



















Office of Youth Ministry Programmatic Calendar

2023-2024

WELCOME TO ST. ROSE YOUTH MINISTRY

DEAR FAMILIES

What a way to begin this journey with all of you! We are so excited for this new formation year and to be able to walk with you on this road to heaven. I want to personally thank you for allowing us to be part of your family.

Our focus for the next few years is summarized in the following three points:

Family & Home Focus The journey to heaven begins at home. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2225 notes, "Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children... A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life." Though all family structures are different, we want to reestablish the importance of forming the faith within the means of the home. We are walking with you not ahead or behind.

Encounter with Christ & Gifts of the Spirit Faith formation is beyond teaching our Young Church about Christ but creating moments for an encounter with Christ. That will be different for every person. These experiences are not only left to our volunteers nor the four walls of our Church. The encounter with Christ is a daily occurrence as He lovingly awaits for us to come to Him. We want to help foster and bring forth the gifts that God has given the Young Church and allow the Spirit to ignite what's within them.

Eucharist & Community Sainthood is not just for Sundays and we are called to know Christ in the body, blood, soul and divinity every day of our lives. We are called to share that with every person we interact with. The Church is not the building but it is the people within it - our community. We want to leave the stigma behind a "checklist" to receive our sacraments and focus on full immersion and intentional relational ministry.

We can't wait for what this year ahead holds for us all. We are blessed to serve with you, pray for you, and be in community with you.

See you in the Eucharist,



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Service is a gift. We invite all parents to prayerfully discern and use theirs. Our archdiocese requires all **adult** who volunteer or serve to complete a Criminal Background Check and safe environment training called Safe Haven. This short one-hour online training teaches people how to create a secure and protected environment for everyone, especially children, by recognizing and preventing potential risks or harm. Training is valid for 5 years.



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EDGE CALENDAR 2023-2024

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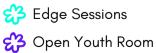
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LIFE TEEN CALENDARD 2023-2024

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Retreat Date & Cost TBA

High School Youth Event - Off Campus

*All Dates subject to change.



CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2023-2024

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High School Youth Event - Off Campus





YOUTH GROUP (VARIOUS)

Time	Schedule	Location
(Horario)	(Programación)	(Locación)
Various	Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group (Grupo de Jovenes de Preparatoria)	Locations Varies; Check web/social media for updates (@RoseYouthHTX)

EDGE (SUNDAYS)

Time (Horario)	Schedule (Programación)	Location (Locación)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Lunch (Almuerzo)	Parish Hall
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Edge	Parish Hall; Fellowship;
5:00 FM - 4:50 FM	Edge	East & West Hall
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Youth Mass (Misa de Jovenes)	Main Sanctuary

LIFETEEN / CONFIRMATION (SUNDAYS)

Time	Schedule	Location
(Horario)	(Programación)	(Locación)
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Youth Mass (Misa de Jovenes)	Main Sanctuary
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner (Cena)	Parish Hall
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Lifeteen & Confirmation	Parish Hall; Fellowship;
0:30 FM - 0:00 FM	(Lifeteen & Confirmacion)	East & West Hall

Dates & Times subject to change as need. Please make sure to check our social media, website, and communication via Flocknote.

Fechas y horarios sujetos a cambios según sea necesario. Asegúrese de consultar nuestras redes sociales, sitio web y la comunicación via Flocknote.



Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mes del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria

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Transfiguration of the Lord				HS Youth Group 6:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Center		
13	14	15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Parish Office Closed		17	18	19
19th Sun of OT		Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		HS Youth Group 6:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Center		
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East & West Hall All Welcome 20th Sun of OT			St. Rose of Lima	HS Youth Group 6:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Center		
27	28	29	30	31		
21st Sun of OT				HS Youth Group 6:30pm-8:00pm Fellowship Center		

Notes from St. Rose

HS YOUTH GROUP

HS Youth are invited Every Thursday for community, conversation, and just to hang out. We share in small groups, even have some cooking sessions. Come to walk earth with other saints on earth!

SAINT ROSE DAY

Come meet the community and all our ministries. Food, music, and games for the entire family. Free event. All are welcome.

INSPIRATION SAN ANTONIO

Roller Coasters, funnel cakes, and the Eucharist. All HS Teens are welcome to a day at Six Flags Fiesta Texas on 11/11/23. Cost TBA.

Family Prayer Intentions

To Do 🥕

daughters of God. Glorify God in your lives!" – St. John Paull II

"Young people, do not be afraid to be holy!" Fly high,

be among those whose goals are worthy of sons and



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22nd Sun of OT					The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
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23rd Sun of OT		The Most Holy Name of Mary		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
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24th Sun of OT						
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25th Sun of OT					Feast of the Archangels	

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Edge, Lifeteen, & Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 17!

