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Confirmation Meeting

October 6th, 2019 & Nov 17, 2019

St Timothy Catholic Church

Religious Education Program



Agenda

- Prayer
- **Contact Information & Vision, Mission, and Values**
- **What is Confirmation?**
- **Candidates Expectations**
- **The Role of the Parents**
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Confirmation Prayer

Spirit of God, grant me:

The **gift of wisdom**

To see the world
through your eyes,

The **gift of counsel**

To make difficult
decisions,

The **gifts of knowledge
and understanding**

To use my mind to
know you and to love
you,

The **gift of fortitude**

To have the courage to
live in the faith

Despite the difficulties
and disappointments,

The **gift of piety**

To be able to express
my special love

And commitment to
you,

And the right kind of
awesome fear

That makes me pause
to wonder and revere

God's Love.

Amen.

Confirmation Prayer



VEN ESPÍRITU SANTO,
ENVÍA TU LUZ
DESDE EL CIELO.
PADRE AMOROSO
DEL POBRE; DON,
EN TUS DONES
ESPLÉNDIDO

Oración al Espíritu Santo

Ven Espíritu Divino,
manda tu luz desde el cielo,
Padre amoroso del pobre;
don en tus dones
espléndido;
luz que penetra las almas;
fuente del mayor consuelo.

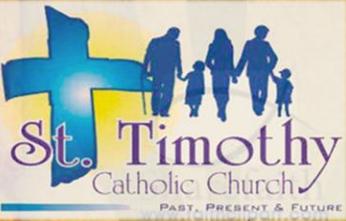
Ven, dulce huésped del
alma,
descanso de nuestro
esfuerzo,
tregua en el duro trabajo,
brisa en las horas de fuego,
gozo que enjuga las lágrimas
y reconforta en los duelos.

Entra hasta el fondo del
alma, divina luz y
enríquécenos.

Mira el vacío del hombre
si Tú le faltas por dentro;
mira el poder del pecado
cuando no envías tu aliento.

Riega la tierra en sequía,
sana el corazón enfermo,
lava las manchas, infunde
calor de vida en el hielo,
doma el espíritu indómito,
guía al que tuerce el
sendero.

Reparte tus Siete Dones
según la fe de tus siervos.
Por tu bondad y tu gracia
dale al esfuerzo su mérito;
salva al que busca salvarse
y danos tu gozo eterno.



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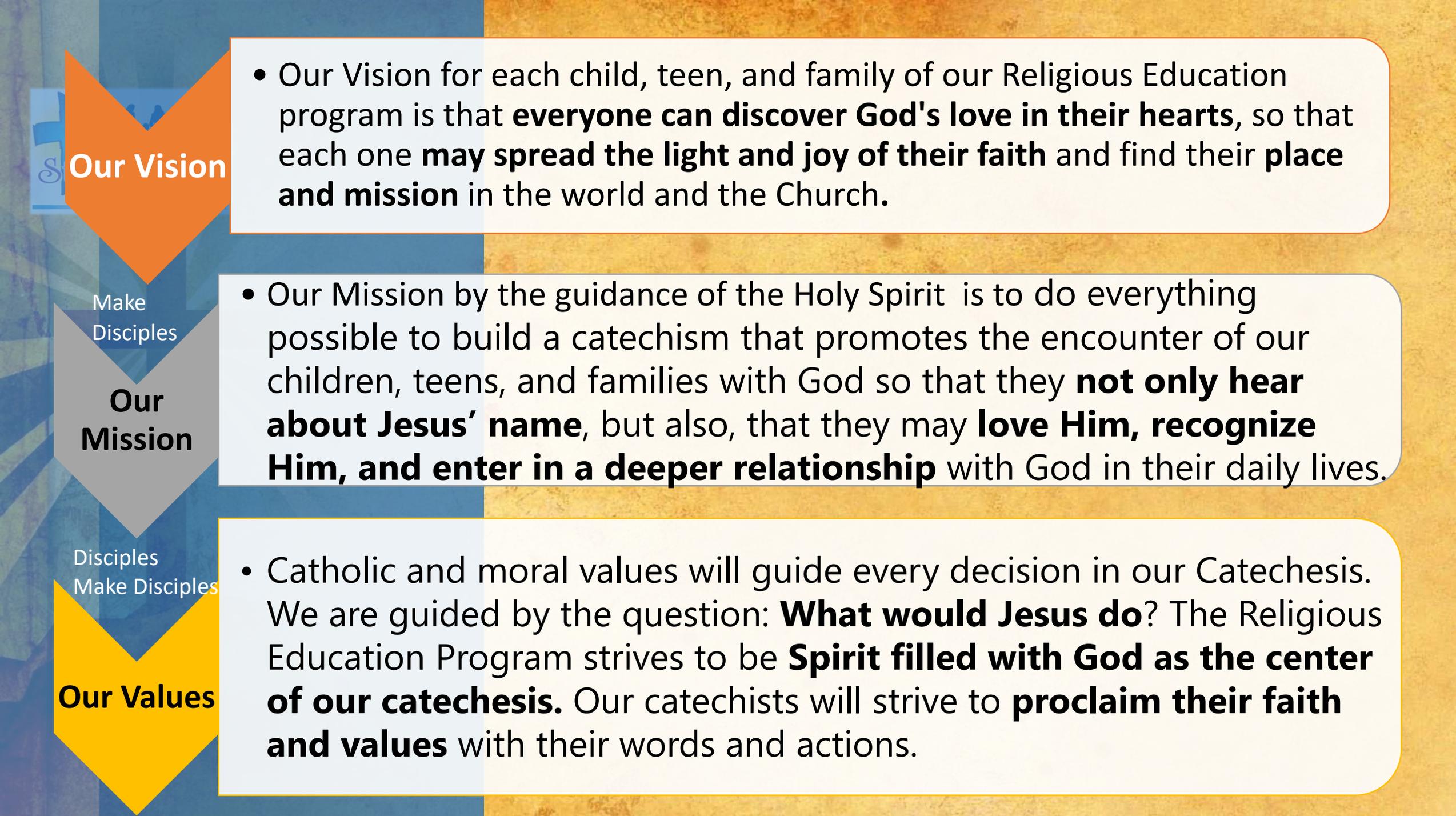
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Wednesday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am- 12:00 pm





