

2015-2016



ST. POLYCARP
YOUTH MINISTRY
STANTON, CA



Congratulations Parents,

You have begun to prepare your youth to receive the wonderful sacrament of Confirmation! Don't panic!! This "journey of love and faith" has been taking place in your family since the baptism of your child. You have been teaching your child right from wrong, the rules and guidelines of everyday living and God's place in your family life.

As the primary educators of your children, you, along with your teen's sponsor, are called to be intimately involved in his/her catechesis for Confirmation (NCB #19). Through your guidance, with the help of a faith-filled sponsor, and the Confirmation Program here at St. Polycarp, your youth will come to better understand and appreciate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the beauty of the Catholic faith and God's grace in their life. Together, we will work to accomplish the following goals, as put forth by the Diocese of Orange:

- 1. To guide young people in the call to holiness by developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, by meeting Him in the Scriptures, in the life and teachings of the Catholic Church, and in their own daily prayer.**
- 2. To nurture a desire in the young people for an understanding of an active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.**
- 3. To empower young people to embrace the richness of diversity, to live the moral and theological virtues and to apply these virtues in their decision making.**
- 4. To help young people develop a life of Christian service modeled on Jesus' life.**
- 5. To equip and empower youth to use their gifts and talents for the greater glory of God and His Church.**

Doesn't sound too hard, does it? Working together, I believe we can accomplish these goals. But it starts here, and right now!

On behalf of all involved with the Confirmation Program here at St. Polycarp, WELCOME!! We look forward to making this "journey of love and faith" with your teen and with you. God bless you and your family!

**Love always in Christ,
Scott Dimler
Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry
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Confirmation 1 Requirements

Class Attendance Sundays 9:15-10:45am (every other Sunday)

Each student must attend all class meetings as scheduled. If illness or emergency occurs, please call Confirmation Coordinator in parish office **714-890-5200** before class to report reason for absence. Maximum of 1 absences excused, however make-up work on topic may be required. If 2nd absence occurs, the student and parent will need to meet with Confirmation Coordinator, Scott and/or pastor prior to their next class. **Remember to wear your shirt to every class.**

Retreat Attendance (one per year)

Retreats are a sacred time apart to pray, connect & reflect on God and His mission for our lives. Retreat attendance is required by the Diocese. Mark your Calendar now! Retreat Dates: **Confirmation 1 Retreat: November 22, 2015** OR **Confirmation 2 Retreat: March 18-20, 2016**. If you cannot attend our retreat for a serious reason please let us know as soon as possible. Another Catholic Youth retreat can be honored. It is your responsibility to find an equivalent retreat at a different church to attend in place of our retreat. Please contact Scott for approval prior to scheduling a makeup retreat.

Youth Ministry Attendance (Minimum 4 per year)

Students must attend minimum 4 youth ministry events per year. More frequent Youth events are strongly encouraged to build friendships within the faith community. Weekly Youth events can be found on www.policarpoyouth.com under Youth Ministry and Calendar. CrossRoads is on Sundays: 12:00-2:00 PM. Check calendars or the youth website for any details or changes.

Service Hours Form due ASAP (Final deadline April 26, 2016)

Minimum of 20 Service Hours required per year. Confirmation Service Forms must be submitted to Confirmation Coordinator or parish office for record. Confirmation Service Forms available in Confirmation office or downloaded from **Youth Website** www.policarpoyouth.com under both Confirmation tabs.

Sponsor Form due November 22, 2015

Choose a sponsor who is an active Catholic to mentor and guide you on this faith journey who can participate in the 2 year Confirmation Preparation with the candidate. Sponsor needs to submit the form to Confirmation Coordinator or parish office by above date. Sponsor Forms available in Confirmation office or download from **Youth Website** www.policarpoyouth.com

Saint Report due March 6, 2016

Choose a patron saint for your Confirmation Name and do a one page essay about their life. You may use as a Patron your Baptismal Saint name or choose another Saint who inspires you. This saint will be used as your **Confirmation Saint Name**. Saint Report details available in this packet, Confirmation office, or downloaded from **Youth Website** www.policarpoyouth.com under Confirmation I.