HS YOUTH GROUP

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INSPIRATION SAN ANTONIO

Registration is open! Register online. 📒

SAFE ENVIROMENT TRAINING

Parents - Don't forget to complete your Safe Haven training through the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Training is valid for 5 years.

Family Prayer Intentions

To Do 🧪

"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever." - Bl. Carlo Acutis



Month of the Holy Rosary Mes del Santo Rosario

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8 27th Sun of OT	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11	12	13	14
15 28th Sun of OT	16	17	18	19	20	2 Jr. High Extreme Challenge: Field Day e St. Dominic Chancery RePresent High School Conference
22 Open Youth Room 29th Sun of OT	23	24	25	26	27 St. Rose Catholic School Halloween Festival 5pm-9pm	28
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30th Sun of OT		All Hallow's Eve				

Notes from St. Rose

INSPIRATION SAN ANTONIO

Registration is open! Register online.

ST ROSE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Be part of the spooky fun! Join the entire St. Rose Community for our school's annual Halloween Festival. All Welcome. 5pm-9pm on School & Parish grounds. Volunteers always needed! Let Amy Ann know if you are interested.

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Family Prayer Intentions

"Pray, hope, and don't worry." - St. Padre Pio

EXTREME CHALLENGE Oct. 21

A day of fun & fellowship where **Jr. High youth** play crazy games, dance, eat, pray, build community, and celebrate our faith in prayer and liturgy. Physical condition or skill level doesn't matter because there are games for everyone.

REPRESENT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Oct. 21 • 9am-6pm • Free

A day conference of modern culture & the church and finding our true identity in & through Christ and let Him be known. Parents are to dropoff teens at Prince of Peace (19222 TX-249, Houston, TX 77070) in St. Pedro Youth Center. Bilingual Parent Session available.



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26 No Session Solemnity of Christ the King	27	28	29	30		

ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAY

Check out the website & bulletin for all Mass Times. *Saint in Heaven, ora pro nobis*!

INSPIRATION SA & NCYC

We're off! Pray for us as we travel to Inspiration San Antonio & to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National Catholic Youth Conference.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

No Sessions on Nov. 19 & 26

We pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break with your family, friends, & loved ones. This year, we're thankful for you! Family Prayer Intentions

To Do 🥕

"Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labors." - St. Therese of Lisieux



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2nd Sun of Advent	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass & Reception	13	14	15 POSADA Parish wide traditional Mexican Posada. All welcome.	16
17 3rd Sun of Advent	18	19	20	21	22 Parish Office Closed	23
24 4th Sun of Advent No Session Holy Family 31	25 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Parish Office Closed Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	26 Parish Office Closed	27	28 The Holy Innocents	29	30

BLESSED ADVENT & MERRY CHRISTMAS

He is coming! As we wait for the Savior to arrive, we pray that your Advent journey joyfully prepare you and your family for the holiest of Christmas.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please be aware of Parish Office closure.

CHRISTMAS & MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLIDAY BREAK

No Sessions on Dec. 24 & 31

We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas & New Year's Break with your family, friends, & loved ones.

Family Prayer Intentions

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"Acquire interior peace and a multitude will find salvation through you." - St. Seraphim of Sarov

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DAYS

Keep an eye out for upcoming MS events throughout the Archdiocese. All events and registration can be found online.

MLK, JR. DAY BREAK

No Sessions on Jan. 14

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." - MLK, Jr.

FORMS & FEES DUE

Registration Fees, Certificates, and all other forms are due **Jan. 31**. Fees can be paid online or in person. All other paper forms can be emailed or submitted in person. If you aren't sure of your balance, what paperwork is pending, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry for details.

Family Prayer Intentions

"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude." – St. John Chrysostom To Do 🧪



Month of the Holy Family Mes del Sagrada Familia

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						Junior High Youth Rally St. Helen @ Pearland, TX
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Notes from St. Rose

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Our Middle Schooler Retreat will be on Feb. 24 during the Archdiocesan Jr. High Youth Rally. Registration Required. More info soon!

The Junior High Youth Rally is an annual day for younger adolescents to gather in community to pray, share, learn, and celebrate with the larger Archdiocesan family their Catholic faith. The day features speakers, service workshops, and games.

Family Prayer Intentions

"Each of you knows that the foundation of our faith is charity. Without it, our religion would crumble.
We will never be truly Catholic unless we conform our entire lives to the two commandments that are the essence of the Catholic faith: to love the Lord, our God, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."
Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

LENTEN SEASON BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is **Feb. 14** and we begin the journey of Christ in the desert. How will you prepare for this season? It's more than giving up something. As a family, what can we do in this Lenten walk to prepare for the death and resurrection of Our Lord?

