

♦ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ♦

It is the expectation of St. Theresa Church and the Bishop of the Oakland Diocese that candidates and their families will make participating in the program a priority in order to be fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of year two. Candidates are required to:



Recognize the **IMPORTANCE OF JESUS** and express a desire to participate in the program



Attend **MONTHLY SESSIONS**

Candidates will choose one of the following sessions (one per semester)

**LITURGY TEAM** - Teens will plan the monthly Youth Mass by reflecting on readings and creating the theme and music for our liturgies

**SCRIPTURE STUDY** - Teens will read and reflect on the teachings of the church and participate in forum discussion to exchange ideas in light of the Gospel

**CHURCH HISTORY IN ART** - Teens will discuss moral and theological teachings of the church as seen through works of art

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** - Teens will reflect on the monthly outreach projects and the meaning of full participation in the church community



Participate regularly in the **LITURGY**



Attend the **WEEKEND RETREAT** (year two)

The diocese requires teens attend the retreat within their parish community, thus the retreat cannot be substituted with a school retreat or one of another parish. The retreat is the most important step in the confirmation process.

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Participate in **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Candidates are required to participate in approved service projects each year serving the parish community as well as the greater community.



Attend the **RITE OF PRESENTATION, REHEARSAL AND SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** (year two)



Select a **SPONSOR** no later than the completion of the period of invitation (December of year one)

Careful thought must be given when selecting your sponsor. Godparents are a logical choice as they strengthen the bond between Baptism and Confirmation. Sponsors may be male or female, at least 18 years of age and must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.

Sponsors should be a person you have an ongoing and caring relationship with and a person you trust (selecting someone local is suggested). Although your parents will play an important role in supporting you during

the confirmation program, they may not be chosen as your sponsor. Most importantly, your sponsor should be a person you admire for their Christian values - values you wish to emulate.



Choose a **CONFIRMATION NAME** no later than the period of reflection (February of year two)

Using your baptism name is an appropriate choice. We suggest researching why your parents gave you the name and its origin. If your baptismal name is not one of a recognized saint or you would like to choose a new name be sure to give it careful consideration. Choose the name of someone from the "Communion of Saints" or from your own life whose ideals strong Christian faith you admire or one whose qualities you share. Session time will be dedicated to helping you select a meaningful name.

♦ REGISTRATION FEES ♦

CONFIRMATION YEAR I	\$ 50.00
CONFIRMATION YEAR II (includes weekend retreat)	\$190.00