Our Vision

- Our Vision for each child, teen, and family of our Religious Education program is that **everyone can discover God's love in their hearts**, so that each one **may spread the light and joy of their faith** and find their **place and mission** in the world and the Church.

Make
Disciples

Our Mission

- Our Mission by the guidance of the Holy Spirit is to do everything possible to build a catechism that promotes the encounter of our children, teens, and families with God so that they **not only hear about Jesus' name**, but also, that they may **love Him, recognize Him, and enter in a deeper relationship** with God in their daily lives.

Disciples
Make Disciples

Our Values

- Catholic and moral values will guide every decision in our Catechesis. We are guided by the question: **What would Jesus do?** The Religious Education Program strives to be **Spirit filled with God as the center of our catechesis**. Our catechists will strive to **proclaim their faith and values** with their words and actions.



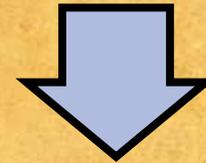
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Confirmation is a great responsibility

One of the highest responsibilities of the people of God is to prepare the baptized for Confirmation



Confirmation makes us "Soldiers of Christ" and "strictly obligates us to spread and defend the faith by both word and deed"



What is Confirmation? → Is the Sacrament of Strengthening

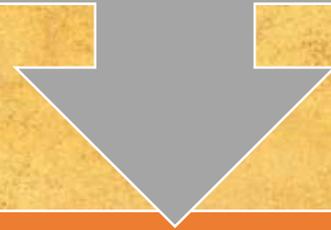


The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.

For by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly **bound to the Church** and are enriched with a special **strength of the Holy Spirit**.

Hence, they are, as **true witnesses of Christ**, more strictly obliged to **spread and defend the faith by word and deed**. (CCC, §1285)

In Confirmation, God confirms our faith. **We are not confirming our own faith.** We do not confirm anything in the sacrament of Confirmation: **it is the Holy Spirit who confirms (strengthens) us.**



The grace of the Holy Spirit is given to us, along with his gifts that empower us along the path of holiness.

It roots us more deeply in the **divine filiation** which makes us cry, "**Abba! Father!**"

It unites **us more firmly to Christ.**

It increases **the gifts of the Holy Spirit** in us.

It renders our **bond with the Church** more perfect.

What is Confirmation?

Preparation for Confirmation

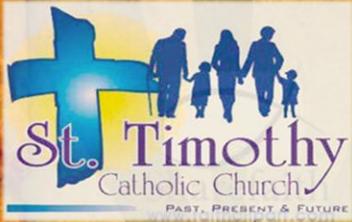
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St. Cyril tells us Before any soldier can go into battle, he must first be fully trained, fully armed, fully strengthened, and fully protected.

On this point, St. Cyril tells us that it is through this **Sacrament of Confirmation** that we will put on the full **suit of armor** that is the **Holy Spirit Himself**. → I am able to do all things in Christ, who strengthens me.