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5th Sun of Lent		Solemnity of St. Joseph				e Location TBA
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No Session				Closed		
Resurrection 31				Holy Thursday	Good Friday	

SPRING BREAK

No Sessions on Mar. 10 & 17

Keep an eye out for Youth Ministry activities during Spring Break. Join us for Daily Mass, Bible Study, service projects, water games, and more.

EASTER BREAK

No Sessions on Mar. 31

He is Risen! Office will be closed for part of Holy Week, check out our social media for any changes.



Family Prayer Intentions

"Remember that when your heart feels restless, when your heart feels hurt, when your heart feels like breaking... 'I am precious to Him. He has called me by name. I am His. He loves me.' And to prove that love He died on the cross." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Quest March 23

Quest is a leadership program designed for youth in grades 6-8. It introduces youth to servant-Leadership and provides them with the building blocks needed for peer ministry. Youth will discover their gifts and learn how to plan and implement Jr. High activities.

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Month of the Blessed Sacrament Mes del Santisimo Sacramento

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3rd Sun of Easter 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4th Sun of Easter 28 Last Day of Formation 5th Sun of Easter	29	30				

Notes from St. Rose

PARISH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

It's set in stone - **April 21**! Come join us for the family fun, food, music, games, and much more. Volunteers will be needed. Sign up sheets will open to register online.

2024-2025 REGISTRATION

It's time for registration! Visit our website to for details and to complete all our forms online. Remember, registration is required annually, even if a teen is returning for their second year of formation.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please be aware of Parish Office closure.

Family Prayer Intentions

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence." - St. Francis de Sales

LAST SESSION April 28

We'll miss you! Join us for Youth Group over the summer for small group, Conferences, Camps, and much more.

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Month of Mary Mes de Maria

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5 Parish Spring Festival	6	7	8	9	10	11
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14	15	16	17	18
19 Graduation Mass 5:00 pm Mass & Reception Dinner Pentecost	20 Mary, Mother of the Church	21	22	23	24	25
26 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	27 MEMORIAL DAY Parish Office Closed	28	29	30	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Notes from St. Rose

GRADUATION MASS

Congrats Class of 2024 - We are so proud of you! **May 19 at 5pm** we will celebrate all our High School, College, University, Military, & Trade School graduates. Mass will be followed by a small reception dinner. Register online required.

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Family Prayer Intentions

To Do 🧪

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance." – St. Leo the Great





Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mes del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

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16 11th Sun of OT	17	18	19 JUNETEETH Parish Office Closed	20	21	22
23 12th Sun of OT 13th Sun of OT 30	Solemnity of	25	26	27	28	29

Notes from St. Rose

STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR

DATES - TBA

3-day HS Youth Conference hosted by Life Teen in Irving, TX. Registration & deposit required.

CAMP WILD SKY

DATES - TBA

Week long summer camps for grades 6-8 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. Registration & deposit required.

PEACE MAKERS

June 15

One-day workshop for grades 6-8, and their leaders to discuss and explore the problems facing youth during their junior high years. Registration required.

Family Prayer Intentions

"The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the love of God in all things." - St. John of the Cross

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 DATES - TBA

Come for a week long adventure into the scriptures with little ones. MS & HS volunteers are always welcome; space is limited.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please be aware of Parish Office closure.

To Do 🧪	

Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus Mes de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesus





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	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Parish Office Closed	5	6
7 14th Sun of OT	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21 16th Sun of OT	22	23	24	25	ARCHDIOCE	27 <u>SAN YOUTH</u> <u>NCE 2024</u> 28,2024 MERICAS - HOUSTON
AYC 2024 17th Sun of OT	29	30	31			

Notes from St. Rose

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE July 26-28

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference gathers over 2500 participants and is the largest evangelizing event for high school youth sponsored by the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization. Through this event, young people are challenged to live out their faith through exciting and informative presentations from outstanding national speakers and dynamic musicians. Registration and deposit required.

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"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." - St. Rose of Lima

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For those in Middle & High School (6th-12th grade) that have <u>NOT YET</u> received Baptism and/or First Communion

Para aquellos en Secundaria & Preparatoria (grados 6º – 12º) que AÚN NO han recibido el Bautismo y/o la Primera Comunión.

Baptism and First Communion for Middle School & High School aged youth is a collaboration with our Elementary Formation Programs at St. Rose. Youth participants will be part of our weekly Middle School or High School Sunday Formation Programming.

