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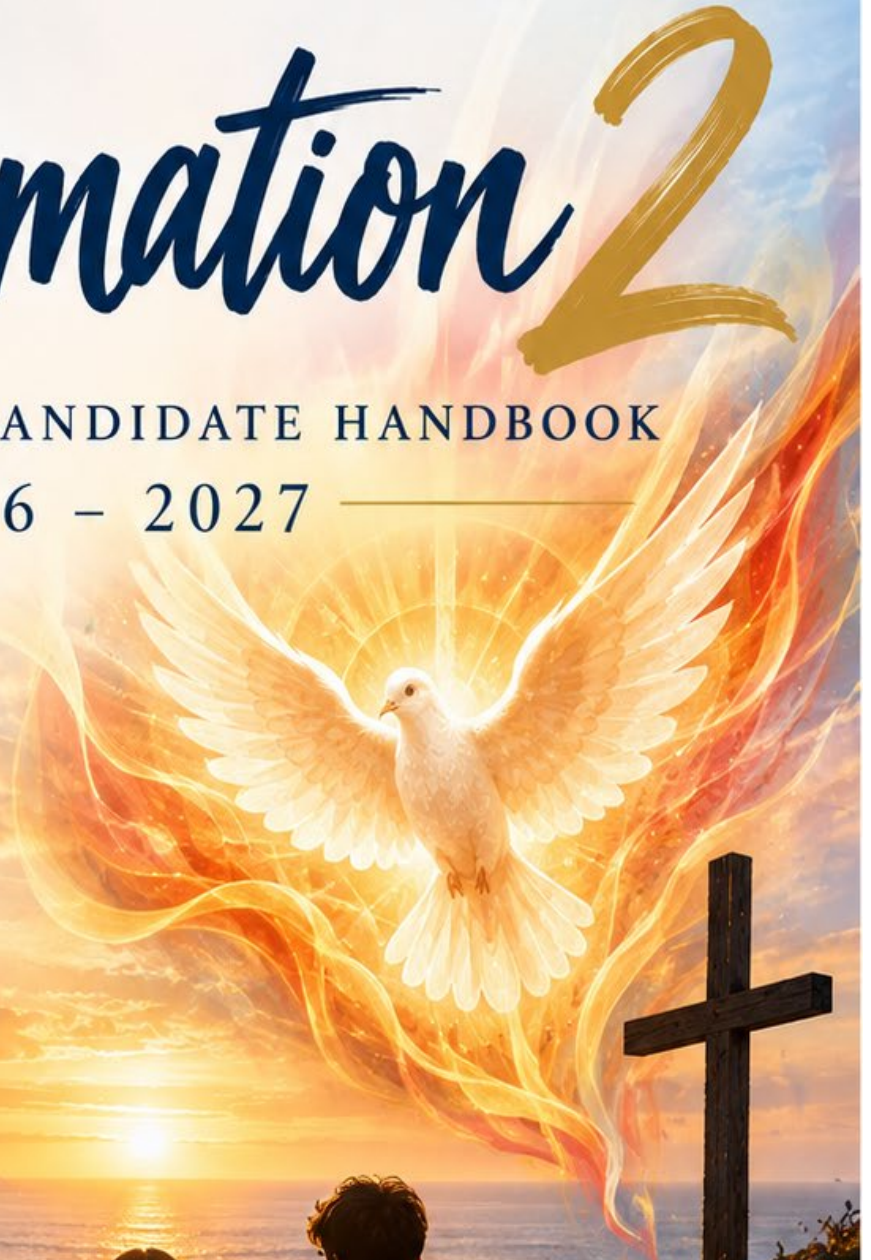
Confirmation 2

PARENT AND CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

2026 – 2027

*“You will receive
power when the
Holy Spirit comes
upon you, and you
will be my witnesses
... to the ends of
the earth.”*

ACTS 1:8



*Be
Filled.
Be Sent.*

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.”—
Acts 1:8

These words of Jesus speak beautifully to where you are now in your journey. You are entering your second and final year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation—a year that is not simply about finishing a program, but about preparing to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and sent forth to live your faith.

