

**CONFIRMATION
INFORMATION
PACKET
2019-2020**



CHOSEN

YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD CONFIRMATION

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

Welcome to St. Julie Billiart . Whether you have been an active parishioner , or you are returning, we are happy that you are here.

Our program at St. Julies is ever evolving based on the needs of the teens it serves. This year is no different as we have spent time hearing what made our program a success last year and needed improvements.

In this packet you'll find an overview of program requirements, class schedule, parent program information, and much more in hopes to help all candidates and parents understand the requirements and preparation needed for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I'm very aware that you all have very busy lives with a myriad of commitments, classes, work and sports schedules to manage in addition to our program requirements. I will help you manage this to the best of my ability because I want all of our candidates to receive this Sacrament and all of the gifts and graces that come with it.

If at any time during this process you need to talk please know that I am here for all of you and you are constantly in my prayers.

May God Bless you and your family on this journey,

God Bless,

Daryl Hitt

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

REQUIREMENTS

Year One Confirmation

- Attend weekly mass and abide by the church precepts
- 16 class sessions on Wednesday's 7-9:00pm
- 20 hours of Parish Involvement Hours
- Attend year one day retreat
- Complete at home challenges and workbook materials
- Attend Teaching Touching Safety class
- Parents attend parent session meetings.
- Complete Conversation of Faith at the end of the year.
- Attend at least four High School Youth Ministry Life Nights on Monday Evenings from 7-8:30pm
- Teens that have 3 absences will need to repeat the year. Classes may be made up by appointment only

Year Two Confirmation

- Attend weekly mass and abide by the church precepts
- 16 class sessions on Wednesday's 7-9:00pm
- 20 hours of Parish Involvement hours
- Attend Confirmation Year 2 Retreat
- Complete at home challenges and workbook materials
- Attend Teaching Touching Safety class
- Parents attend parent session meetings.
- Complete Conversation of Faith at the end of the year.
- Attend at least four High School Youth Ministry Life Nights on Monday Evenings from 7-9pm
- Teens that have 3 absences will need to repeat the year. Classes may be made up by appointment only

CHURCH PRECEPTS

AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

Precepts

1. Sunday Duty- We are obligated as practicing Catholics to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist Every Sunday.
2. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
3. Receive communion at least once a year in the Easter Season
4. Fasting and Abstinence, along with prayer and almsgiving, are powerful tools in developing our spiritual life. Today, the Church requires Catholics to fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday as well..
5. Supporting the church- either financially or with your gifts and talents.

Why they are important

The church states all of the precepts in the Catechism of the Catholic Church starting in paragraph 2041. These are standards and guidelines that the church gives us to live a good moral life bound to by a liturgical life. They set what our minimum obligations should be to live in accordance with the church.

Teens and their parents need to adhere to these precepts to successfully complete their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEENS DURING THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS

- Attend Youth Ministry Nights on a weekly/regular basis. High School Youth Ministry Meets on Monday evenings at 7-8:30pm. Teens are always welcome to invite their friends.
- Spend time talking with your parents about your confirmation process. Ask them about what confirmation was like when they were your age.
- Attend Anaheim Youth Day
- Participate in Parish Ministries and activities with your family and friends.
- Read the bible and ask questions. (start with the Gospels)
- Spend time in adoration.
- Candidates, Sponsors, and Parents, are strongly encouraged to become involved with community service projects and ministry events within the parish
- Pray

CALENDAR OF CLASSES

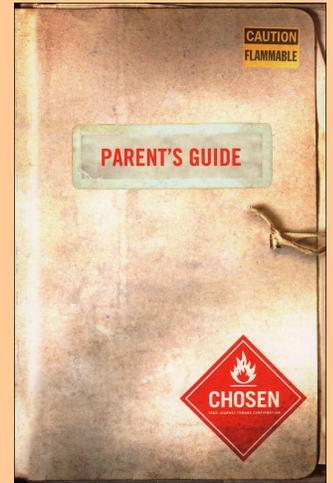
All class sessions are on Wednesday's from 7-9pm