Those who are seeking baptism are recognized as Catechumens. During the two year process, in addition to weekly Sunday formation, Catechumens and their parents will receive extended formation in preparation for the reception of Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

For those who are baptized and are seeking the sacrament of **First Communion**, during the second year of formation, in addition to our weekly Sunday Formation, parents and youth will be required to complete First Communion Workshops lead by the Elementary Faith Formation Program, First Reconciliation Retreat, and First Eucharist Retreat.

REQUIREMENTS & DOCUMENTS

- Teen must be in Middle School or High School
- Family must be registered parishioners of St. Rose of Lima. If family is not, or wishes not to register, Letter of Permission from home parish is required.

If teen is **NOT** baptized, we need:

• Copy of Birth Certificate

If teen **IS** baptized, we need:

- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- If teen **WAS** baptized a different denomination, we will need a certificate of baptism to verify validity of Baptism.



High School (9th-12th Grade) Preparatoria (90-12o Grado)

We offer a two-year preparation for Confirmation including Faith Formation and Sacramental Catechesis for high school age youth. The process begins as Freshman (9th grade) and receive Confirmation at the end of their Sophomore year (10th Grade).

First-year candidates must be at least High School Freshman and attend Life Teen Sessions which counts as your teen's first year of Confirmation.

Second-year candidates must satisfactorily complete a one-year high school preparation offered by our parish. Catholic School students may begin the process their sophomore year if Theology has been completed their Freshman year.

Candidates will be expected to attend retreats, mission experiences, days of prayer, Penance Services, participate in service projects and in the life of the parish, and much more. Our Candidates for Confirmation attend large-group teachings and small groups sessions Sunday nights, at least one 3-day Confirmation retreat, and take part in service opportunities in their church and community as a part of this preparation.

REQUIREMENTS & DOCUMENTS

- Candidates must be registered parishioners of St. Rose or Letter of Permission must be provided from home parish.
- Copy of Birth Certificate*
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate*
- Copy of First Communion Certificate*

*Can be uploaded to application or submitted at a later time.

LIFE TEEN & CONFIRMATION FAMILY & YOUTH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in obligation of Sunday Mass & Holy Days
- One-on-One Family Orientation & Catechist Orientation
- Parent lead prayer and dialogue at home
- Parents complete Archdiocesan Safe Haven Training
- Saint Name & Report
- Sponsor Form, letter, and packet
- Letter to Fr. Linh
- 3-day Confirmation Retreat (Dates, Cost, & Location TBD)
- Complete 15 Family Service Hours (Includes assisting with Sunday Teen Meals)
- Complete 15 Family Spiritual Hours
- Other events that may occur throughout the year.



In your Faith & Confirmation journey, you have people that have walked with you, met people that have challenged you, and interacted with some that have inspired you. Most of all, you've had the opportunity to grow in a relationship with Jesus. As you continue to walk in your faith journey, we want to make sure that those who do and will continue to play an important role, know where your hearts stand.

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

The day of your Confirmation, you will be present with a very special person whom you have asked to help you in your faith journey for the rest of your life, your sponsor.

What are the requirements of the Church for being a Confirmation sponsor?

- You may choose one (1) sponsor only.
- A sponsor cannot be the parent of the person being confirmed.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- Must be at least 16 years old; may be male or female regardless of the sex of the candidate.
- Must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, must be sacramentally married in the Catholic Church and if single, must be striving to live a chaste life and therefore cannot be living with a person outside of marriage. Individuals in Common Law or Civil Marriage cannot be the sponsor.
- Must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist.
- Complete the Sponsor Packet and submit form provided by Office of Youth Ministry.

LETTER TO YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

You have chosen your sponsor. Write to this person and let them know why you choose them. As a guide, here are some questions to help. This is a personal letter from you to your sponsor. No staff nor volunteers will read this letter. Letter must be at least 1 page long. You can either type it or hand write it. Please place it in an envelope with their name on it and submit it to the Office of Youth Ministry.

Here are the questions to help you:

- Why did you choose this person to be your sponsor?
- What in their life inspires you?
- In what way does their life reflect that of Christ?
- As you continue to walk in your life journey, what do you wish to learn from this person?
- Where in your life do you need prayer and how can your sponsor pray for you?



LETTER TO FATHER LINH

When you are confirmed, the Cardinal or Bishop will lay his hand on your forehead, blessing you with Chrism and will the words, "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit." You respond, "Amen." He follows to shake your hand saying, "The Lord be with you," and you respond, "And with your Spirit." How amazing is that?! Those words of "YES!" I want to be Catholic for the rest of my life, I want to follow Christ no matter what, and be open to receive a love like no other.