Over the past year, you have had opportunities to learn, pray, serve, ask questions, and grow. This year invites you to go deeper. Confirmation is not a graduation from the Church or the end of faith formation. It is a beginning. Through this sacrament, the Holy Spirit strengthens you to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ and to become a witness of His love in the world.

I encourage you to enter this year with an open heart. Bring your questions, your hopes, your struggles, and your faith. Allow your time at Mass, your retreat, service, prayer, conversations with your sponsor, and your Confirmation sessions to help you recognize where God is working in your life.

Please know that I will be praying for you throughout this year. I pray that you will come to know Christ more deeply in the Eucharist, discover the gifts the Holy Spirit has placed within you, and recognize the ways God is calling you to use those gifts in service to others.

Most of all, I pray that when the time comes for you to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, your “Amen” will truly be your own—a sincere and courageous yes to the life of faith into which God is calling you.

The Holy Spirit does not strengthen us so that we can simply keep our faith to ourselves. We are strengthened so that we can be sent.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Be strengthened in faith. Be a witness. Be sent.

May God bless you during this important year, and may you always know that your parish community is walking with you, praying for you, and supporting you.

In Christ,
Fr. Pat



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Welcome Letter

Dear Confirmation 2 Candidates and Families,

On behalf of the faith community of St. Catherine of Siena, we joyfully welcome you into this second year of Confirmation preparation. You are now entering the final stage of formation before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, a profound moment when the Holy Spirit will be sealed within you, strengthening you to live as a full and active member of the Catholic Church.

This year is about deepening your commitment to Christ and His Church. You will be challenged to live your faith more intentionally—through service, prayer, study, and witness. As you prepare to say “yes” to the Sacrament, our hope is that you freely choose to embrace the call of discipleship, ready to live out your baptismal promises with maturity and courage.

The parish walks with you on this journey. Together, we will encourage and guide you so that you are ready to go forth as witnesses of the Gospel, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and committed to serving the needs of others in our parish and community.

We pray that this final year of preparation inspires you to live fully as disciples of Jesus Christ, ready to be His light in the world.

God Bless,

Kellie De Leo
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Confirmation Elements

The key elements in preparation for the celebration of Confirmation are:

DISCERNMENT: What does it mean to say, "I'm ready to accept and live a Christian Catholic lifestyle?"

COMMUNITY: Am I an active part of my faith community?

CHRISTIAN MESSAGE: Are scripture and reflection important parts of my everyday life?

WORSHIP: Do I participate actively in liturgy and prayer?

SERVICE: Am I using my gifts and talents for the benefit of others?

Our goal is to help the youth attain their goals. Our dream is to help the youths reach their dreams. We aim for an environment in which they can experience the love of God, our Father, the humanness and care of Jesus, and to accept the creative challenge of growing in the Spirit of God.

This handbook was prepared to help you throughout the year. You will find guidelines to assist you in making the decisions you will be called upon to make. Please take a few minutes to read through it.



Purpose of Confirmation

The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.... “By the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1285).

“Why should I choose to prepare for Confirmation?” “What difference will it make in my life?”

Understanding the Sacrament of Confirmation

“Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a livelier familiarity with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit’s actions, gifts and biddings, in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1309)

The Sacrament of Confirmation

...Confirms Baptism: When we are baptized our parents, and our Godparents made a commitment to raise us in such a way that our lives would reflect the life and love of Christ. In and through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we confirm this commitment and assume full responsibility for living out the call of being the presence of Christ in our world today.

...Completes the Sacraments of Initiation: The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Confirmation is the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. In other words, once one is confirmed, they have full membership in the faith community.

