

May 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardian:

Thank you for showing your interest in having your child start their Confirmation process at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Per the Archdiocese of Los Angeles guidelines, the youth Confirmation process should be initiated when the Candidate is around high school age (starting grades are 8th grade to 11th grade), must undergo at least a two (2) year process and be based on the readiness of the Candidates.

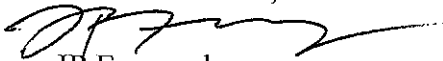
Our Confirmation process (not a program) will involve your Candidate in participating in sessions (not classes), service projects (not hours), Community Life (gatherings) and leading in our Youth Mass. The Candidate can choose to either attend our weekday OR weekend sessions. Please see the schedule at the back of this letter.

We ask you to complete the enclosed registration form as soon as possible, no later than August, 29, 2017 (day of Candidate & Parent interviews). However there is a chance that we might end the registration sign ups if we reach a reasonable capacity, therefore I highly recommend that you will not wait at the last minute.

We also ask you to include the registration fee along with this registration form (see payment agreement form included in this packet for more details). The registration fee already includes all costs associated with the process including the retreat, Youth Day etc.

Feel free to email me at jpf@sjwchurch.com should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Yours in Christ,



JP Fernandez

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Member: National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders # 0559-11

SJW Youth Ministry - Confirmation Year 1 Schedule

Tuesday, August 29, 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Hall): Candidate and Parent Interviews

Tuesday, September 5, 7pm – 8:30pm (Hall): Candidate and Parent Orientation

Tuesday, September 19, 7pm – 8:30pm (Hall): Safeguard the Children Minor’s Training

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:30am – 11:30am (Church) : Youth / Family Rosary Rally

Sunday, November 5, 2017, 8am – 4pm (Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino) : Confirmation 1 Retreat

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 7pm - 9pm : Christmas Party (Potluck). Joint Session

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 7pm – 8:30pm : Joint Session

Weekday Session Tuesday Nights (Hall) 7pm to 8:30pm	Weekend Session Sundays (Our Lady of Lavang) 9:30am – 11am	Session Title
		*Candidates can attend either Weekday OR Weekend Session if Available Maximum 3 absences allowed.
		<u>Welcoming Stage:</u>
October 3, 2017	October 8, 2017	Personal Uniqueness: Promise & Pain
October 17, 2017	October 22, 2017	Identity: Looking for the Real You
November 7, 2017	November 12, 2017	Faith: More Than the Eye Can See
November 21, 2017	(Holiday-No Meeting)	Trusting in God
December 5, 2017	December 10, 2017	The Church: A Community of Disciples
		<u>Catechetical Stage:</u>
January 9, 2018	January 14, 2018	Revelation : Coming to Know Our God
January 23, 2018	January 28, 2018	Jesus’s Identity is Revealed
February 6, 2018	February 11, 2018	The Reign of God: Jesus’s Mission
February 20, 2018	February 25, 2018	Parables & Miracles: Jesus Teaches and Heals
March 6, 2018	March 11, 2018	Sin: An Obstacle to the Reign of God
March 20, 2018	No Session	Jesus Rejected: The Meaning of the Cross (Joint Session)
April, 3, 2018	April 8, 2018	The Resurrection: God is Victorious

Candidates are required to attend the 11:30am Youth Mass every Sunday. Maximum 3 absences allowed

Questions: jpf@sjwchurch.com

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
Year One Confirmation Process Registration 2017 - 2018

Today's Date: _____ Family Envelope / Parish Registration #: _____

Please provide a photocopy of the following document(s):
1) Baptism Certificate (front and back)
2) First Holy Communion Certificate

CANDIDATE

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ Apt.# _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Candidate lives with: _____ (If not the parents)

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Candidate's Baptismal Information:

Parish of Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Parish Address : _____

FATHER

Name: _____ Father's Religion _____

First Last

Address, if different from Candidate's: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Mobile/Home Telephone: () _____ Work Telephone: () _____

Is Father Divorced? _____ Remarried? _____ Deceased? _____

MOTHER

Name: _____ Mother's Religion _____

First Last (Maiden Name)

Address, if different from Candidate's: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile/Home Telephone: () _____ Work Telephone: () _____

Is Mother Divorced? _____ Remarried? _____ Deceased? _____

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Parent Consent

Please print the Candidate's **full name** on the line below. Please provide the name of the insurance carrier and policy number of the carrier. We prefer to have a photocopy of the insurance card.

I hereby permit _____ to participate in the St. Joseph the Worker Confirmation Process. Should it be necessary for my child to have medical emergency treatment while participating in the activities, I hereby give my consent to the attending physician. I understand that any insurance benefits that are effective have limited application.

I hereby release and discharge St. Joseph the Worker and Confirmation Team from any liability whatever resulting from or in any manner arising out of any injury or damage that may be sustained on account of my child participating in any activity or the transportation connected therewith.