In this journey Fr. Linh is not only our pastor and spiritual father, but also the person that helps us be closer to Christ. He is here to guide us to heaven.

Here are the questions to help you:

- Why do you wish to be confirmed?
- Why did you choose your Confirmation saint?
- What does confirmation mean to you?
- Describe how you personally have prepared for the sacrament (e.g. such as prayer, study, classes, service, receiving the other sacraments)
- What are some gifts that you feel the Spirit has given you in this Confirmation journey? And how do you plan to utilize them after Confirmation?

Letter must be at least 1 page long. You can either type it or hand write it. We will review this letter with you for your final draft. Submit it to the Office of Youth Ministry.



CONFIRMATION SAINT

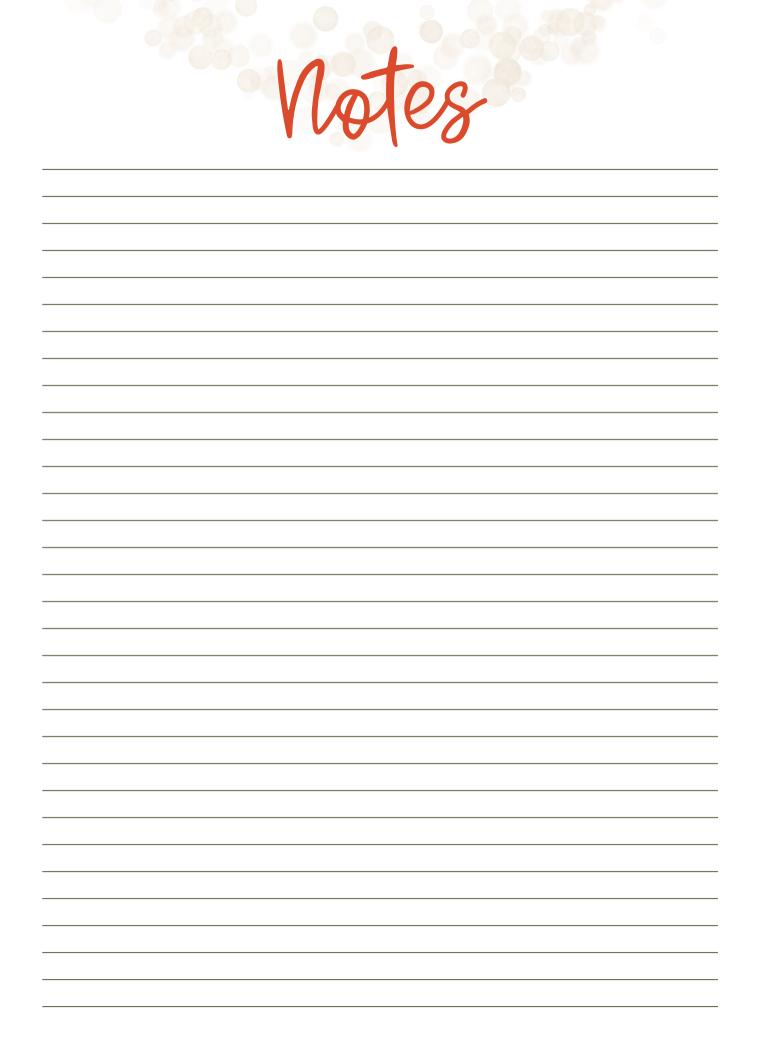
What's in a name? When you were born, your parents chose your name. They may have chosen your name in honor of a special person in their lives: a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or close friend. They may have chosen your name for the meaning behind it. Perhaps they chose your name because they felt a close connection to a holy man or woman of our faith- one of the saints. Maybe they just really liked your name! Most likely, it was a combination of many factors. (If you do not know why your parents chose the name they did for you, why not ask them about it?) Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. Throughout our lives, we will identify ourselves with many names- the name of the mascot of our school, the name of the region of the country we live in, the title of the career we choose.

However, there is a name above all names that, through our Baptism, we should strive to be known to the world by- and that name is Catholic Christian. At your Baptism, you were called by name, and christened to become a child of God. You entered into the Catholic community by name.

Now it is your turn! As a part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have the privilege and responsibility, just like your parents did when you were born, to choose a name:

- Choose one (1) canonized saint of the Catholic Church
- Your Confirmation name should reflect your closer identification as a member of the Catholic Christian community.
- Your Confirmation name should be the name of a saint
- **PRAY!** Just as you should pray about any decision you have to make, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you choose a saint as your patron/patroness.

You may submit this via email or at the Parish Office to Ms. Amy. The form is in English & Spanish. Please complete whichever language you are more comfortable in.





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