ses- sio n #	Date	Time	Confirmation 1 Lesson	Confirmation 2 Lesson	Parent Program Night	Lesson Covered	Lesson Covered2
1	Sunday September 8, 2019	6:15pm	intro session 1	intro session 1	BOTH	Student & Parents attend	
2	Wednesday, September 18, 2019	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 1	Chosen Lesson 13	YEAR ONE	1 and 2	1 and 2
3	Wednesday, October 2, 2019	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 2	Chosen Lesson 14	YEAR TWO	13 and 14	13 and 14
5	Wednesday, October 16, 2019	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 3	Chosen Lesson 15	YEAR ONE	3 and 4	
6	Wednesday, October 30, 2019	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 4	Chosen Lesson 16	YEAR TWO	15 and 16	3 and 4
7	Wednesday, November 13, 2019	7-9pm	Guest Speaker Micheal James Mette and Band	Guest Speaker	YEAR ONE AND TWO	Guest Speaker	15 and 16
8	Wednesday, December 11, 2019	7-9pm	Teaching Touching Safety Boundries/ Bullying and Telling someone you trust	Teaching Touching Safety Boundries/ Bullying and Telling someone you trust	YEAR TWO	17 and 18	5 and 6
9	Wednesday, January 8, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 6	Chosen Lesson 18	YEAR ONE	7 and 8	17 and 18
10	January 10-12	7pm FRI		Confirmation Two Weekend Retreat- Dinner at 6pm- Retreat Starts at 7pm and pick up is at 11am Sunday Morning			7 and 8
11	Wednesday, February 5, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 8	Chosen Lesson 20	YEAR ONE	9 and 10	
12	Wednesday, February 19, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 9	Chosen Lesson 21	YEAR TWO	21 and 22	9 and 10
13	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 10	Chosen Lesson 22	YEAR ONE	11 and 12	21 and 22
14	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 11	Chosen Lesson 23	YEAR TWO	23 and 24	11 and 12
15	Wednesday, April 1, 2020	7-9pm	Chosen Lesson 12	Chosen Lesson 24	YEAR ONE	Wrap up	23 and 24
16	TBD- Based on Ceremony	7-9pm		Ceremony Prep	YEAR TWO		Wrap up
17	TBD- Year One Confirmation Retreat						

PARENT SESSIONS

Parent Sessions will be held simultaneously with the student sessions (please see the schedule on page 6). Parents will be required to attend the seven parent sessions throughout the year to discuss the lessons in the Ascension Press ***“Chosen: Parent’s Guide”***. We will be handing out the Parent Guide’s at the orientation meeting on September 4, 2019 at 7pm.

Parent sessions will have a moderator to oversee the discussion but parents are asked to volunteer to lead the group discussions for each session. Parents need to read the parent guide chapters prior to our meeting and come with questions, concerns, and possible solutions for handling the questions brought up in the guide.



Parent session dates can be found on page 6 of this packet.

PARISH INVOLVEMENT HOURS

Christian Service is a very important to the Catholic Church and therefore is also important to the formation of our young people in our Confirmation program. This year there are many opportunities available to Confirmation candidates to complete their parish involvement hours detailed in the lists below. Teens will be expected to fill out Parish Involvement Fulfillment Sheets each month of the year to track their progress. Teens will also need to have their service hours signed by each ministry head as well. Teens need to complete twenty hours of Christian service per year to fulfill their service requirement. At least 2 of their hours must be completed while serving at Mass as an Usher, Lector, or Altar Server the remaining hours can be completed by the list of outreach opportunities within St. Julies Parish Community.

Signup's will be available in the fall. Teens must sign up in advance for all service opportunities at

[www.stjuliesyouthministry.org/christian service](http://www.stjuliesyouthministry.org/christian%20service)

Service Opportunities at Mass

1. **Altar Serving**– Teens must have training complete prior to service. Please Contact Maureen Kubica at eroes73037@aol.com
2. **Usher at Sunday 5pm Youth Mass**– All teens need to be trained prior to service. Please Contact Daryl Hitt
3. **Lector at Sunday 5pm Youth Mass**– Training needs to be completed prior to service. Contact Daryl Hitt for more information.

Service Opportunities in the Parish

1. **Homeless Dinners on Saturday Nights at St. Julies.** Please Contact Monica Nolan or Kathy Reese for more information.
2. **St. Francis Center**– There will be three opportunities that will be posted on our website under Christian Service.
3. **Mission Trip**– Teens that would like to take advantage of the Mission Trip will need to contact Deacon Dave Smith for more information. Teens who attend the Mission Trip will fulfill their full requirement for their two year confirmation preparation.
4. **Christmas Boutique**– please contact Sally Kutcher kutchers2@roadrunner.com
5. **Junior High YM Volunteer**– Contact Daryl Hitt

Below is a list of prayers each candidate at St. Julie Billart should know prior to being confirmed.

