

SYLLABUS
Year 2011-2012

Confirmation Year II

Welcome to the second year of the confirmation program at St. Peter Chanel. We have a series of things that we are asking of the parents, the sponsors and the students.

The first class will be on Sunday, September 18th, at any of the following two schedules:

- **8:30AM to 11:00AM** (includes mass at 10AM)
- **10:00AM to 12:30PM.** (includes mass at 10AM-students are expected to be in the church by 9:50AM)

I. What are we asking of the parents and the sponsors?

Formation Meetings:

- **Both Parents and Confirmation Sponsors are to attend 15 Formation Classes**, in which they will learn more about their faith, and how to develop a deeper union with God. Sponsors have to attend Formation Classes after October 23rd.
- The office can provide a copy of the scheduled dates for the formation classes.

Sponsors:

- **Each student should let us know who his or her sponsor is going to be by October 23rd.** If you cannot find a sponsor we can help you. If the sponsor that you want lives far away, then choose a proxy, or we will help you choose a proxy.
- **A sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:**
 1. He or she must be of the same gender as the student who will receive confirmation; and at least 18 years of age.
 2. He or she must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.
 3. He or she can be someone who is either single or married in the Catholic Church, and a **PRACTICING CATHOLIC.**
 4. He or she must be someone that the parents trust, and who is living a good and exemplary Catholic life – someone that you feel would be a good role model for your son or daughter.
- **The sponsors are asked to do the following spiritual activities from October until the students' time of confirmation:**
 1. Go to Mass at least every Sunday.
 2. Go to Confession at least once a month.
 3. Say the rosary at least once a week, remembering your godchild in your intentions.
 4. Make an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a month in which you are praying for your godchild.
 5. And meet with your student once a month, which would involve both prayer as well as some recreational activity.

Parents:

- **We ask the parents to do these same spiritual activities as the sponsors.**
- **Homework:** Parents, please look at the homework of your child every week.

II. What are we expecting of the students?

Classes:

- All students **MUST** attend the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the old church building. Participation at this Mass is obligatory for all those who wish to be part of our confirmation program. Failure to attend the Mass is considered an absence from class.
- We ask that the students be punctual. We ask the parents to drop their children 10 minutes before the schedule time of their classes.

- **No more than 6 absences are permitted;** this includes classes and the Confirmation Mass plus Saturday activities. If they cannot make it to class we ask that the parents call the CCD office in advance to let us know, and that one of the parents writes a note explaining the absence, to be given to the teachers the following week.
- **Every week the student is to bring:**
 1. Their Catechism book and Workbook. (If the student loses the book they must buy a new one from the office at regular price of \$15 each).
 2. A rosary, a pen or pencil.
- **Every homework consists of the following:**
 1. Some simple questions that must be answered.
 2. An indication that they attended Sunday Mass – this is done as a class. This is a serious obligation for every Catholic.
 3. Monthly Confession
 4. Daily prayers, an act of mercy, which can be as simple as praying for someone.
 5. A penance every Friday. This is something that every Catholic is required to do. It can be easily fulfilled by abstaining from the eating of meat.

Dress Code:

- **Guys:** The guys are to wear black dress pants with belt (no black jeans), a white collar dress shirt (no t-shirts), black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), and no earrings of any kind.
- **Girls:** The girls are to wear a black skirt that goes below the knee or black dress pants (**no tight pants, and no black jeans**), and a white dress blouse with sleeves (**no see through material, no tank tops, no t-shirts**) that is loose fitting and modest. No flip-flops or tennis shoes.
- If the dress code is not followed they have to go into the office, and call their parents. A parent has to come with the correct dress code for the student to change.

Retreat:

- **The students have a MANDATORY Retreat in the month of February, 2012.** *Retreat will be in the Diocese of Orange: Marywood Center: 2811 E. Villa Real Dr. Orange, CA 92867*
Saturday, February 4 for Girls / Sunday, February 5 for Boys
- The cost of the retreat is \$20, to cover: food, materials, etc. If you have problems paying for the retreat please contact the confirmation coordinators (Marta or Ofelia) at the confirmation office or talk to Fr. Fernando.
- If they don't come they must participate in one at another parish or they will not be confirmed.

Other MANDATORY activities and items:

1. **Chastity Mini-Retreat:** Saturday, October 29, 2011 (Boys: 8:15AM-12:30PM / Girls: 1:15PM-5:30PM)
2. **Movie Activity:** Saturday, November 19, 2011 (3:15 pm to 5:30 pm)
3. **Pro-Life Presentation:** Saturday, January 14, 2012 (3:15 pm to 5:30 pm)
4. **Final Project:** All students must do a report on their Confirmation Saint due January 29th, 2012. Project can be done: a. Three page double spaced typed report. b. Poster presentation.
5. **Community Service Hours:** 8 hours (3hrs. spiritual and 5hrs corporal), and 5 hours from first year if you did not complete them. The due date is February 26th, 2012.
6. **Vocation Mini-Retreat:** Saturday, March 24, 2012 (Boys: 8:15AM-12:30PM / Girls: 1:15PM-5:30PM)
7. **Confirmation Gowns:** All students must wear a red confirmation gown at the confirmation ceremony. The office will order the gowns; the cost will be \$20.