



## St. Clement Roman Catholic Church

“We, in Christ, embrace diversity, evangelizing through the Holy Spirit, always seeking the Father’s will.”

# Confirmation Preparation Program



When the people heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them.  
Acts 19:5-6

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.  
Ephesians 1:13

# General Faith Formation Calendar

(Required for the immediate 2 years preceding Confirmation unless in Catholic School or Home School Religious Education Program)

Faith Formation in English meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** - First day of Sessions

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Last day of Sessions



## Dates when there will NOT be class meetings:

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Break  
December 30<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Break  
February 17<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday (Mass in place of the meeting)  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Strawberry Festival  
March 10<sup>th</sup> - Strawberry Festival  
March 31<sup>st</sup> - Holy Week  
April 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

## Confirmation Meeting Dates

(Required of parents and young people in their second year of Confirmation Preparation)

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday 9:00 to 10:00  | Class with parents   |
| Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Sunday 8:30 to 10:15  | Class with parents<br>(A special rite will follow this meeting at the 10:30 mass on Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> .) |
| Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Sunday 8:30 to 10:15  | Class with parents   |
| March 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday 8:30 to 10:15  | Class with parents <b>(all paperwork due)</b>  |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Saturday 9 am to 7 pm | Retreat with parents   |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Wednesday 6:30 pm     | Reconciliation- Last Names A-M   |
|                        | 7:30 pm               | Reconciliation- Last Names N-Z   |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Wednesday 8:30 pm     | Rehearsal  |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Thursday 7:00 pm      | <b>Confirmation</b>  |

## Confirmation Requirements

- Confirmation is a two year program. Students must be in their second consecutive year of regular faith formation in order to be considered eligible for Confirmation. General Faith Formation includes Youth Group, Catholic School, or organized home-school religious education. Frequent absences during the general faith formation classes will delay reception of Confirmation.
- The normal grade of Confirmation is 9<sup>th</sup> grade. An exception is being made in 2009-2010 only for those 8<sup>th</sup> graders who started their faith formation and preparation in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must choose a sponsor for Confirmation. The sponsor serves primarily as an example of the Catholic Christian life. This means a sponsor must be a Catholic living in accord with the Church's teachings on faith, marriage, sacraments. People should not be chosen simply because they are family members or close friends. Ideally, the students should select the sponsor.
- Students should choose a saint. The students should research and select the saint that they feel is a good, inspirational example of the Catholic life. This name will be used at their Confirmation.
- The student must attend all preparations sessions for confirmation with their parents. This includes the retreat, confession service, and the practice for confirmation.
- The student must complete 30 hours of confirmation preparation. This is formerly known as community service hours.
- All paperwork included Baptismal certificate, Saint's name, sponsor form, and preparation hours must be completed and turned in by March 28th. Please call the church office if you are unsure about any paperwork that is required.
- Student must be attending mass weekly.
- The student must complete an examination. This examination is simply to verify that the student understands the basics of the sacrament that they are receiving. If the student chooses, he or she may conduct an oral interview instead of the written examination.

## Confirmation Preparation Hours

A student does not earn confirmation. It is a gift from God, because of his love for us. However, a student must prepare him or herself to receive that gift. Toward that end, we require students to complete 30 hours of preparation. These hours are IN ADDITION to the hours regularly required of a good Catholic Christian.

Examples of hours that are included:

- Youth Choir
- Spiritual Youth Activities
- Church Service Projects
- Community Service Projects
- Vacation Bible School Service
- Strawberry Festival Volunteer Work
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Volunteer Work



Examples of hours that are not included:

- Mass attendance
- Weekly Youth Group meetings
- Confirmation Retreat (other retreats do count, but not the required confirmation retreat).





# Sponsor/Godparent Form

Due March 28<sup>th</sup>



It is the ancient custom of the Church that, at Baptism of infants, godparents be present to represent the expanded spiritual family of the child and the role of the in the child's life. Later, godparents help teach the children the Catholic faith by serving as a good of example of it. Older children and adults receiving sacraments have a sponsor. A sponsor is a person who assumes responsibility to help the growing child in his/her faith. Each child being baptized may have either a godfather or a godmother or both. At confirmation, each young person may have one sponsor.

### Requirements of a Sponsor or Godparent:

A sponsor must be a **member of the Catholic Church**.

They must have received the Sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation** and **First Communion**.

They must be a **good example** of what it means to be a Catholic Christian (i.e. attending Mass Weekly, receiving Communion, attempting to live according to the church's laws.)

Those who are **married outside of the church** or who are living (as husband and wife) with someone to whom they are not married are **not** permitted to be sponsors or godparents.

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, as a sponsor or Godparent, I accept that responsibility to be a good Christian example to the child which I am sponsoring. I further certify that I am an active Catholic in good standing with no church law preventing my serving as a sponsor (marriages outside of the church, incomplete reception of the Sacraments, etc.).

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This certifies that the above person is known to me as a parishioner in good standing. I testify that he/she is qualified to serve as a sponsor or godparent for a sacrament.

Parish of Sponsor/Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal:

Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

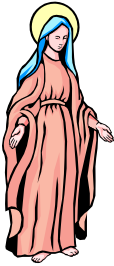
Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Young Person: \_\_\_\_\_



# Choosing a Saint

## For Confirmation

Due March 28<sup>th</sup>

For Confirmation, it is a tradition in many churches to choose the name of a saint. This saint is someone with whom you can identify and whom you admire. Saints are people who have lived as good examples of the Catholic Christian life. There are saints who were soldiers, kings, teachers, mothers, and simple workers. Use **catholic.org** to search for a saint with whom you can identify. You may choose a male or female saint. This will become, for you, a fourth name. This saint will be your patron saint. You can ask him or her to look down from heaven and help you through everything that you go through in your life.

Full name of the Saint that I have chosen (for example, St. Francis of Assisi, not just St. Francis):

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Basic Information about this Saint (occupation, date of birth, why they are recognized as a saint):

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Reason that I have chosen this saint:

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