...Bestows Upon us the Gift of the Holy Spirit: In and through the sacrament of Confirmation, one formally recognizes, acknowledges, and celebrates the fact that the Holy Spirit has been actively present in their entire life. It is not that the Holy Spirit “all of a sudden” appears at Confirmation. Rather, it is we who “all of a sudden” recognize, acknowledge, and celebrate the gift of the ever-present Spirit in the midst of our parish community.

...Is a Commitment to Embrace Christianity: Christianity is our Faith! It is who we are! To embrace Christianity is to share ourselves unconditionally with others the way we share a loaf of bread with our friends. Confirmation is a commitment to love the way Jesus, the “Bread of Life” loves us.

...Is a Commitment to Accept and Practice Roman Catholicism: Roman Catholicism is our religion. It is the Tradition through which we choose to express who we are as Christians.



Therefore, Confirmation is a commitment to recognize, acknowledge and celebrate who we are, in and through the Roman Catholic Religious Tradition.

[...Is a Commitment to Share the Gift of Ourselves with the Parish Family of St. Catherine of Siena:](#)

We believe that all of us make up the Body of Christ. As the parish community of St. Catherine of Siena, we believe that when we gather around the Table of the Lord, we do not gather as individuals, but rather we gather as One Body. We commit to share life with one another in order to build up the Body of Christ. When one of us is missing we are incomplete. Confirmation is a commitment to embrace this belief.

[...Is a Beginning:](#) In our highly academic society, it is very easy for us to mistake Confirmation as a “graduation from the parish.” It is very tempting for us to see it as an end. However, Confirmation is a beginning that celebrates a new chapter in one’s faith journey to live as a fully committed and active member of the Catholic Church.

Text edited from “What is Confirmation?” by Fred Mercandante

Why a Special Preparation for Confirmation?

Sacramental catechesis is a total process of faith development that includes growth in personal prayer, intense involvement in a faith community (which includes community, worship, service, and message), and deepened commitment to the Church. This catechetical process involves not only the individuals who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament, but also their families and the entire parish community.

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Therefore, your Confirmation candidate will be exposed to:

- Increased prayer and worship opportunities with the parish community.
- Mentors, guides, and witnesses from the parish.
- Community-building activities that give the candidates a sense of belonging to their parish community.
- Special activities and celebration of rituals with parish liturgies that alert the parishioners to their role as supporters of those to be confirmed.
- Prayer partners from the parish.



- Invitations to assume responsibility in the ministry and service aspects of parish life.
- Study of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.
- An understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and of the Church.
- Study of the Sacrament of Baptism where we first received the Spirit.
- Study of the ritual of Confirmation with its symbols and Scripture readings about the Spirit.
- Time for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the presence and working of the Spirit in our lives.

Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation sessions are designed to help candidates encounter Jesus Christ, deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, grow in prayer, and discover how the Holy Spirit is calling them to live as disciples. Sessions include small- and large-group discussion, prayer, activities, speakers, and opportunities to build community. Because each session is an important part of the preparation process, candidates are expected to attend all scheduled sessions. If an absence is unavoidable, please contact the Faith Formation Office in advance. Missed formation may need to be made up, and **excessive absences (more than 2)** can affect a candidate's readiness to receive Confirmation.

Confirmation Requirements Year 2

- Attend Confirmation 2 sessions (Sundays, 6:30–8:00 pm unless otherwise noted)
- Participate regularly in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation
- Ritual of Commitment: October 4, 2026 at the 9:00 am Mass
- Complete 5 Service Projects & Reflections
- Complete 5 Mass Reflections
- Attend 4 Adorations
- Attend the mandatory Confirmation Retreat: TBD
- Complete the Sponsor/Candidate Retreat & Reflection Journal Page (date TBD)
- Saint Name & Report due: February 7, 2027
- Letter to the Bishop due: March 21, 2027
- Exit Interviews: May 3–10, 2027
- Rite of Affirming Candidates: TBD at the 9:00 am Mass
- Confirmation Rehearsal: TBD at 6:00 pm
- Confirmation Liturgy: date determined by the Bishop; candidates arrive by 4:30 pm for a 5:00 pm liturgy unless otherwise communicated

Choosing a Confirmation Name

It must be the name of a canonized saint, either the saint whose name you received at Baptism or another saint whom you admire and would like to have as a spiritual companion and example. Female candidates are to choose a female saint, and male candidates are to choose a male saint.