Preparation for Confirmation

- ❑ **Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward:**
 - ❑ A more **intimate union with Christ** and
 - ❑ A more live **familiarity with the Holy Spirit** - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings –
 - ❑ To be more capable of assuming the **apostolic responsibilities of Christian life.**
 - ❑ The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands. (CCC §1309) → **Candidates, parents, sponsors.**

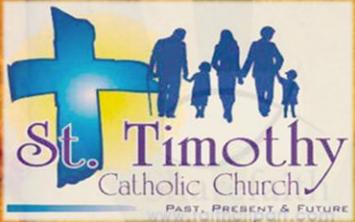


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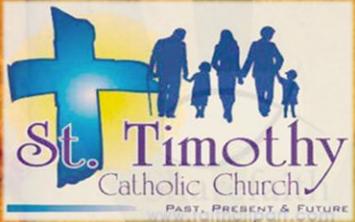


Candidates Expectations



Expectation: Great Responsibility

- Candidates who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation:
 - Understand **what it means** to be confirmed.
 - Participate **fully in the process**
 - Take **seriously what it means to be a member of the Church.**



Expectations:

- Choose a **Sponsor**
- Write a **letter** to Fr. Vega explaining reasons why they want to be confirmed.
- **Choose a Saint** (Confirmation Name). Write a Saint report.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- **Retreat TBA**
- **Community Service**



Expectation: Attend Classes

- Confirmation classes take place **weekly**, from September through the Confirmation Mass
- Candidates coming in **late are disruptive** to the class (10 minutes is late)
- A maximum **of 5 absences are allowed.** (Excused and unexcused)
- Confirmation classes are intended to **complement** the faith formation that takes place both within the candidates' **families and at the Mass**



Parents Expectations

Sunday and Holy Day Mass Attendance

- The Mass and the Eucharist are the center of our Catholic faith
 - The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses is expected of all candidates (3er Commandment)
 - If away from the parish, it is expected they will seek out another Catholic church in which to attend Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5 PM-English

6:30 PM-Spanish

Sunday

English- 7 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM,
6 PM

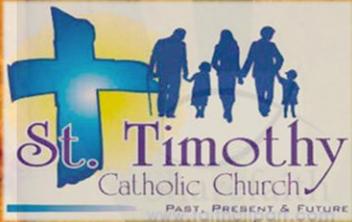
Spanish-8 AM, 12:30 PM, 7:30
PM

Sunday and Holy Day Mass Attendance

- The Eucharist is central to the Catholic life
 - Central means by which we nourish our faith and worship God
 - It is through hearing the Scriptures read and discussed that we learn more about our faith and about God.

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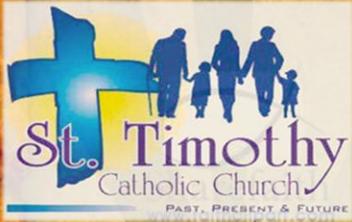
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- Candidates should make every effort to participate in the **Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil)**
 - This is a holy time of the year for our Church
 - The services on these days are rich in the traditions of our faith
 - Participate : **Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Pray the Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Retreat, Prayer.**

Certificates

Please make sure to bring
ALL the certificates

This will enable use to
update your child's
Sacramental record in our
Church



Parents Expectations



**PROVIDE
PRIMARY
EDUCATION OF
CANDIDATE IN
MATTERS OF
FAITH**



**ASSIST WITH
RETREATS,
SERVICE WORK,
REHEARSAL AND
LITURGY OF
CONFIRMATION
AS REQUESTED**



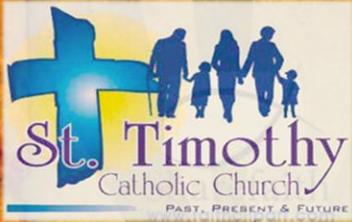
**BE ACTIVELY
INVOLVED IN
THE
SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION
OF THE
CANDIDATE**



**ATTEND
MEETINGS AND
THE
CELEBRATION
OF THE
SACRAMENT**



Sponsor Expectations



Should I be a sponsor?

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- It's an honor to be asked to be a sponsor but ***before*** you say "Yes" consider the requirements and responsibilities:
- Are you an **active, practicing Catholic** who has already celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Are you more mature, more informed, and more experienced in the **ways of our faith than the candidate?**
- Are you willing to **share your faith** with the candidate to go a deeper appreciation for God in his or her life?

