

Our Lady of Fatima Teen Confirmation Requirements

Teens are encouraged to attend classes and participate in all activities with an open heart. Questions are welcome, as this is a time for teens to honestly explore, question and seek the truths of the Catholic faith. In order for a teen to freely choose to be Confirmed in the faith, they must wrestle with some difficult questions about their faith. Our catechists will present our faith to you, but it will be up to YOU to claim it as your own.

Regular attendance at Sunday Mass

As Catholics, the core of our faith experience is the Holy Mass in which we receive the body and blood of our Lord, in Eucharist. All candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should be attending Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation, with their families. It is also expected for candidates to receive God's graces, blessings, and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation, as often as possible.

Classes

- Classes are held Sunday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm, September – May and candidates are required to attend a minimum of 13 classes each year. Class Schedule can be located in the church website under Youth Ministry. If you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to speak with the Confirmation Coordinator to discuss the absence and possible make-up opportunity.

Activity Requirements

Over the two year period Candidates must attend a minimum of **4 religious activities**

A few Activity Suggestions:

- Parish Mission
- Steubenville
- Religious Ed Congress
- Orange Catholic Youth Congress
- Lectures
- Special activities designed specifically for Candidates
- Posada
- Stations of the Cross
- Easter Vigil

Note: For an Activity to count, it is the candidate's responsibility to complete an Activity report form, and turn the completed form in to the Confirmation Director.

Service Hour Options

Requirements:

Over the two year period, Candidates must complete a minimum of **30 service hours**.

Note: Service Hours are defined as anything that you do for someone else where you do not receive any compensation. You are required to complete a Service Project Form identifying your service hours, and submit the completed form to Confirmation Director through either email or hand delivery. Service Hour Forms can be obtained by contacting the Confirmation Director, or downloading them from the OLF Church website, under Youth Ministry Forms.

Candidates will be notified of community service opportunities throughout the year.

Saint Project

During your second year of Confirmation you will create a Saint Project about the Saint you select to be your Confirmation Saint. More information will be provided at Teen/Sponsor events.

Weekend Retreat

Confirmation 2 Candidates (C2) will participate in a Confirmation **Weekend Retreat**, January 2018. Cost for weekend retreat is \$160.00. At retreat candidates will reflect on their two year Confirmation process, experiences, gained knowledge, and spiritual growth. They will evaluate and weigh the seriousness of their decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. **Retreat is not optional.**

Sacramental Preparation interview

A month prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, all candidates must meet with the confirmation director for a half hour interview.