Safe Environment Workshop October 5, 2015

This is a workshop to teach about abuse in adolescents and young adults. This is a **mandatory** event and required by the Diocese of Orange. It will be presented by Pamela Sepulveda of Casa Youth Shelters.

Parents and sponsors are to be involved with the candidate in the Sacramental Preparation by:

- ❖ Weekly Sunday & Holy Day Mass Attendance & Confession as role model of sacramental life in Church
- ❖ Attending special events of prayer, adoration, faith formation with student as scheduled.
- ❖ Participating in Service Projects & supervising class prep work & reading assignments of student
- ❖ Supporting candidate in program by help with driving, chaperoning and other tasks as needed.

Confirmation Year 1 Checklist

Use this list to keep track of your requirements throughout the year

- Weekly Sunday Mass & Holy Days of Obligation** (List included)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Parish Penance Service** Attend one as scheduled either Advent (December) or Lent (March)
- Attend Safe Environment Workshop on October 5, 2015**
- Saint Report (Due March 6, 2016)** See example on next pages
- Choose a Sponsor and Fill out the Sponsor Form (Due Nov. 22, 2015)**
- Christian Service Form (Due April 26, 2016)** (Minimum 20 hours per year)
- Retreat Year 1 on Sunday November 22**

High School Youth Ministry Attendance (Minimum 4 per year)

___ Youth Ministry Event ___ Youth Ministry Event

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Year 1 Class Sessions

- October 4
- October 18
- November 1
- November 15
- December 6
- January 10
- January 24
- February 21
- March 6
- April 3
- April 17
- May 1

Holy Days of Obligation

- ❑ All Saints Day – November 1st, 2015 (Sunday)
- ❑ Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8th, 2015 (Tuesday)
- ❑ Christmas – December 25th, 2015 (Friday)
- ❑ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1st, 2016 (Friday)
- ❑ Easter – March 27, 2016 (Sunday)
- ❑ Ascension of Jesus – May 5th, 2016 (Tuesday)
- ❑ Assumption of Mary – August 15th, 2016 (Monday)

Other Solemnities to Consider

- ❑ Ash Wednesday - February 10th, 2016 (Wednesday)
- ❑ Feast of St. Polycarp – February 23rd, 2016 (Tuesday)
- ❑ Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary – March 19th, 2016 (Saturday)
- ❑ Palm Sunday - March 20th, 2016 (Sunday)
- ❑ The Annunciation – March 25th, 2016 (Friday)
- ❑ Pentecost - May 15th, 2016 (Sunday)

Service Hours Form

Student Name: _____ Confirmation Year: 1 or 2 (Circle) Teacher Name: _____

Date of Service: _____ Hours spent working on THIS project: _____

Total number of hours previously completed this year: _____

X _____

Service Supervisor

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. - Matthew 25:35-36

Describe Your Service Project:

Reflection: (Describe your experience by talking about things you may have learned, emotions you may have felt, and gifts you may have given of yourself or received from others):

Confirmation Sponsors

*Thank you for your willingness to mentor this member of our Confirmation program.
The sponsor should be someone who knows and mentors the candidate on their
morals and faith.*

Choosing a Sponsor

The role of sponsor is much more than honorary; it is a lifelong commitment in this person's faith journey. The sponsor is to be involved in the youth's life and journey in many ways. The person chosen as a sponsor should be:

- ❖ A person that will pray with the candidate regularly.
- ❖ A real friend; someone the candidate can trust and confide in; someone who can be there when needed.
- ❖ Someone the candidate looks up to; someone after which he/she would like to model his/her life.
- ❖ A person whose experience as a Catholic is an invaluable source for helping youth make decisions in their life as a Catholic.
- ❖ A person who is interested in the candidate's preparation and who is willing to participate in special gatherings, meetings, and liturgical celebrations during the preparation program.
- ❖ A person whose relationship with the candidate will continue after the celebration of Confirmation.