Now is the time to learn more about your saint—not simply the facts of his or her life, but the story of faith behind them. Learn about the challenges your saint faced, how they grew in holiness, how they served others, and how they remained faithful to Christ. The lives of the saints give us powerful examples of what it means to be faithful disciples, grateful stewards, and active witnesses of the Gospel.

Choose someone whose life inspires you and whose example can challenge you to grow closer to Christ.

Saint Projects

As we go through our sacramental preparation for Confirmation, Confirmation saints are chosen to be a person we want to be like, as well as someone who can pray for us from heaven. When you are confirmed, the Bishop will ask what name you have chosen. It must be a canonized saint's name, either the one you already have from your baptism, or a saint that you admire. Now is the time to get to know more about this saint. The challenges, holiness, and charitable works of these holy people are examples of what it means to be a faithful disciple, grateful steward and active evangelist.

You are required to complete two parts:

Part I: MY CONFIRMATION SAINT (1 pages typed, 1.5 space, font 12 (max.), 1" margins).

Content of paper: 1. The saint's picture 2. Date and place of birth and death. Some significant facts about the saint's life. 3. Describe the challenges, holiness and charitable works of your Saint that are a source of inspiration. 4. Include specific ways you would like your saint to help you to prepare for Confirmation. In what ways will you need your patron saint to help you after Confirmation? 5. What have you learned about your patron saint that you personally desire to imitate? What qualities you would like to have as your own? Why? Are there any ways that you are already similar to him/her?

Part II: I AM A SAINT (1 page, typed, 1.5 space, font 12 (max.), 1" margins).

Content of paper: 1. Your picture (maximum of picture content – half page) 2. Your name: (Ex. St. Catherine of Siena, Laguna Beach) 3. Title of your sainthood (the virtue of which you are most known for in your daily life). 4. Reflect and acknowledge your God given talents and virtues. Give concrete examples of good deeds that you have done. 5. What needs to be "straightened out" in your life to respond to God's call "to be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect?" 6. What is one message that you would leave for the next generation?

Websites: www.catholic.org/saints www.americancatholic.org www.oce.catholic.com

Note: You will use this name on Confirmation Day. If you choose another name, you will need to do another saint report.

Your Confirmation Name/Saint Report is DUE February 7, 2027.



Stewardship & Service

Stewardship is an important part of any persons' commitment and obligation to a group or organization. Stewardship is composed of three areas: Time (service), Treasure (financial responsibilities), and Talent (using your abilities to make the group better). In order to better understand what WE are responsible for in our Church and community, every Confirmation Candidate will have to show that they are fulfilling their share of the responsibility.

1. All Confirmation Candidates will need to serve in the following ways (Two times throughout the year):
2. In a Liturgical Ministry (lector, usher, hospitality, Mass clean up, or altar server etc.)
3. Support a parish ministry with the gift of your time and talents
4. Perform two community service projects during the year.

Confirmation Retreat

Participation in a Confirmation retreat is mandatory. This requirement is established by the Bishops and is not a parish-level decision. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Our 2026–2027 Confirmation retreat is January 9–11, 2027 at Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education. Candidates arrive Friday evening at 5:30 pm. The retreat concludes Sunday with the 11:00 am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena with parents. Families should plan accordingly.

Confirmation Exit Interviews

Exit interviews will be held May 3–10, 2027. These brief conversations give each candidate an opportunity to reflect on the Confirmation journey, discuss readiness to receive the sacrament, and consider how they will continue living their Catholic faith after Confirmation.

