

*Confirmation Process 2010-2011*  
*Year II*

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## **Confirmation: What's it all about?**

**Parish Mission:  
Building the Body of Christ**

**Disciple:  
One who embraces and assists in spreading  
the teachings of another.**

Pledging faith to God is more a lifetime effort than a one-time action. Like other sacraments of initiation, **Confirmation marks the beginning of a journey toward a deeper knowledge of and more committed relationship with God; and so begins your journey toward the sacrament. Confirmation is a decision that only you, the candidate, can make.** But, as with any major life decision, the influence from parents, family, and other friends who have a vested interest in your life is expected. **The process toward Confirmation at Corpus Christi Parish Community** is designed to give you a better understanding of what it means to be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, in addition, to giving you a glimpse into that life by walking with you as Christians over the next two years.

## **The Journey Toward Full Initiation**

### **MASS**

The celebration of the Mass in its entirety as the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist defines who we are as Catholics. In addition, the Eucharist is the “Source and Summit” of Christian life. Consequently, **for the process of becoming fully initiated into the church, it is integral that Confirmation Candidates attend Mass regularly.**

**On scheduled large group meeting days, Candidates will be asked to attend the 5:30 pm Mass.** Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this Mass with their teen and if convenient to their families. Because of busy schedules and occasional travel plans, it is not always convenient for families to attend this Mass. We understand that and are sympathetic to your commitments. However, it is preferred that during the process toward Confirmation, families make an effort to attend the 5:30 Mass regularly with their teen. Again, Parents and Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend this liturgy with their candidate.

**Attending Mass is an important part of the process.**

**At all scheduled Large Group Meetings, Candidates are expected to gather for the 5:30 pm Liturgy.**

- **Please do not skip Mass after the large group meeting.**
- This eliminates two very important elements of the process and defeats the purpose of the preparation.

If for any reason the candidate will be unable to attend a session please contact Janella Rea by the Thursday prior to the session being missed at 310-454-1328 ext.246.

## **Confirmation Year II Schedule**

### **October**

- **Small Group Meeting TBA by the Group Facilitator**
  - **NO LARGE GROUP MEETING**
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### **November**

#### **Large Group Meeting (YEAR II only)**

- November 7, 2010                      4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass
  - **Small Group Meeting TBA by the Group Facilitator**
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### **December**

#### **Large Group Meeting (BOTH YEAR I and II )**

- December 12, 2010                      4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass
  - **NO SMALL GROUP MEETING**
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### **January 2011**

#### **Large Group Meeting**

- January 23, 2011                      4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass
- **Small Group Meeting TBA by the Group Facilitator**

## February 2011

### Large Group Meeting

- February 27, 2011 4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass
- Small Group Meeting TBA by the Group Facilitator
- **NOTE: Following the Large Group Meeting, there will be a Rite of Initiation for the Year II Candidates. It is a special ritual that formally announces to the community that they have begun the journey in the Confirmation process. Parents will also be acknowledged at the 5:30 pm Mass. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend this celebration.**

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## March 2011

### NO LARGE GROUP or SMALL GROUP MEETING

- Instead of having a small group or large group meeting, Candidates are expected to participate in the following:
  - ❖ Stations of the Cross DATE TBA
  - ❖ Attend Youth Day on Thursday, March 17, 2011

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## April 2010

### Large Group Meeting

- April 3, 2011 4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass

**Small Group Meeting TBA by the Group Facilitator**

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## May 2010

### **No Small Group Meeting**

- **May 22, 2011** 4:00-5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Followed by 5:30 pm Mass
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# SERVICE

“So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

(James 2:17)

Our goal as Catholic Christians is to have a faith that is alive! One way we exercise this living faith is by serving Christ in our service to others. During your 2-year journey you will have various opportunities to serve your peers, the people of this parish community, and those less fortunate within the broader community

**All Candidates are expected to fulfill a total of TEN Service hours for Corpus Christi Church. At least five of these hours must be sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish and the other five can be a service project of the Candidate’s choosing (ex. School Service Projects).**

