

Confirmation Prep

Welcome parents and thank you for entrusting us to help mold your children into faithful participants of our St. Anthony community. Throughout this parish's history, as throughout the Church's history, the preparation of those wanting to become full members of the Catholic faith has changed and evolved. However, the aim has always been the same: to bring those who wish to be part of the truth of Jesus Christ that is contained in the Catholic Church to a full understanding of what this commitment means.

Here at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish, our program aims to facilitate and inform the final step of Christian initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. We use the catechumenate model: a process through which we better know Jesus, systematically learn the particulars of our faith, and develop our inborn desire to mature in the Catholic faith by becoming a disciple of Christ.

I ask that you and your student read through this packet of information so that you are familiar with the program expectations and requirements.

Andrew Beach
Youth Minister

Requirements to register

- Student must be Baptized in the Catholic Church
- Student must be in Middle or High School
- Students' families should be registered parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish

Student

Circle: Year 1 Year 2

Parent Signature

Home Parish

Date: _____

Address

Contact Information

Primary contact email _____.

Secondary contact email _____

Primary contact phone _____

Secondary contact phone _____

Program Outline:

Candidates will be prepared spiritually, theologically and pastorally to celebrate the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. The **Confirmation** process utilizes a variety of settings, gatherings and events to foster faith oriented discernment, create community and integrate our young people into the life of **the parish and Church**. This means everything is important, particularly attendance. The schedule is spread out and does accommodate holidays, and school calendars to the best of our ability. Classes will be held on Tuesdays for year 1 students and Wednesdays for year 2 students from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Expectations:

1. A clear understanding that all requirements are mandatory and must be completed by the student and supported by family.
2. An authentic willingness to participate and strengthen your faith.

Program requirements

Once students are enrolled, we expect that:

- Students will show up to class
- Parents will be asked to show up to one parent meeting during the school year – please sign up via Flocknotes to keep up to date with our latest information
- Families will be asked to take their children to mass every Sunday
- 1st and 2nd year students will go on a mandatory day or overnight retreat
- We require that parents inform us if anyone else other than the primary guardian is picking up the child.
- Confirmation students and parents are each required 20 community service hours a year that can be done serving other ministries, communities, or opportunities provided by the parish or schools.

Candidate Code of Conduct

- Cooperation, participation and attendance is regular, and appropriate.
- Dress, language and behavior must always be appropriate.
- Cell phones will be turned in during any Confirmation event or meeting.
- PDA (Public Displays of Affection) are not permitted (hand holding, sitting on each other's laps, leaning against each other on the floor, kissing, etc).
- Physical and/or verbal violence will not be tolerated.
- Using language that is harmful, explicitly vulgar, or targets other students will not be tolerated.

Parent Medical and Liability Release Statement: I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I give consent to emergency medical, dental, or related care while at St. Anthony of Padua Religious Education during the 2023-2024 school year. I agree not to hold St. Anthony of Padua Parish, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, its leaders, employees, or volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, disease, or injuries incurred by the subject on this form.

VIDEO/PHOTO/AUDIO VISUAL PERMISSION: I understand and consent to the use of any videotape, photograph, slides, audio tapes, and any other visual or audio production in which my child may appear by St. Anthony of Padua Parish. I understand that these materials are being used for the promotion of St. Anthony Parish.

Registration Fees: \$150 for 1 Student \$175 for 2 Students \$200 for 3 Students

*These fees offset cost of materials and supplies. Arrangements can be made for families in need of assistance. No one will be denied instruction for financial reasons. Please make check payable to St. Anthony of Padua Parish.