

2015-2016



ST. POLYCARP
YOUTH MINISTRY
STANTON, CA



Congratulations Parents of Confirmation Candidates,

You are continuing to prepare your youth to receive the wonderful sacrament of Confirmation! 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

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Confirmation 2 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.polycarpyouth.com under Youth Ministry and Calendar. CrossRoads is on Sundays: 12:30-2:00 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.polycarpyouth.com under both Confirmation tabs.

Bishops Letter due April 10, 2016

Type a letter to Bishop celebrating Confirmation expressing your desire to be confirmed and reflections about your Confirmation journey. Bishop Letter formats will be handed out later in class and is also available from **Youth Website** www.polycarpyouth.com under Confirmation II.

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 2 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**
- Letter to the Bishop (Due April 10, 2016)** (See Bishop Letter Details in your packet or website)
- Christian Service Form (Due April 26, 2016)** (Minimum 20 hours per year)
- Retreat Year 2 on Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2016**

High School Youth Ministry Attendance (Minimum 4 per year)

___ Youth Ministry Event ___ Youth Ministry Event

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Year 2 Class Sessions

- September 27
- October 11
- October 25
- November 8
- November 22
- December 13
- January 17
- January 31
- February 28
- March 13
- April 10
- April 24

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, 2015 (Sunday)
- ❑ Ascension of Jesus – May 5th, 2016 (Tuesday)
- ❑ Assumption of Mary – August 15th, 2016 (Monday)

Other Solemnities to Consider

- ❑ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8th, 2015 (Tuesday)
- ❑ Ash Wednesday - February 10th, 2016 (Wednesday)
- ❑ Feast of St. Polycarp – February 20th, 2016 (Saturday)
- ❑ 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)

Outline: Letter to Bishop

Here is an outline for the formal letter that needs to be written to the Bishop and turned into your Catechist, requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will spend some time on this in class.

DO NOT mail it to the Bishop at the Diocese

1. Address Letter to:
 - "Dear Bishop Kevin Vann"
2. Introduction:
 - tell who you are, and say that you are writing to request the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Personal Information:
 - tell a little about yourself, what you like to do, who is in your family, etc.
 - tell the Bishop about your faith life
4. Reason for Confirmation:
 - tell your reasons for wanting the sacrament of Confirmation; what it will do for you; how it will bring you into closer relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit
 - Please **DO NOT** say 'I will become an Adult in the church'. Instead, refer to this sacrament as your 'final Sacrament of Initiation' or 'becoming a fully initiated Catholic'.
 - tell what you have done to prepare for it
5. Saint
 - Who is your saint?
 - Why did you choose him/her?
6. Future
 - Share what your **MISSION** will be. In other words, how will you be involved in the Church and other areas of service - then list ministries
7. Closing:
 - Thank Bishop Vann for the time he took to read your letter
 - use **SINCERELY** or another salutation, leave 3 spaces, then type your full name
 - Sign your letter in **INK** between the salutation and your typed name!!

Your letter only needs to be one page

All letters should be in business format and typed on white paper (if you do not have a computer, come to the Confirmation office and you may use ours). You only need to type and sign one.

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):

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

Program: **Confirmation 2 Retreat**
Date: **March 18-20, 2016**
Location: **Irvine Outdoor Education Center**

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