I understand that if my child is found in possession of, or is suspected of using, drugs or alcohol, disobeys the standard regulations of the Confirmation Process, or behaves in a disrespectful or inappropriate manner, I will be contacted and my child will be removed from the activity immediately. Repeat offenses will result in my child being excused from the Confirmation Process. A Candidate may be allowed to return the following year.

I also understand that this consent covers all Confirmation activities from August 2017 through June 2019.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name and telephone number of person to be contacted in an emergency	
Name:	Telephone: ()

CANDIDATE INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of Health Insurance Carrier:	
Policy #:	
Name of Family Physician:	Telephone: ()

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
Payment Agreement

1. **Fees:** The fee to cover the Confirmation Process is \$160 per year. No cash payment. You will be responsible for covering any bank fees charged to the church for checks issued by you but returned by our bank. Make check payable to St. Joseph the Worker.

You may drop off completed forms with check at the Parish Center or mail to:

St. Joseph the Worker
Attn: Youth Ministry
19808 Cantlay St.
Winnetka, CA 91306

If needed, we can allow monthly installments as long as the full payment of \$160 will be received by November 30, 2017.

2. **Refunds:** There is no Program Fee refund after the first Candidate Session, if your child is dismissed from the Confirmation Process or chooses to no longer attend
3. **Reason for fee:** The fee will cover the at cost expenses including retreat, materials, registration to Archdiocesan events and transportation. Therefore we are saving you money by charging all expenses at once and can register the required events using the "early bird" discounts. (Other Parishes will request a lower fee but will charge their retreats and events separately which can increase their end cost significantly).

I fully understand and agree to the terms listed above.

Print Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

Date

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Sponsor Agreement

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS

These requirements flow from the understanding of the sacraments of the Catholic Church and the roles of sponsors.

1. Sponsor must be **at least 18 years old (at time of Confirmation Ceremony)**, and has completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).
2. Sponsor should be a practicing Catholic (attends Sunday Mass regularly, attends Holy Day Masses, and participates in the sacramental life of the church).
3. Sponsor **may not be the father or mother** of the Confirmation Candidate (Siblings are ok).
4. Only one sponsor is required
5. Sponsor can be male or female.
6. Sponsor needs to live locally (within 30 minutes from the Parish)
7. Sponsor is required to attend all sponsor workshops. Attending these events reflects on your candidate's ability to complete the Confirmation Process. The sponsor's failure to attend could jeopardize the Candidate's completion of the Confirmation Process.

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

To be selected as a sponsor for the Confirmation Candidate is a great privilege. During the Confirmation Process, the sponsor plays a significant role in the faith development of the Candidate. Serving as a sponsor is a call to be a:

- Companion who will walk the faith journey with the candidate after Confirmation and invite him/ her into fuller participation in parish life and service.
- Witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community
- Friend, guide, confidante, and listener
- Learner interested in personal growth while walking the faith journey with the Candidate
- Model of how a person of faith lives in today's world

Thank you for considering this important role!

I understand that if my Candidate does not fulfill the responsibilities of a Confirmation Candidate, disobeys the standard regulations of the Confirmation Process, or behaves in a disrespectful or inappropriate manner, the candidate will be removed from the activity immediately. Repeat offenses will result in the Candidate's being excused from the process. A Candidate may be allowed to return the following year.

I am a practicing Catholic and I understand the responsibilities I am undertaking. I have the desire and intention to fulfill these responsibilities.

Print Name of Sponsor

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Sponsor Information Sheet

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Name of Confirmation Candidate:		Sponsor's relationship to Candidate:	
Sponsor's Name:			Age:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Home Telephone: ()		Work Telephone: ()	
Church where you are registered or are attending Mass:			
Church of your Baptism:			
City:			State:
Church of your Confirmation:			
City:			State:
If you are married, were you married in a Catholic Church: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p style="text-align: center;">If yes, please attach a copy of your marriage certificate.</p>			
Church where you were married:			
City:			State:

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Candidate Interview Questionnaire

*Please write answers to these questions and include with the application.
You may use the back of this questionnaire if you need more space or you may copy and paste these
questions into a new document and type your answers. Be sure to include your name.*

Name _____

1. Are you enrolling of your own free will and desire to be confirmed? *Circle one:* Yes No
2. Why do you want to enter the Confirmation Process?
3. How are you practicing your faith now and what does it mean to you? Please include as many ways as you can think of. *(Examples: How do you pray? Do you receive Communion and go to Confession and what are your experiences?)*
4. How do your parents support you in being Catholic?
5. What talents, gifts, or qualities do you share with our community? If you have not shared your gifts yet, in what way would you like to?
6. What is one mystery regarding your Catholic faith that you have always wanted to ask about and have explained?