3) All Confirmation candidates will also be involved in a class project with St. Anthony's Dining Room in San Francisco. St. Anthony projects take place on a Saturday or Sunday throughout the school year. If you cannot attend the St. Anthony project with your class then you will need to schedule a day of service there with another class or with your Sponsor and provide the paperwork showing you were there.

(1) Individual project (2) Class project @ St. Anthony's and (3) Entire program project

D. All candidates are expected to attend and participate in the Youth Liturgies, held twice a month. **Mass attendance is not optional.** The liturgies are scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Youth liturgies are considered part of the classes; absences are included as part of the program. Candidates are expected to participate as Ministers of Hospitality (ushers) or the Youth Choir at these liturgies. There will also be a Reconciliation Service during Lent that will be a required attendance. The Reconciliation service will be held during the season of Lent in 2026. The date will be given ASAP.

E. All candidates will participate in the Saturday, October 11 Youth Rally to be held at Moreau High School in Hayward. This is an **additional \$30 fee due** at the time of registration. This is an all-day event, candidates are required to attend the entire day. Candidates will be allowed an absence if they have an athletic game or a competition. **Candidates will not be excused because of a practice.** Candidates not attending the Youth Rally will need to participate in a make-up activity to be announced at a later date.

PARTICIPATION

A. The Confirmation program is designed around a variety of activities to encourage you to meet new people and share your viewpoints and questions regarding your faith. You will be expected to fully participate in the program, especially in the small group faith sharing discussions. There will be classes September through April that each student will be expected to attend with and complete any homework during the weeks in between classes, as well as a project before the retreat and one after the New Year.

B. There is a scheduled cookie dough fund-raiser to help in lowering the cost of the retreat. We will begin the fund-raiser on September 14. We encourage everyone to participate in the fund-raiser; although it is not mandatory. Each student will be credited with his or her own account of fundraising credit.

C. Everyone in the program will be expected to complete three (3) distinct service projects. One project will be completed with your class (St. Anthony's), the entire group and one on your own. You will be required to write a reflection based on **your individual project.**

D. Because stewardship is learned at an early age, we are including in the Preparation program a stewardship element. Each candidate will be asked to participate nine times during the program: once during the summer at the registration meeting and once for each month from September through April. We would recommend each candidate make an offering of \$5.00 per month. These donations are divided and sent to different charities supported by St. Anne Youth Ministry and the Confirmation program, especially St. Anthony Foundation (www.stanthonysf.org) and Unbound Ministries (www.unbound.org)

PREPARATION

In order to get the most out of the preparation sessions, it is important that you come to each session fully prepared and be able to discuss the material we will cover. You will receive information at our first meeting about the planned sessions. If you happen to be absent from class, you are responsible for finding out the material that was covered and assigned from another candidate, or by checking the Confirmation website. You are expected to be prepared for each session by completing the assigned work. Reading, videos and assignments, and all Confirmation information can be found, along with your Confirmation staff email addresses:

<http://www.saintannecatholic.org/home/youth-ministry/confirmation>

Communication is expected to be a PRIORITY for each candidate. Each Confirmation class communicates in a different way. **It is up to the CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE to communicate back to the Confirmation staff in a timely fashion when asked to do so.**

SPONSOR

Each Confirmation candidate must have one sponsor to accompany them through the entire Confirmation process. It is encouraged that when a sponsor is chosen that it be a family decision, a sponsor may be anyone except the parent of the candidate, **provided they are Confirmed, a practicing Catholic, not under any impediment of the Church, and lives close enough so that they may attend the various candidate-sponsor activities.** Sponsors are expected to meet with the candidate regularly to go over material covered in class. There will be times the sponsor will be required to be here at St. Anne's. Those dates will be included in the class schedule given at the registration appointment.

Sponsors will need to complete a verification form provided on our Confirmation web page. Those forms will be due October 19, 2025.

INTERVIEW

All candidates and Parents will sign up for an initial registration meeting during June of 2025. The Confirmation meeting is for both parent(s) and candidates. Please be on time, as we have limited time together.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for the Confirmation preparation program will be due at the time of the scheduled interview. Registration materials include: this agreement, the registration form (along with a CURRENT, wallet-sized picture), a copy of the baptismal certificate, the \$5 stewardship offering (as a separate payment) and the fee for the program. The fee for the Confirmation program will be \$125 for one child, \$150 for two children, and \$170 for three, \$210 for four children and \$225 for five or more children in the Religious Education program.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

There will be a mandatory Parent meetings on September 14, November 9 and February 1st.
Parents will be asked to attend a class with their child on February 1st, 2026.

Reg. Form _____ Baptism/First Communion Certificate _____ Picture _____

Reg.Fee _____ Youth Rally _____ Summer Stewardship _____

I understand that when participating in Saint Anne Youth Ministry activities, I may be photographed for print, video, or electronic imaging. I understand that the images may be publicly shared on web sites (like Facebook, Flickr, the parish website) or used in promotional materials, news releases, web sites, and other published formats.

If you have any questions, please email the Youth Ministry Office to schedule one with Jim Soltau: ym@saintannecatholic.org

Candidate Signature

Parent Signature