Our Father– Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Hail Mary– Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us Sinners, now and at the hour of death, Amen.

Glory Be– Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, a world without end, Amen.

The Confiteor – I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and what I have failed to do. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever virgin, all the angels and saints and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God. May all mighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Candidates for confirmation at St. Julie Billart should also know the following information

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit found in Isaiah 11:2-3

1. Wisdom
2. Fortitude
3. Counsel
4. Understanding
5. Knowledge
6. Piety
7. Fear of the lord

Fruits of the Holy Spirit– Ga- latians 5:22-23

1. Joy
2. Peace
3. Patience
4. Kindness
5. Goodness
6. Generosity
7. Gentleness
8. Faithfulness
9. Modesty
10. Self-control
11. Chastity

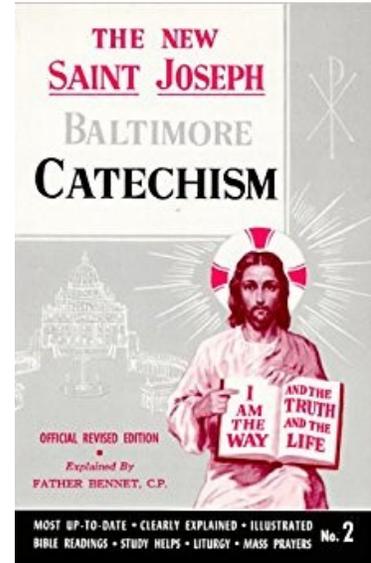
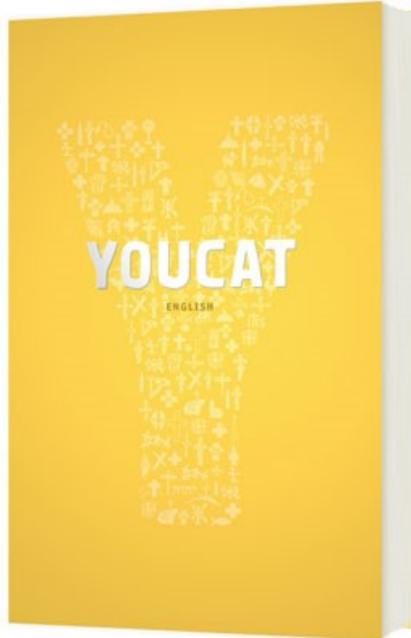
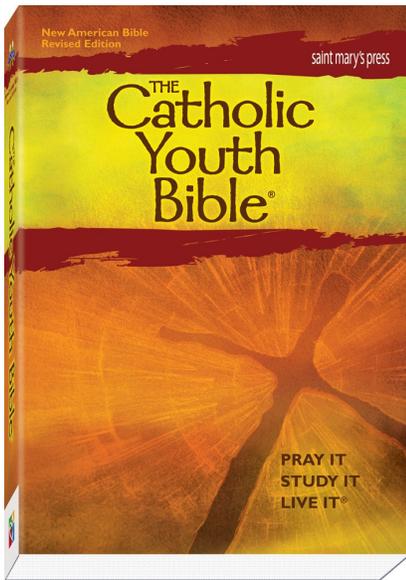
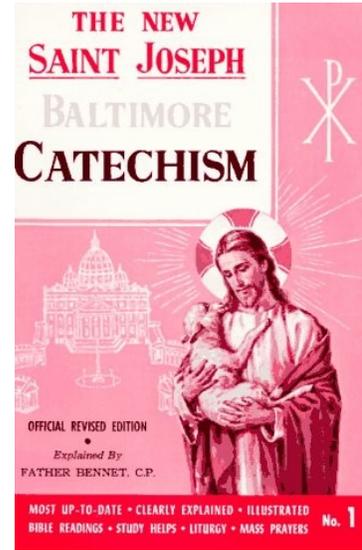
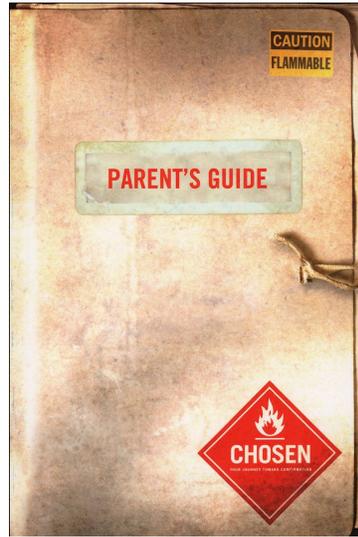
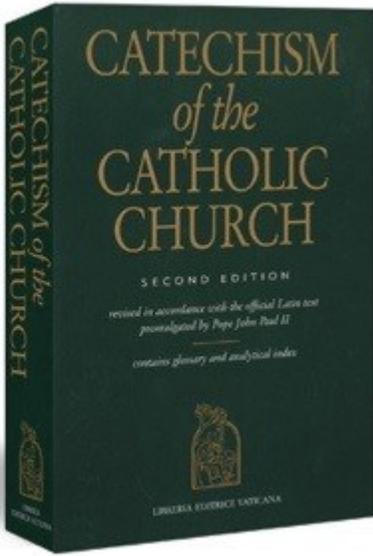
The Ten Commandments–