Qualifications for Sponsor

- ❖ Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic who attends Sunday and Holy Day masses regularly and participates in the Sacramental life of the Church.
- ❖ Must be sufficiently mature to fulfill their function as a sponsor (even though the minimum age is sixteen, we encourage someone older).
- ❖ Sponsor may be male or female and may be a Baptismal Godparent
- ❖ Married sponsors must be in a valid Catholic marriage.
- ❖ Must be a person who is an example and a witness of the Catholic faith in word and action.
- ❖ Must be friendly, trustworthy, and a good listener.
- ❖ Must be one who will attend liturgical celebrations, meetings, rehearsal, and Confirmation Day.
- ❖ Only one sponsor is required and cannot be a parent of the candidate.

Expectations of the Sponsor

- ❖ Attend Mass with the candidate frequently.
- ❖ Attend meetings, workshops, training sessions, and days of prayer.
- ❖ Participate in liturgical celebrations, rehearsal, and Rites during the Confirmation process.
- ❖ Meet with candidate on a regular basis to encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, prayer, service, and worship.
- ❖ Participate in other parish activities required of the two year process.

Note: It is to the benefit of the candidate that their sponsors live locally.



ST. POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH: CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR-APPLICATION

Candidate's (Student's) Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Sponsor's Baptism Date: ___/___/___

Church: _____

City: _____ **State:** ___ **Country:** _____

Sponsor, are you able to receive Holy Communion? Yes ___ No ___

If NO state the reason why: _____

Sponsor's Confirmation date: ___/___/___

Church: _____

City: _____ **State:** ___ **Country:** _____

Sponsor's Registered Parish: _____

Ministries the Sponsor is involved with: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

SPONSOR COMMITMENT

I am willing to commit myself to this Candidate and the process of forming and confirming this Candidate's faith in the ways of Jesus and His gospel message

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Saint Report

All Confirmation Candidates are required to select ONE (1) saint and submit a report about him/her to the Confirmation Coordinator (this should be completed during your first year of Confirmation classes).

The saint report MUST include:

- At least (can be more than) one page, typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt font with a heading that includes: Candidate name, paper subject, Catechist name, and date (example is attached)
- Must be in Candidate's own words and not copied from text or computer generated (Don't copy and paste from wikipedia)

The report MUST answer the following questions:

- Who was the Saint
- Life facts
- Date and place of birth
- Date, place, and circumstances of their death
- What did he/she do to become a Saint?
- What do you admire about him/her?
- Why did you choose this Saint?
- What symbols are associated with your Saint?
- Feast Day

Remember to choose your saint carefully. This will be your Confirmation name, so choose a saint that has meaning for you. You are able to choose a male or female saint no matter your gender/sex. For online references, go to either:

www.catholic.org/saints

www.catholicsaints.info

DUE MARCH 6TH 2016

EXAMPLE ON THE NEXT PAGE

Student Name

Saint Report

Catechist Name

3/6/2016

Saint Nobody

Saint Nobody was born on March 6, 2016 in a town in a country.... He was a carpenter and born to a wealthy family.

Saint Nobody died by.....

Saint Nobody lived a life of.....

I admire Saint Nobody for his.....

Saint Nobody is commonly associated with symbols of....

Saint Nobody's feast day is.....

St. Polycarp Catholic Church
Minor Permission, Medication Notification, and Release Form

Program: **Confirmation 1 Retreat**
Date: **November 22, 2015**
Time: **7:30AM - 8:30PM**
Location: **St. Polycarp Church – Parish Hall**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Participant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Student Cell: (____) _____
Parent/Guardian Name (s): _____/_____
Father's Cell Phone: (____) _____ Mother's Cell Phone: (____) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: *Secondary Person to contact in case of emergency (adult of another household):*

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: (____) _____

MEDICATION INFORMATION: *During the above named activity my son/daughter has my permission to take the following:*

Choose at least one:

- My son/daughter will be taking prescription medication.