Rehearsal

The Confirmation rehearsal is required for candidates and sponsors. The date will be announced once the Confirmation liturgy is assigned by the Bishop. The current schedule anticipates rehearsal at 5:30 pm with dinner. Final details will be communicated to families when the liturgy date is confirmed.

Policies

Attendance at Mass

Participation in Sunday Mass is at the heart of Catholic life and an essential part of Confirmation preparation. The parish Confirmation program supports, but does not replace, a candidate's participation in the Sunday Eucharist with the parish community and family. Candidates are expected to attend Mass regularly as they grow in their relationship with Christ and prepare to receive Confirmation.



Attendance at the confirmation workshops

Parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith, and we are grateful to partner with you. Every effort should be made for candidates to attend all Confirmation sessions. If your teen must miss a session, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Sessions begin promptly at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Missed formation may require a make-up conversation or assignment.

Conduct

- Candidates are expected to follow the rules as outlined by their small groups at the first session.
- Being disrespectful to those in authority, causing physical harm to another, or causing disruptions in the group will not be tolerated.
- Any use of contraband (ie: alcohol, drugs etc.) will result in immediate expulsion from the retreat. Parents must pick-up their teen.
- Cell phones and other personal devices should remain put away during sessions, speakers, prayer, and events unless a leader gives permission for a specific activity.
- Personal devices are not used during the retreat. Candidates will follow the retreat team's instructions regarding collection and storage of phones for the weekend.

Proper Attire for Sessions, Mass, Retreats, and Confirmation Events

Candidates are asked to dress in a way that is respectful of themselves, others, and the sacred nature of parish events. Clothing should be modest, neat, and appropriate for the activity.

Please avoid clothing with offensive language or images; clothing that is excessively revealing; and clothing that exposes undergarments.

- For the Confirmation liturgy, candidates should wear dress attire appropriate for a special church celebration. Specific liturgy-day instructions will be provided to families before Confirmation.

Sponsor Role & Responsibilities

Sponsors are people who you can rely on during your faith journey. They should be people with a deep commitment to the Catholic faith and who are active, confirmed members of their parish. They should be willing to listen to you, help you answer questions, and be willing to share their faith. Sponsors are expected to maintain REGULAR contact with their candidate to not only pray, but to socialize and develop a stronger relationship.



What a Sponsor is:

- A role model in faith and prayer life.
- A person that will pray with/for the candidate regularly.
- A real friend, someone that the candidate can trust and confide in, and someone who can be there when needed.
- Someone the candidate looks up to and someone after which he/she would like to model his/her life. A guide, confidant and listener who will assist the parent (s) in witnessing to the integrity of the Catholic Faith.
- A person who will invite the candidate into fuller participation in parish life and service, and whose relationship with the candidate will continue after the celebration of Confirmation.
- One who is interested in his or her own growth as he or she walks the faith journey with the candidate.

Qualifications for a Sponsor:

- Must be at least 16 years old, unless the pastor determines otherwise for a just cause.
- Must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- If married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
- Must be in good standing with the Church.
- Must be sufficiently mature to fulfill their role as a Sponsor.
- May either be male or female.
- Should be able to attend meetings, rehearsals, Rites and Confirmation Mass.
- May NOT be the mother or father of the person to be confirmed.
- Must be able to receive the Eucharist at the Confirmation Mass.

Proper attire for special liturgies/sponsor-candidate retreat/confirmation:

Sponsors are asked to dress in a way that reflects the sacred nature of retreats, Mass, and the Confirmation liturgy. Clothing should be modest, neat, and appropriate for church. As a mentor and witness of faith, the sponsor's example matters. Specific liturgy-day attire instructions will be provided before Confirmation.

Parent's Role & Responsibilities

THE PARENT'S ROLE

"As the primary educators of their teen, parents along with sponsors are to be intimately involved in catechesis for Confirmation. This will help them renew and strengthen their own faith, besides enabling them to set a better example for their teen. " (National Catechetical Directory, no. 119)

Parents play a unique role in Confirmation preparation. For many years they have led their teen through special moments of faith growth. While continuing to lead by the example of



their own lives, parents now face the added challenge of granting their son or daughter a free choice in the decision to be confirmed.