**Unless we connect service and spirituality in a meaningful way, the requirement of Christian Service is merely just another item to check-off a “to do” list. Avoid the temptation of fulfilling Christian service as a burden, and attempt to reflect on the way you were able to serve Christ by serving others.**

**I. Liturgical Ministries: For each full mass served, a service of hour is given to the following:**

- Lector Ministry
- Altar Server Ministry
- Usher Ministry
- Gift Bearer
- Music Ministry

**II. Parish Events: You are invited to participate in our Parish Events below**

**October 30, 2010 Pumpkin Mass--5:30 pm: Participating in the Liturgy or giving out candy to the children. Please contact Jane Richardson at 310.454.1328 ext. 242**

**December 5, 2010 Parish Christmas Party--4:00 pm: Working a Shift at the Christmas Party**

**December 9, 2010 Advent Penance Service--7:00 pm in the Church**

### III. Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2010- To help as an altar server at any of the following Masses:**

- **4:00 pm- Children's Mass, help in distributing candy canes**
- **6:00 pm**
- **Midnight**

**Easter Mass, April 24, 2011 -To help as an altar server at any of the following Masses:**

- **8:00 am**
- **9:30 am**
- **11:00 am**

**For more information about participating during the special liturgies such as Advent and Lent, please contact Jane Richardson at (310) 454-1328 or email her at jetsrich@aol.com.**

**Service Hours-Deadline  
Completed and turned into the Youth Ministry Office  
by: March 1, 2011**

### REQUIRED ONE DAY EVENT

#### RETREATS

**Retreats provide a significant boost to our faith journey. Because of this they are an integral part of the Confirmation process. They allow us to get away and recharge our batteries, at the same time give us the opportunity to connect with our peers, facilitators, and Jesus (including but not limited to the sacraments).**

**ONE DAY RETREAT: YEAR II- TBA**

**YOUTH DAY:                      March 17, 2011  
    Held at the Anaheim Convention Center**

**This event is not included in the Confirmation Fee and has individual charges. In addition, each event must be signed-up for individually and have a separate release forms.**

**Flyers and information will be made available approximately one month prior.**

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

**Parents, you are the primary educators of our faith for your children.** Your role in the life of your teenager during this very challenging time in their life, in their journey toward full initiation and communion within the Catholic Church, and development prior to, is of utmost importance. Therefore we want to encourage parents to be involved in their teenager's faith journey as much as possible. In doing so, you not only gain a stronger relationship with your child, but also a deeper relationship with Christ. You are always encouraged to pray for your teen, support and affirm them in their involvement in the process toward Confirmation.

### **What you will be expected to do:**

- Attend mass with your teen regularly and all major liturgical rites.
- Assist your teen in being punctual for ALL provided sessions.
- Attend any sessions Sponsors are asked to attend if for some reason they are unable.

If your child is unable to attend a Small Group Meeting, please call or email your child's small Group Facilitator and myself.

If your child for some reason is not coming to the Large Group meeting, please call or email me.

In addition, we support any and all efforts you have in becoming even more involved in the faith journey of your child. We offer several additional opportunities for your participation in the Confirmation process and the youth ministry program as a whole. You could:

### **Involvement of the Parents:**

- **Hospitality:** Parents are asked to serve light refreshments during the large group meetings.
- **Confirmation small group leader: Facilitate a small group (6x a year)**
- **Service projects: (i.e. Help in driving Candidates to specific service project events, assist in collecting items needed to distribute to the homeless**
- **Parent Chaperones:**
  - Be present during the large group meetings
  - Serve as a Chaperone at Youth Day in Anaheim
  - Attend the Year I or II Retreat

For more information about Hospitality and helping Chaperone the large group meetings, please contact **Belinda Kudlo, Coordinator for Hospitality and Chaperones** at (310) 459-6747 or email her at [bbkudlo@aol.com](mailto:bbkudlo@aol.com).

The possibilities are limitless, but if there is an area that you are particularly skilled that may not have been listed, please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Ministry office.

