

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Confirmation

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## WELL-RECEIVED CONFIRMATION PROGRAM READY TO BEGIN 2021-22 CLASSES

One of the goals of Maria Philips was to make the Saint Rose Parish Confirmation program a family affair, and, according to participating students and their parents, she accomplished that and then some.

“It brought our daughter Sophia closer to her sponsor, who happened to be her grandfather,” says Brenda and Daryl Bramel. “He lives three hours away but made it to every sponsor-related event.”

Brenda and Daryl were all invested in the program as well. They belong to Saint Rose but moved to Woodbury nine years ago. They gave Sophia the option of being in a Confirmation class at a more conveniently located parish, but she chose the Saint Rose program. And that meant a weekly commute from Woodbury to Roseville.

Confirmation at Saint Rose positively impacted the Gorman family as well. “The experience was not only great for our daughter Mylee, but for our family and her sponsor,” says her parents Stacia and Steve. “The program was about Mylee receiving the sacrament and bringing her deeper into communication with the church, but also including her family in the events leading up to it. We all liked and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of her year.”

Major credit for the success of the program goes to Maria, Confirmation Coordinator, and volunteer catechists Mike Ludewig and Joe Salz.

## LEADERSHIP.

“We met Maria on the night of orientation and she impressed us with her sweet demeanor and genuine love for what she is doing,” say the Bramels. “Maria’s love of God, Jesus and the students was apparent. She was an excellent communicator about all upcoming events and genuinely ran a great Confirmation program. As parents we felt that our daughter was well prepared for the sacrament. Also, thanks to Maria’s husband Steven for his year-long support.”

## TEACHERS.

“The teachers were very informative starting on day one,” according to Stacia and Steve. “Families knew from the beginning what to expect each week throughout the year. They were very well prepared the first night and had the year planned out very well.”

Both teachers—Mike and Joe—are returning this year, and with a likely increase in participation, Maria is looking for a third teacher (female).

Additional parent comments. “Mylee enjoyed her weekly Confirmation classes, retreats, teachers and other students,” say Stacia and Steve. “She was willing and able to do the work to prepare her for the sacrament. She put more effort into her faith and had fun doing it.”

Brenda and Daryl say the fact that Sophia had to do a monthly summary of Fr. Paveglio’s homilies was “really awesome; it got her asking questions that related to the gospel and the message.”

What you need to know: Registration is now open to high school students, 9th grade and older. Online registration is available on the parish website. An orientation session will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21. Confirmation candidates and parents are required to attend.

Classes will begin September 28, and will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Saint Rose School. Confirmation for Saint Rose candidates will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul on April 24, 2023.

Contact Maria for more information about the program (651-357-1210 or [mphilips@saintroseoflima.net](mailto:mphilips@saintroseoflima.net)).