We want parents to be familiar with the components of the Confirmation program and the reason behind them. Preparation is more than completing requirements; it is a process of discernment, formation, prayer, worship, service, and participation in the life of the Church. Parents remain essential witnesses of faith throughout this journey.

Parents can help their teen in the following ways:

- Assisting their son or daughter in determining readiness. Parents should be informed of the criteria for readiness for reception of Confirmation, which includes involvement in all four elements of catechesis: community, worship, service, and message.
- Take time to discuss your teens workshops experiences.
- Help your teen stay current with required reflections, forms, and deadlines.
- Respecting the decision their son or daughter makes.

We also encourage parents to participate in the sessions and service projects.

DETERMINING READINESS

Readiness for celebrating a sacrament cannot be determined simply by the calendar. The meaning of the Rite for those celebrating it and its total impact on their faith-lives will be strongly affected by many developmental factors besides age. These factors may include the maturity of the candidates, the depth of their faith development, the degree of their commitment to Christ and to the faith-community, the level of their awareness of their religious realities, the extent of their involvement in community worship and service, and their knowledge and understanding of the basic teachings of the Church.

Because Confirmation celebrates the response of the individual to the gift of faith, the primary responsibility for determining when the candidate is ready for the sacrament lies within the individual candidates themselves. Because Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation, the decision is to be made in dialogue with the whole community. Nevertheless, the community must show its support, welcome the initiates, and sustain them in their decision so that it will be truly free. The adult community can do this by its own example of a living faith, by helping the candidate to make a serious and properly motivated decision, by offering a well-planned Confirmation program, by encouraging the candidates to participate in the program, and by praying with and for the candidates for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It may well happen that a candidate will not feel ready to be confirmed. It is important that the candidate then does not feel somehow ostracized from the Catholic community or forgotten. That especially important moment requires, on the part of the community and its representatives, understanding and support and continued contact with those making a decision to postpone Confirmation.



Letter to Bishop Guidelines

The purpose of this letter is not only to let the Bishop know why you feel that you are ready to be confirmed in the Catholic Church, but it is also an opportunity for you to answer this question yourself. It is important for you to know why you are doing this.

Please be honest with your letter. The letter should be no longer than one typed page. It does not need to be long or overly formal, but it should be sincere and written in your own words. Confirmation is an important step in your life of faith, and your letter should reflect why you desire to receive the sacrament.

Tell the Bishop why you want to be confirmed and why you believe you are ready. Share how you hope to remain an active member of the Church and parish community. Candidates will also reflect on the Gospel chosen for the Confirmation liturgy; that Gospel will be provided once the Bishop assigns the liturgy date. Include how you intend to continue your faith journey after Confirmation. Instructions for addressing the Bishop will be provided once the celebrant is known.

If you need help, ask your catechist, the Director of Faith Formation. This letter will only be read by the Director of Faith Formation, Pastor and the Bishop; no one else will see it. Put it into an envelope with a "From: and a To:" so that we can check it off that you completed your letter.

Precepts of the Church

Precepts are principles or expectations. The purpose of the precepts of the Church is to assist the faith community in understanding what a minimum participation would be for one to be considered an active member of the Catholic Faith. This indispensable minimum is a must so that we are able to grow in our love of God and neighbor. The precepts of the Church are:

1. Attend Mass on Saturday vigil or Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. (This involves refraining from work or activities that hinder the worship due to God)
2. Receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season.
3. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year when conscious of serious sin.
4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. Help provide for the material needs of the Church according to one's ability.

Foundational Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Every human person possesses a basic dignity that comes from God.
2. Each person has basic right and responsibilities that flow from his or her God-given dignity.
3. Each person has been called to support the family, form, community, and participate in the life of society.



