

**St. Timothy Catholic Church  
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)  
Religious Education**



**School Year 2024- 2025**

# *Missionary disciples*

## bearing witness to our Christian values in word and deed

In his address to the confirmation candidates from the Diocese of Genoa, Italy on May 21, 2022, Pope Francis stated that confirmation has become the “farewell sacrament”. This is the current situation of the whole church. Our faithful community at St. Timothy also experiences this. We recognize this problem, and we are not letting it stop us from doing better and improving our ministry. We will continue to strive to be an inspiration and make a mark in your spiritual journey. Our hope is to strengthen and revitalize your faith and mission in life.

The archdiocese of Los Angeles together with the Office of Religious Education are in the process of renewing the Confirmation program, with the goal of forming missionary disciples of Christ confirmed with the Holy Spirit. The vision is aptly titled, “Anointed for a Mission”.

Although St. Timothy is not currently involved in the pilot program set out by the diocese, we have decided to incorporate ways on how we can start implementing this vision.

### Goals:

- to awaken a sense of belonging to the universal church, and our family of faith as members of the parish community.

- to develop a dialogue and deep personal relationship with God in personal and community prayer.

- to be inspired and be a source of inspiration for others in living the Christian values

- to be a source of support and encouragement for the youth and their families.

- to be active members of the society, becoming missionary disciples of Christ in their circle and the greater community

The new confirmation program being developed accepts students from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

- Level I focus on building a personal relationship with God, by being the best version of yourself.

- Level II focuses on preparing older children to receive and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and different lives of Saints.

The journey continues and we are thankful for your continued support for the religious education ministry at St. Timothy. Thank you for entrusting your kids to us and we hope that we can continue collaborating in the faith formation of our youth.

## CATECHIST:

- Confirmation Level I – Dn. Sonal Seneviratne
- Confirmation Level II - Sherry Stroble and Deborah Connelly

## REQUIREMENTS:

- 8 Sundays of catechetical instruction and faith formation each month from 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM, 1 class on safeguarding the children mission and 2 workshops for families to attend during the school year.
- Attendance at the 9:30 a.m. STYM Mass, which is once per month on the same day as class.
- Attend Confirmation Retreat.
- Confirmation Level II are required to submit sponsor form and saint assignment before May 4, 2025.

Download a copy of the Sponsor form and saint assignment here:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/25330/documents/2022/7/Confirmation%20Sponsor%20Information.pdf?t=1657229151000>



<https://files.ecatholic.com/25330/documents/2023/5/The%20Saints%20Our%20Teachers%20Choosing%20a%20Saint%20Name%20ver2.pdf?t=1683579940000>



- Confirmation students are required to perform service hours: 20 hrs.

Download a copy of the Service Log here. Due by May 4, 2025.

<https://www.sttimothyla.org/documents/2023/6/Service%20Log%202023-2024.pdf>



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- Complete attendance is a must. Be punctual.
- Student absences – maximum of 2 absences
- Students who incur an absence, must attend the make-up class (TBD)
- **With regards to absences, families will be notified by email the following day. A warning will be issued and parents must sign to acknowledge receipt and email back to us. Third absence will result in being dropped from the class.**
- Excuse letter should be sent via email by Tuesday following the Sunday class to [religioused@sttimothylosangeles.org](mailto:religioused@sttimothylosangeles.org)
- Things to bring to class: textbook, pen and bible for Confirmation
- No cell phone usage. Usage of cell phone in class will result in confiscation until class ends. Please discuss this policy with your child.

## **EXPECTATIONS:**

- Weekly Mass attendance is expected as an integral part of our formation program. We encourage families to participate in the 9:30am Family Mass and serve as gift bearers for the bread and wine during the offertory.
  - Students sign the attendance form accessible via QR code at entrances of the church.
  - Parents, sponsors and students in Confirmation Level II are required to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation Mass
  - Incorporate class lessons into family life.
  - Parents encourage your children to be an active minister such as an altar server or lector.
- \* We communicate important reminders and information via email and text using Flocknote app.
- \* **Please start a new email thread and subject when addressing a different matter to ensure that we receive and address questions and concerns in a timely manner.**

## **CANCELLATION OF CLASSES**

Although we do not anticipate any reason to cancel a class, we will make every effort to inform you via e-mail or text.

## **CRISIS PLAN**

In the unlikely event that the school would need to be evacuated, students would be taken to the front lawn of the Parish Hall.

## **SUNDAY DISMISSAL - SAFETY FIRST!**

In keeping with our safety practices regarding dismissal, a text message will be sent to parents stating that children are dismissed from their class. Parents should make arrangements with their kids where they will be picked up.

