

Sacrament of Confirmation Requirements 2019-2020

In general, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process. However, our program is designed to help teens prepare at their own pace and within their passion and desire for the faith. The following are the minimum requirements for our Youth Ministry Program for Confirmation at Santa Clara:

Participating in Parish Life

All families with teens wishing to enter the preparation for Confirmation are required to be registered, weekly Mass-going and tithing at Santa Clara de Asis for at least one full year prior to beginning Confirmation preparation. This Sacrament is fulfilled by the tangible requirements below, but begins with actively participating in Parish life at our Parish.

Youth Nights: Attend a minimum of 16 Youth Nights

12 Youth Nights are offered throughout the year on Sunday and Friday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church, and also include Family Faith Days, our Parish Stations of the Cross, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Retreat days and Adoration Holy Hour Youth Nights. The format of youth nights will rotate, and one night a year will be Safe Environment training.

Retreats

Teens are required to attend at least one youth ministry retreat, which is offered in the Fall and the Confirmation Retreat that is offered shortly before the Confirmation Mass date. There are no make-up retreats through other parishes allowed and teens must attend the retreat in its entirety for it to satisfy the requirement.

Youth Ministry Retreat (Fall) – November 8-10, 2019

Confirmation Retreat (February 28-March 1, 2020)

Teen must have 16 Youth Nights and all other requirements for Confirmation finished prior to attending the Spring Confirmation Retreat.

Saint Project and Reflection for Teen and Sponsor

Once a year, a youth night will be for the teen and sponsor and will include a saint art project. This night will be offered once each year, so the teen and sponsor only come to this once throughout the two years.

Choosing a Sponsor – Turn in the Sponsor Form

The sponsor form is available on the SCDA website. Teens must select sponsor as soon as possible, but by December 2018 at the latest. With your sponsor you must participate in at least (1) Social, (1) Service and (1) Spiritual event **each year**. Teens and sponsors are required to fill out and turn in an activity form detailing these activities each year.

Letter to the Bishop

During the second year of Confirmation, teens are required to write a letter to the bishop about why they are desiring to be Confirmed and to reflect on the gospel reading that will be read at the Confirmation Mass. Details for this requirement will be distributed when they become available.