

Confirmation & Life Teen Retreat

13-15 February 2026

The Confirmation Retreat is a critical part of Confirmation preparation. It gives the candidates the chance to "get away" from things that prevent them from focusing on our Lord. We will have fun and relax, but more importantly, we will fill-up the candidates' spiritual batteries, and it will have a deep impact on the candidates' spirituality.

Candidates will experience a retreat on the weekend of February 13th - 15th 2026 at La Purisima Retreat Center, 10301 S Stone Ridge Rd, Hereford, AZ.

The WEEKEND RETREAT is **MANDATORY** for Candidates choosing to be confirmed. If you are unable to attend this weekend it will be your responsibility to locate a parish that will take you on their retreat and receive a written letter signed by their confirmation coordinator that you attended. I hope all will attend the retreat we have planned for you to share in one experience together.

The retreat is also open to all Catholic high school teens from the local area.

† **Cost:** \$0.00, but we do ask you to bring a snack to share

† **Start time:** 7:30 PM Friday, February 13th

† **Location:** La Purisima Retreat Center (10301 S Stone Ridge Rd, Hereford, AZ)

† **End time:** The retreat ends after the 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass at St Andrew's (~6:00 PM) Sunday

† **Food:** Eat dinner before you arrive, but breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack on Sunday will be provided for the weekend.

† **Transportation:** Please bring your retreatant to La Purisima on Friday. We will transport the retreatants to church for the 5:00 PM St Andrew's Life Teen Mass. Parents can take their kids home after Mass. (Teens who drive themselves will be required to turn in their keys until we depart for Mass.)

† **Church Emergency POC:** Deacon Bill Polakowski 520-266-9393

† **What to bring:**

- A reusable water bottle

- Any needed medications

- Clothing for the 2+ Days (Including any sleepwear). The temperature will most likely be chilly in the Early AM/Late PM and warm during the day.

 - Please wear modest clothing (No leggings, No shorts)

- **Sneakers for games and walking**

- Toiletries

- (We will be sleeping on bunk beds with a pillow, sheets, blanket, and towel provided.)

- Snack to share (but no personal snacks in the rooms)

- Electronics (**There will be a bag check.**)

 - You may bring cell phones; however, we will collect them for the retreat.

 - No other electronics allowed

- A positive attitude! (But God works wonders even in the hardest of hearts.)

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ADULT and YOUTH LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Print or type all information clearly. This form is required for attendance. Participants 18 and over may sign for themselves. If the participant is under 18, at least one legal guardian must sign. Please have your insurance card with you at all times.

Participant's Full Name (print clearly) _____

Date of Birth _____ M/F _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone # (_____) _____ Additional Phone # (_____) _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold St. Andrew the Apostle, the Diocese of Tucson, and the site organization(s), harmless from any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits, and expenses arising from personal injury, sickness, death, or property damage of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred or suffered by the participant while attending the above activity. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses arising from the participant's participation in all activities, including recreation and work activities involved in the above activity. In addition, I authorize and grant permission to furnish all necessary transportation, food, lodging, and medical treatment for the participant. I give permission for diagnoses, treatment, and prescription of medication in accordance with standard medical practice by appropriate health care personnel. I release St. Andrew the Apostle, the Diocese of Tucson, and the site organization of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of any injury suffered and resulting treatment. Further, I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling, acquiring and/or providing medical treatment. I further hereby agree to indemnify and hold St. Andrew the Apostle, The Diocese of Tucson, the site organization(s), and their respective members, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively, the "Indemnitees"), harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and expenses sustained by the Indemnitees as the result of the negligent, willful, or intentional acts of the participant. Furthermore, I understand that St. Andrew the Apostle, the Diocese of Tucson, and the site organization will not be liable if the participant fails to cooperate with the rules and that any infraction of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the event at my expense. If the participant is now and will be under 18 years of age at the time of the conference: I, the parents or legal guardians, hereby agree to all of the foregoing on behalf of the participant and grant permission for the participant, to fully participate in the above activity and all its undertakings. I also give permission for photographs and videos to be taken for Parish use. Through me, the minor agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations stated by St. Andrew the Apostle, the Diocese of Tucson, the site organization, and the event staff.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT (S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (S)

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

DATE

Medical History (use back if necessary)

Allergies: _____ Current Medications: _____

Additional emergency contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Retreat Details: Friday, February 13th – Sunday, February 15th

- Retreat starts at 7:30 PM Friday at La Purisima
- Retreat pick up time is 6:00 PM Sunday after the 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass at St Andrews
- Cost: \$0 but bring a snack to share. All other meals provided
- Church Emergency POC: Deacon Bill Polakowski 520-266-9393

Permission Slip due by Monday, February 2nd