

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION  
GRADES 9-12**

**ABOUT OUR PROGRAM-**

The Confirmation Program is a two year program that students may begin in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In Confirmation young people decide to renew the Baptismal Promises their parents made for them when they were kids. The first year of the program gives young people an understanding of what our faith is about and the second year allows young people to understand the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the tools to decide if they would like to be Confirmed in their Catholic Faith.

**PAPERWORK AND FEES-**

In order to register for Confirmation students must provide a copy of their **Baptismal and First Communion Certificates**. Without copies of these certificates a student may not begin the program. Half of the registration fee is due at the time of registration.

**STUDENT AND PARENT ORIENTATION-**

It is required that all students and parents attend our Orientation. You may attend on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM or on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **Anyone not attending the orientation will be dropped.**

**YOUTH DAY 2009-**

Youth Day is the first official day of Confirmation. This is our rally to kick off our year. All youth, in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for an opportunity to find out about Youth Ministry, meet new friends, and have a lot of fun. **All Confirmation Candidates (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year) are required to attend.** Missing Youth Day will count as missing one session.

**RETREAT REQUIREMENT-**

**First Year Candidates** are required to attend our annual Confirmation Retreat, Friday, April 24-Sunday, April 26, 2008. The fee for the first year retreat is \$150 and is due in early January. **Second Year Candidates**, will participate in one of the following: our annual High School Retreat (Friday, January 23-25, 2009), LA Youth Day (February 25-28, 2009), or The Diocese of San Jose Tahoe Retreat the summer prior to their second year in the program (June 16-20, 2008.)

**YOUTH MASS-**

Students must attend the Youth Mass at 6PM every Sunday. Students can miss up to nine absences before being dropped from the program. These absences can be used to go to another Mass with younger brothers and sisters or your families usual Mass Time. They can also be used for absences due to illness, personal situations, and family vacations. **Each Confirmation Class will take turns coordinating the Mass throughout the year, a student may not use one of their absences on a day when his or her class is assigned.** Missing an assigned Mass will result in the student being marked absent for the Mass as well as one class session. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child but are not required to. Students constantly misbehaving during mass may be marked absent. More information will be given in September.

## **ATTENDANCE-**

Confirmation Classes meet every other Monday from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Main Hall and the classrooms at the school. Students are allowed two absences. If a student is absent he or she must call the office ahead of time to make us aware of the absence. Most of the stuff we do will be hands on and innovative. Students will not feel like they are back in school, but they will learn a great deal about their faith. On a candidate's third absence he/she will be most likely dropped from the program.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT-**

All Confirmation Candidates must be involved in **two Youth Ministry functions per month**. Youth Ministry functions include our Sunday Night Youth Ministry Program, involvement in the Youth Mass, our Social Events (Broomball, Lock Ins, Cal Skate, Movie Nights, etc.), Social Justice Projects (A Night In The Life of a Homeless Teen, Canned Food Drives, Clothing Drives, etc.), Fundraisers (Bake Sales, Car Washes, Spaghetti Dinners, etc.). Candidates must at least participate in two different types of events (Fundraisers and Social Events, or Sunday Nights and Social Justice) **In addition, three of these functions during the year must be a Social Justice or Community Service project.**

## **INTERVIEWS-**

After the parent meetings in September and prior to the start of the program each young person will need to meet with members of the Confirmation Team for an initial interview. This is an opportunity for us to see where the student is in their faith and place them in appropriate small group for the year.

At the conclusion of the first year of the program we will re-interview each candidate to evaluate their progress in the program. In addition, before the candidate is Confirmed in the Spring of their second year, he/she will go through a Exit Interview and we will help your child discern if he/she is ready to be Confirmed.

## **REFUND POLICY-**

Candidates who officially drop from the program before the second class session are entitled to a full refund. Candidates who drop after the second class **and before Thanksgiving** can either receive half of their registration fee back or transfer the full amount to the following year. **Anyone dropping after Thanksgiving is not entitled to a refund, and can only have the money transferred for the following year.** After one year, you would need to re-pay for the program. To officially drop, you must call the Registration and Billing Office at 408.258.7832 x18.

## **CONTACT INFO-**

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact **David Cortese**, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 408.258.7832 x34 or by e-mail, [dcortese@sjvsj.net](mailto:dcortese@sjvsj.net).