

OLD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Registration due August 25th, 2023

As mandated by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Our Lady of Fatima Parish has a two-year program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for youth.

Year 1, known as the **“Pre-Confirmation Year”** is for students who are in the 8th grade through the 11th grade who are not attending/did not attend 8th grade in a Catholic School. Pre-Confirmation prepares the candidate in Catholic doctrine and in the spirituality of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Year 2, known as the **“Confirmation Year,”** is for students from 9th grade to 12th grade who have completed the Pre-Confirmation program or have been promoted from the 8th grade of a Catholic School the previous year. To participate in the Confirmation Year and receive Confirmation, a student must be under 18 years of age on the date on which the Sacrament is conferred.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Pre-Confirmation program and for the Confirmation class for youth who will be confirmed in April/May of 2024. There is a \$75 registration/book fee for both the Pre-Confirmation Year and Confirmation Year to help defray the cost of books and supplies. The fee may be reduced or waived in cases of financial hardship. To participate in the Youth Confirmation Program, the parents of the child must have been registered parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima for at least one year. Registrations for the Confirmation Program are now being accepted in the parish office and must be submitted no later than August 25th, 2023. In order to be registered for Confirmation, parents will need to fill out a registration form and provide the following:

- \$75.00 Book fee in cash or check.
- \$25.00 Inactive/Non-parishioner fee (if parents have not been registered at Our Lady of Fatima for a year).
- A copy of their child's Baptism Certificate.
- A copy of their child's First Communion Certificate.
- A copy of the 8th grade promotion certificate from the Catholic School they attended, if applicable.
- The sponsor's name and affidavit. All sponsors are subject to approval by the Pastor and must meet the requirements of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Parents CANNOT be sponsors.
- The Confirmation name their child is choosing.

Both Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes will normally be held twice a month on Sundays. Students are to:

- Attend 10:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on the scheduled class days.
- Attend all scheduled classes in Fatima-Gallagher Hall after Mass from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The first class will meet on Sunday, September 10th, 2023. Parents must be in attendance for this first meeting.

For the Pre-Confirmation year there will be 17 class sessions. For the Confirmation year there will be 15 class sessions including the Confirmation retreat on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All Confirmation students will also be required to participate in a Community Service Project for Las Posadas on December 17th, 2023. A schedule of classes will be provided at the time of registration at the parish office. For more information, please contact the Parish office at (505)265-5868.