

♦ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ♦

It is the expectation of St. Theresa Church and the Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland that teens and their families will meet the following requirements prior to being Confirmed:



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.



Sincerely search for **GOD'S PRESENCE** in your life.



Attend **MONTHLY SESSIONS** with a respect and openness to the Spirit.



Participate fully and regularly in the **PARISH SUNDAY LITURGY.**



Celebrate the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.**

During Advent & Lent teens are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Teens may attend the St. Theresa Penance Services (December 14 & April 6 at 7:30 p.m.) OR on any Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. OR by appointment.



Attend **CONFIRMATION RETREATS.** (half day in year one/weekend in year two)

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

♦ REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED ♦

Participate in **FAITH IN ACTION.**

Candidates and their parents are asked to participate in approved service projects and community events each year serving the parish as well as the greater community.



Participate in all rites and celebrations:

RITE OF ENTRANCE (year one)

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMATION (year two)

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE (year two)

REHEARSAL AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (year two)



Select a **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR.**

Careful thought must be given when selecting your sponsor. Sponsors may be male or female, at least 18 years of age and must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic (selecting someone local is strongly suggested). Sponsors should be a person you have a caring relationship with and a person you trust. 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.

In year two, sponsors are asked to participate in at least five events.



Choose a **CONFIRMATION NAME.**

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 from the "Communion of Saints" or from your own life, whose ideals and values of strong Christian faith you admire or one whose qualities you share.



MEET WITH THE PASTOR.

Express a sincere desire to be Confirmed in the Catholic Church and your readiness to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

♦ REGISTRATION FEES ♦

CONFIRMATION YEAR ONE \$ 70.00

CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO \$ 225.00
(includes weekend retreat)

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return to Kristine by September 7, 2010. Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church.



All teens registering for CONFIRMATION TWO must have a copy of their baptismal certificate on file (if not baptized at St. Theresa Church).



Please do not hesitate to discuss financial assistance with Kristine. All requests will be handled confidentially.

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