



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office

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Dear Pastor / Principal / Confirmation Coordinator,

I'm writing to invite you and your parish/school to our 10th Annual Confirmation Conference which will take place on FOUR different dates, across three locations. As it is now part of the Confirmation Norms, all the parishes of the diocese will be attending Fired Up, which will result in an increase in attendance. In order to accommodate everyone and for greater convenience, we will offer the conference four dates/times in three locations throughout the diocese. When you register you will have a choice of ONE of the following options:

- Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm in Red Bluff
- Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm in Vallejo
- Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in Carmichael
- Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in Carmichael

The purpose of the Confirmation Conference is to gather all those that are receiving Confirmation in a given year for a day that reminds them that they have been called by their Baptism to live as disciples of Christ, affirms their decision to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, empowers and strengthens them for this process, and challenges them to make their Catholic faith come alive in their everyday lives. The day will also serve a function similar to the "Rite of Election" in the RCIA where all the candidates gather with their diocesan bishop to commit to a final stage of preparation for Confirmation.

The day will feature keynote speakers Joe Melendrez and Paul J. Kim for February 9th and 10th and Emily Wilson and Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR for February 23rd and 24th with music led by Papa Joe & the Family. The day will begin with a rally, include two to three workshops, and end with Mass with the Bishop in which the candidates will all renew their baptismal promises, receive a blessing, and commit to the final phase of their Confirmation preparation.

Cost for the day will be \$35 per person (*price increases to \$45 on January 7, 2019*), and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Space is limited each day, so please register early. Registration will be on a first come/ first served basis. **Parish/school groups must provide one screened and trained chaperone for every 10 participants.**

Registration information and the full information on the day are enclosed/attached. Please check the conference website at <http://confirmationconference.com> for further details, promotional videos, etc.

Lindsey West
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Diocese of Sacramento Confirmation Conference

Register ONLINE at <http://confirmationconference.com>



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Details at a Glance

- What:** Diocese of Sacramento Confirmation Conference
- When/Where:** Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm in State Theater & Sacred Heart, Red Bluff
Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm in St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, Vallejo
Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in Jesuit High School, Carmichael
Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in Jesuit High School, Carmichael
- Who:** 7-12th Graders scheduled to receive Confirmation in 2019.
One screened and trained chaperone is expected for every ten participants.
- Cost:** \$35 per person (includes lunch & a t-shirt)/\$45 per person after January 6, 2019
- Deadlines:** Registration is limited, so register early.
- More Info:** Contact Lindsey West (916)733-0151

Registration

All registration will be handled ONLINE at <http://confirmationconference.com>. Please note that 1 adult chaperone is REQUIRED for every 10 participants. **Registration must include payment. ONE CHECK PER PARISH PLEASE. All registration is ONLINE this year at <http://confirmationconference.com>**

Chaperones

Chaperones must be over age 25 and must be fingerprinted (or properly screened) and complete the online training. Coordinators must submit proof of both with you when your parish attends Fired Up. You should be able to get a list from your safe environment liaison at your parish or make copies of your records.

Code of Behavior

To be sure everyone is clear about what is considered appropriate behavior. Be sure both parents and youth understand the Code of Behavior (contained in the permission form for event), as their signature is required. The adult coordinator and adult chaperones are responsible for the behavior of their group throughout the Conference.

Dress Code

Our dress code is simple—neat, casual clothing. All clothing worn must be in good taste, clean, and not tattered. Clothing advertising products, behavior, and values contrary to the Catholic Church are unacceptable. Also unacceptable are: strapless, tube, or spaghetti-strap tops, short-shorts, and extremely over-sized clothing. Jeans, shorts, and tennis shoes are fine. All teens and adults will be given a Fired Up! event T-Shirt that we ask them to wear along with a nametag as entrance into the event. The adult coordinator and adult chaperones are responsible for communicating the dress code to youth participants and ensuring that all are attired appropriately. It is **not** necessary to bring dress-up clothing for Mass.

Diocesan Consent-to-Treat Form

When you bring a group to the Conference, please be sure you have the approved diocesan consent-to-treat form for each participant and each adult. **The adult coordinator is responsible for keeping these forms in his/her possession (or in the possession of the appropriate drivers) throughout the Conference. Do not** send these forms in with your registration form(s). Forms can be found at www.confirmationconference.com or www.scd.org/dec

Financial Difficulty

No one is to be turned away from the Conference because of financial limitations. If you become aware of a teen that would like to attend but cannot afford to do so, please check to see if there is money available from the parish or school. If it is impossible for the parish or school to cover the cost, please contact the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office about scholarships.

Food

Lunch will be included. Please be sure to send any dietary restrictions or allergies to Lindsey at lwest@scd.org January 7, 2019 and we will do our best to accommodate.

Special Needs

If you have a participant with a disability or special needs, please contact Lindsey at lwest@scd.org as soon as possible. Interpreters for the hard of hearing and deaf community are available with advance notice.

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