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have other God's besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.
3. Keep Holy the Sabbath Day
4. Honor your father and mother
5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
10. You shall not covet your neighbors goods.

Sacraments–

1. Baptism
2. Communion
3. Confession
4. Confirmation
5. Holy Orders
6. Matrimony
7. Anointing of the sick

HELPFUL TOOLS





Candidate and Parent Commitment Form

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to his plans for my life— plans he reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

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As a candidate for Confirmation I promise the following:

- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend and will fully participate in all Chosen sessions and activities.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and the facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will received the Sacrament of Reconciliation each year of my confirmation preparation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As a parent of a candidate for Confirmation I promise the following:

- I will approach my teen’s Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend and will fully participate in all parent sessions and activities.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and the facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort by arriving on time to scheduled events and turning in necessary documents prior to due dates.
- I will show respect to fellow parents.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
- I will accept my role as primary catechist of my child.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Signature and acknowledgement

By signing the below I acknowledge, understand, and accept what the expectations are for teens and parents registered for confirmation for the 2019/2020 year at St. Julie Billiart Church.

*This form is required to complete registration for the 2019/2020

I have read and understand the guidelines in this Confirmation Packet.

Confirmation Candidate Signature:

Date:

Parent or Guardian's Signature:

Date:

Candidate Printed Name:

Parent or Guardian's Printed Name:

VIRTUS® “Teaching Touching Safety” Children’s Program
“Permission Slip”

TO: [Parent or Guardian]

FROM: St. Julie Billart Confirmation Program

SUBJECT: VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety Program for Children and Young People

DATE: [Date]

We at **St. Julie Billart** are committed to your child’s safety and well-being. We hear of incidents of child abuse, both sexual and other forms, occurring almost daily in our society. Having the knowledge and understanding to protect and keep ourselves safe is important for children and adults.

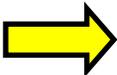
The creators of the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children have developed the Teaching Touching Safety Program, to share with children and young people, God’s love for them and their uniqueness and importance in His sight also to assure children, that God desires their happiness, health and safety.

Therefore, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles provides the Teaching Touching Safety program as an ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth to be protected from all forms of abuse. The focus of the program is to empower children and youth with knowledge and understanding to keep themselves safe.

This year we will present VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety program to our students in a class lesson during the month of **December to our Confirmation Program**. The topic(s) for this year’s lesson(s) include **Internet safety**. Each lesson includes a “Home Activity,” for students to complete with a parent/guardian. A Summer Safety Lesson will also be presented at the end of each school year.

Parents/guardians seeking additional information regarding this program or who would like to review the materials/videos, please feel free to contact **Daryl Hitt at 805-499-0979 ext. 104**.

For more information on the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety program, you may visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.



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St. Julie Billart Confirmation Program

Parent Permission Slip for the VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety Program

I understand that for my child to participate in the VIRTUS® “Teaching Touching Safety Program” I need to fill out and return this Parent Permission Form by September 8, 2019. I am specifically requesting that St. Julie Billart present the *Teaching Touching Safety* program to my child.

Child’s Name (printed): _____

Parent’s Name (printed): _____