## Chaperones' role at the Confirmation large group meeting

There will be 4 scheduled Chaperones for each large group gathering

### Arrive at 3:50 pm in the Parish Hall

- To ensure that there are no young people hanging around the school, restrooms, parking lot, or in front of the school
- If Candidates arrive early, encourage them to go inside the Parish Hall

### At 4:00 pm

- At 4:00 pm, make sure all Candidates have signed in and have a nametag on. Encourage them to have some snacks
- All Candidates are required to respect all speakers, volunteers, Youth Minister
- Therefore, it is important that Chaperones help with the discipline of each youth when necessary
- You are asked to help in keeping the Candidates quiet
- You can confiscate cell phones if used during the session

### After the Large Group Meeting ends

- 2 Parents are asked to walk all the Candidates to Church by 5:15 pm
- Candidates sit at the very front center rows
- Help make sure that Candidates are respectful and are not talking inside the Church
- **To sit with the Candidates at Mass**
- The two remaining Chaperones will help with the following:
  - 1 parent will help in fixing the Registration table and place all items in the designated box. Afterwards, he/she will make sure all the doors led to the Parish Hall are locked. The gate to the school must also be closed
  - **1 parent must make sure that there are no Candidates standing in front of the school. All Candidates must go to the Church.** No one must be left alone.

## SPONSORS

Helping the candidate prepare not just for reception of the sacrament, but for “living” it afterward is part of the job description of the sponsor. That’s why, to quote the Code of Canon Law, “as far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with the sacrament” (Canon #892).

It is not necessary, as the practice of choosing an individual because it is an honor or family tradition has been the custom. Rather, the candidate should choose someone they consider to be a companion in their journey of faith, but with perhaps more experience along that journey. Being a sponsor is not an honorary role or title, but it is an honor to have someone choose you as a sponsor. It brings with it obligations because the sacrament itself does the same (Dodds, Bill & Fusek, Monsignor Dale; *Your One Stop Guide to The Sacraments*: Servant Publications; Ann Arbor, Michigan; 2003; p. 57).

### In Choosing a Sponsor

**The Sponsor must be a confirmed practicing Catholic in good standing and may not be a Parent of the candidate. In addition, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires that sponsors must be at least 18 years old.**

- Candidates should prayerfully consider the person they would like to have as a sponsor.
- In today’s Confirmation Preparation Process, the sponsor continues to have a significant role in the faith development of the candidate.

### Selection of a Sponsor

In today’s Confirmation Preparation Process, the sponsor continues to have a significant role in the faith development of the candidate. It is a call to be:

- A model of how a person of faith lives in today’s world.
- A friend who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community.
- A learner who is interested in her/his own growth as she/he walks the faith journey with the candidate.

### Expectations of the Sponsor

- Attend meetings workshops or training sessions for sponsors.
- Participate in Liturgical Rites of the Confirmation process.
- Meet monthly with the Candidate to encourage and assist the Candidate to grow in knowledge, in prayer, in service, in worship and in participation in the Parish Community.

**During the course of the two-year journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation candidates are expected to:**

- Attend Mass during scheduled large Group Meetings
- Attend large/small group meetings
- Complete 10 hours of service per year
- Choose a sponsor
- Supply copy of:
  - -Baptismal Certificate
  - Sign a Behavior Agreement
  - Attend a one-day Retreat
  - Attend a weekend retreat
  - Attend Youth Day
  - Participate in an interview with the Youth Minister
  - Participate in an interview with Monsignor Liam Kidney
- Write a saint report

**We at the Corpus Christi Parish Community are delighted that you have chosen to join us to learn more about the process toward full initiation into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Confirmation. We are looking forward to joining you in your faith journey, and are excited about sharing many great times in both play and prayer with you. We hope this resource has been helpful, informative and educational, and encourage you to refer to it often, but especially if any questions arise.**

**You may also feel free to call the parish directly 310-454-1328 ext.246**

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Please visit our Parish Website to view the Confirmation dates and further information  
<http://www.corpuschristichurch.com>

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