Editorial -
"What I Have
Seen and
Heard"
by
Archbishop
Wilton D.
Gregory

Occasionally, I have noticed that the sponsor who has been chosen **does not even receive the Eucharist at the confirmation Mass.**

There may be many appropriate reasons for this. Perhaps the person is in a **marriage that has not been reconciled** with the Catholic Church.

Perhaps the sponsor has been **absent from the sacrament of reconciliation** for a long time and is not prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Perhaps the sponsor has some **other unresolved spiritual issue** in his or her life and does not feel worthy to approach the Eucharistic table.

Yet by that very absence from the reception of the Eucharist at the confirmation ceremony, **they are not fulfilling what they have just agreed to do – provide a good spiritual example for their candidate.**

Who can be a Sponsor?

The responsibility of a Sponsor is to **lead** the person who is going to receive Confirmation to **be a good Catholic.**

The sponsor promise to be an **example in the catholic life**

He/she has received the **sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.** Proof may be asked in the form of sacramental certificates.

The **Sponsor must not be bound by any canonical or church penalty.**

If married, has to be **not only civil married but also married by the Catholic Church.**

The sponsor has to lead a life of faith. Regularly attend Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion and Confession frequently.

The sponsor must be **at least 16 years old.**

There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Any Sponsor, who is unable to attend the baptism, should have a proxy represent them at the celebration in their place.

The name of the Sponsor will appear on the certificate

Proxies MUST meet the same requirements as the sponsor.

Who cannot be a Sponsor? Church's Canon Law

A non-baptized
person may not act
as a Sponsor.

A single person who
is not married but
cohabitating with
someone is not
permitted to serve as
a sponsor.
(Divorced)

Cannot be the father
or mother of the one
to be baptized.

A baptized person who
belongs to a non-
Catholic ecclesial
community



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CHEKLIST FOR STUDENTS:

DEADLINE:

March 14, 2020

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS:

- Attendance to Mass
- Attendance to class
- Attendance to the Confirmation Retreat
- Father's letter asking for Confirmation
- Letter choosing your Saint.
- Attendance to service project
- Reconciliation
- Retreat
- Rehearsal



CHEKLIST FOR PARENTS:

DEADLINE:

March 14, 2020

CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS:

- Bring any pending certificate.
- Paid any tuition pending.
- Complete the Sponsor Letter.
- Complete height, weight, t-shirt size (students)
- Complete “palancas” for the Confirmation retreat.
- Paid \$20 for the gown/robe rental before January 2020. (Included in the registration)
- Paid \$40 for the retreat before January 2020. (Included in the registration)

Don't Miss the

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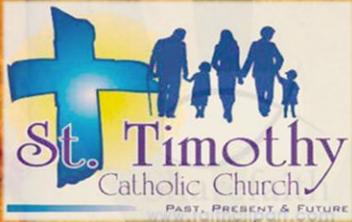
Mark Your
Calendar



Information for the Sacrament of Confirmation



- ✓ Confirmation: St Timothy Church May 30th, 2020
- ✓ TIME: 10:00 AM (arrival time **9:00 am**)
- ✓ Reserved Seat
- ✓ Dress Code
- ✓ Pictures
- ✓ Mandatory Rehearsal for students and sponsors:
May 27, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- ✓ Retreat : TBA



Dress Code

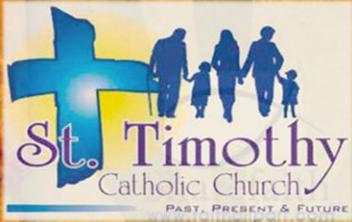
Semi-formal, modest attire is appropriate to the solemn beauty of this occasion.

Young Men

Attire: Suit or sports coat and dress pants with tie and dress shirt long sleeve.

The following are not appropriate:

- ◆ Tennis shoes / sneakers
- ◆ Jeans, Khakis or baggy pants
- ◆ Polo Shirts



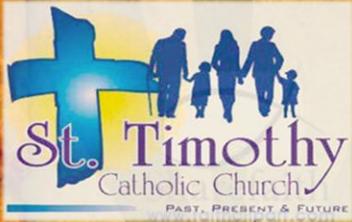
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Young Women

Attire: Modest dress, skirt and blouse, pant suit or dress pants and blouse (dress or skirt must be knee length or longer; chest, back and shoulders must be covered); dress shoes.

Also, when fixing your hair, your forehead must be uncovered for anointing from the Bishop.



Dress Code

Young Women

Attire that is **not appropriate:**

- ◆ Strapless dresses
- ◆ Mini-skirts
- ◆ Jeans skirt, casual or Khaki skirts
- ◆ Tight or low dresses
- ◆ Exposing the abdomen





Thank you!