Name of Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Times per day: _____

- My son/daughter will be taking non-prescription medication.

Name of Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Times per day: _____

- My son/daughter will not be bringing any medications, but if needed, Youth Ministry leaders may give my child the following non-prescription medications:

____ aspirin/tylenol ____ antacid other: _____

Notes/Allergies/Medical Problems: _____

I, the parent (guardian) of, _____, hereby give my permission for his/her participation in the above named activity. I agree to direct my child to cooperate and conform to directions and instructions of parish, school, or diocesan personnel responsible for this activity. As a condition of my child being allowed to do so, I hereby release and discharge the Diocese of Orange, its constituent organizations, including but not limited to The Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange, a Corporation Sole, and their officers, employees and volunteers from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage that she/he may suffer as a result of his/ her participation in the activity described above, whether or not such injuries or damage are caused by the negligence, active or passive, of any of the entities, individuals named or described above.

I agree that in the event my child is injured as a result of his/her participation in the above named activities, including transportation to and from these activities, whether or not caused by the negligence, active or passive, of the parish, school, or diocesan youth activities program, or any of its agents or employees, recourse for the payment of any resulting hospital, medical, dental treatment or related costs and expenses will first be had against any accident, hospital, medical or dental insurance, or any available benefit plan of mine or my spouse. I am not aware of any medical condition of my child which would render it inappropriate for him/ her to participate in any activity.

I, hereby authorize the making of photographs, motion pictures, video tapes, recordings, or other memorializing of said event and my child's participation therein, and the publication and duplication or other use thereof. I, hereby waive any rights to compensation or any right that I otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use. I, hereby give permission to the physician, nurse, dentist or licensed care staff selected by the supervisory personnel then present to render medical, dental or other appropriate treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician, nurse, dentist or licensed care staff.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____

Behavior Contract

STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

I, _____ agree to follow all rules and directions of the Youth Ministers & Catechists at St. Polycarp while on parish grounds and at other Youth Ministry Events.

_____ *** I agree to no inappropriate sexual behaviors.**

_____ *** I agree not to bring knives, guns, weapons of any kind or the use of anything as a weapons.**

_____ *** I agree not to bring or use alcohol or drugs of any kind.**

_____ *** I agree not to bring stink-bombs, firecrackers or any other type of explosives.**

_____ *** I agree not to steal and to respect the property of others.**

_____ *** I agree to follow all rules and directions of the catechists.**

_____ I agree not to bring chewing gums, cigarettes, chewing tobaccos, cigarettes lighters or matches.

_____ I agree to the use of CD players, video games, newspapers, books, homework, magazines, or anything else ONLY with permission of Youth Minister or Chaperone.

_____ I agree to stay within the boundaries of St. Polycarp Catholic Church.

_____ I agree to no romance of any form.

_____ I agree not to use profane language.

_____ I agree to be back on time from all breaks and free time.

_____ I agree to respect the other participants that will be attending the Confirmation program.

_____ I agree to have fun and respectful attitude and participate fully in all activities and events.

_____ I agree to let my youth minister & chaperones know where I am at all times during Confirmation classes or other youth ministry events.

I understand and agree to these rules and guidelines and I understand that if the Diocesan Leadership Team and my Youth Minister believes that my behavior warrants my being asked to leave St. Polycarp Catholic Church, I will be sent home and my parents will be held financially responsible for my transportation and any damages that I have caused.

The starred (*) items above warrant an immediate call to Parents and Immediate dismissal from St. Polycarp Catholic Church, as well as possible involvement of legal authority if warranted.

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date