Calendar



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Confirmation Schedule 2026 -2027



Workshop Date	Confirmation 1	Confirmation 2
September 13	Parent Information Meeting	
September 20	Welcome Back	
September 13	Beginning of the Year Interviews	
October 3	Love Laguna Beach - Blessing of Pets - 10 am – Noon (Service Opportunity)	
October 4	Faith Formation Family Mass	
October 4	The Journey Begins – Why am I Here Introduction + faith as a journey	Ritual of Commitment C2 This Is Your Life — What Will You Do With It?, Ch. 13 — Call to a Good Life
October 18	We Are Made for more, Ch. 1 — We Are Made for God	Ritual of Promise for C1 How Do I Know What's Right?, Ch. 14 — conscience, virtue & sin
November 1	Faith Formation Family Mass	
November 1	Created, Loved & Free, Ch. 2 — Creation, Fall, sin, free will	Faith That Changes the World, Ch. 15 — justice & human community
November 15	Sponsor Forms Due Who Do You Say I Am?, Ch. 3 — Jesus Christ and his public ministry	Rules or Relationship?, Ch. 16 — moral law & grace
December 1	Advent	Advent & Who's Really First?, Ch. 17 — Commandments 1–3
December 4	Confirmation Retreat (?)	
December 13	Sponsor Mtg. 1:00 pm Love That Saves, Ch. 4 — Paschal Mystery	Every Person Matters, Ch. 18 — Commandments 4–5
January 3	Faith Formation Family Mass	
January 3	The Spirit Is Alive, Ch. 5 — Holy Spirit & Pentecost	Love Is More Than a Feeling, Ch. 19 — chastity, sexuality, relationships
January 9 - 11	Confirmation Retreat - Irvine Ranch Outdoor Ed – Friday evening 5:30 pm to Sunday early afternoon, concludes with Mass with Parents at 11 am at St. Catherine's.	
January 17	Safe Environment Training - or Healthy, Happy, and Holy	
February 7	Faith Formation Family Mass	
February 7	Lent & Why Church?, Ch. 6 — The Church	Saint Names& Reports Due Lent & Truth, Justice & What We Have, Ch. 20 — Commandments 7, 8 & 10
February 21	Mary Said Yes — Will You?, Ch. 7 — Mary	You Were Made to Be Holy, Ch. 21 — Universal Call to Holiness
March 7	Faith Formation Family Mass	
March 7	This Life Isn't the End, Ch. 8 — Eternal life	You Don't Walk Alone, Ch. 22 — Communion of Saints
March 21	More Than Going to Mass, Ch. 9 — Liturgy and worship	Bishop Letter's Due Prayer: More Than Saying Words, Ch. 23 — Call to Prayer



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April 11	Marked, Fed & Strengthened, Ch. 10 — Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist	Teach Us to Pray, Ch. 24 — Lord's Prayer
April 18	Mercy: God Gives Us Another Chance, Ch. 11 — Reconciliation & Anointing	Unleash the Spirit, Return to Ch. 5 & 10 — Confirmation, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit
May 2	What Is God Calling Me To?, Ch. 12 — Matrimony, Holy Orders & vocation	Sent — Now What?, Integration: discipleship, witness, mission and life after Confirmation
May 3 - 10		Exit Interviews
May 16	Last Session Who Am I Becoming?, Integration: faith, discipleship and transition to Year 2	Last Session
TBD		Rite of Affirming at 9 am Mass Year 2 Candidate/Sponsor Retreat* Begins at 11 am — 3:30 pm
TBD		Confirmation Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm with dinner
TBD		Confirmation @ 5 pm, need to be here by 4:30 pm

Note: All Sunday workshops are from 6:30 pm – 8pm

Color Key:

Red: Are Rites that take place during the preparation for confirmation at 9 am unless noted,

Blue: Sponsor/Candidate meetings and retreat

Pink: Family Conferences – Sign up on Sign up Genius

Green: Faith Formation Family Mass