



confirmation



Who can register for Confirmation?

All teens entering Junior or Senior year of High School who have completed all prerequisites and have been baptized and received First Communion.

When are Confirmation sessions held?

St Mary is unique as we offer our confirmation sessions over the summer. We have found the summer schedule to be very effective as we are no longer competing with the stresses of an academic schedule. Our teens can focus on their faith! We meet ONLY 8 times. The eight sessions include 2 All Day Sunday Sessions, one to open our summer and one to close it with 6 Tuesday evening sessions in between that are 2 hours each.

What are the prerequisites?

You can find our prerequisites in our brochure but we have listed them here as well:

- 2 Semesters of Youth Group (Quest). These can be done consecutively or one semester a year.
- Attend ONE of our high school retreats from the three we offer
- Have chosen and confirmed a sponsor
- Provide 40+ hours of service (This can be done through the various opportunities we offer, for example: Usher/Greeter at Mass, Lector, Band, volunteer at Vacation Bible School, Volunteer at our annual International night working at a game booth. The service hours can be done offsite as well, please inquire with YM staff for details.
- The + hours of service is a required component where every teen is expected to help facilitate and or assist at 3 of our younger ministries. Twice for Rock our 4th-5th grade ministry, Twice for Blast our 6th grade ministry and twice for EDGE our 7-8th grade ministry.

Again, anyone completing their Sophomore year or after who have completed the prerequisites above can register for our Summer Confirmation Program.



What is expected of parents?

One of our primary roles through confirmation is to empower parents to be the primary catechist. We require our parents and teens to review material each week before coming to class. In addition, we require every family (Mom, Dad, Siblings...at least one of the mentioned, along with the teen) to provide a talk for a very small portion of the evening lasting 5 to 8 minutes. You are provided everything you will need well in advance to prepare. This has become a highlight of our program.

Retreats?

The diocese of Oakland requires all teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to attend a Confirmation specific retreat which we will provide in the early fall after they have completed their summer sessions.

If the information above does not answer your questions, please contact -

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