## **EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN**

St. Timothy's Faith Formation presents a child abuse prevention program from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Developed in collaboration with Virtus Protecting God's Children, Empowering God's Children is taught by a trained instructor and is age appropriate. For more information, please go to

<https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/>

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Year 1 Decision Point</b>	<b>Year 2 Decision Point</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>	Parent and Student Orientation 12:15 pm	Parent and Student Orientation 12:15 pm
<b>SEPTEMBER 15 (FIRST CLASS)</b>	Life is Choices	The Eucharist
<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	What's Holding you Back?	The Holy Spirit
<b>OCTOBER 26 SATURDAY</b>	Workshop #1: Mental Health and Spirituality of Today	
<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>	The Jesus Question	The Church and Nourishment
<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	The Prayer Process	Confirmation
<b>JANUARY 12</b>	Safeguarding the Children Mission	
<b>JANUARY 25 SATURDAY</b>	Confirmation Retreat at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center	
<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>	The Bible	Made for Mission
<b>FEBRUARY 15 SATURDAY</b>	Workshop/Outreach	
<b>MARCH 9</b>	Relationships	Holiness is Possible
<b>APRIL 6</b>	Review	Review
<b>MAY 4</b>	Make-up Class	Make-up Class
		CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & LITURGY TBD





# PROFILES OF THE SAINTS



<https://files.ecatholic.com/25330/documents/2023/5/The%20Saints%20Our%20Teachers%20Choosing%20a%20Saint%20Name%20Over2.pdf?t=1683579940000>

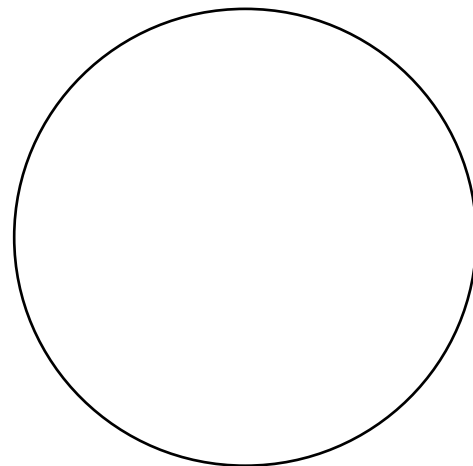
Below are spaces for the profiles of two saints. From the handouts you received, fill in a separate profile for each saint. If you want, you can draw a picture of how you think that saint looked.

Profile of a Canonized Saint:

Saint's name \_\_\_\_\_

Where born \_\_\_\_\_

Years this saint lived \_\_\_\_\_



This saint is well known for \_\_\_\_\_

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Good works this saint did \_\_\_\_\_

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Ways people knew this saint was holy \_\_\_\_\_

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# CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION



<https://files.ecatholic.com/25330/documents/2022/7/Confirmation%20Sponsor%20Information.pdf?t=1657229151000>

**REQUIREMENTS:** received the Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church; Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; at least 16 years old; attend Sunday Mass regularly, may be Candidate’s Baptismal Godparent. Sponsor cannot be parent.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** mentor/taken an active role in the Candidate’s faith formation in the years ahead; share his/her Catholic Story with the Candidate; present the Candidate to the Bishop on the day of Confirmation (Sponsor may be present by proxy).

Candidate’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Sponsor’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ At which Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (Arch) Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_



# St. Timothy's Teenage Confirmation Schedule 2024-2025

10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

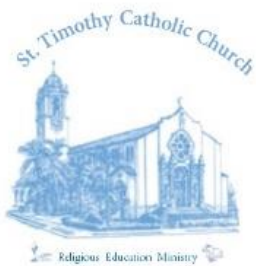
*\*Subject to Change*

SEPTEMBER	8	Sunday	12:15 PM Parent and Student Orientation
SEPTEMBER	15	Sunday	First Class
OCTOBER	6	Sunday	Regular Class
OCTOBER	26	Saturday	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Parent and Student Workshop: Mental Health and Spirituality of Today
NOVEMBER	3	Sunday	Regular Class
DECEMBER	8	Sunday	Regular Class
JANUARY	12	Sunday	Safeguarding the Children Mission
JANUARY	25	Saturday	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Retreat at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center
FEBRUARY	2	Sunday	Regular Class
FEBRUARY	15	Saturday	Outreach/Workshop
MARCH	9	Sunday	Regular Class
APRIL	6	Sunday	Review
MAY	4	Sunday	Make-up Class

Confirmation Rehearsal and Confirmation Mass: TBD

## Requirements:

- \*Attendance at 9:30 a.m. STYM Mass 1x/month is mandatory
- \*Volunteer hours for Confirmation Year 1: 10 hrs.
- \*Volunteer hours for Confirmation Year 2: 20 hrs.
- \*Confirmation Year 2: Sponsor Form and Saint Homework



# ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

## Student Absence Form

WARNING 1 2 3

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class:    First Reconciliation    First Holy Communion    Confirmation Yr. 1    Confirmation Yr. 2

Date absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Email form to [ReligiousEd@sttimothylosangeles.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@sttimothylosangeles.org) \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Education Coordinators**

**Soles Quiogue at [religioused@sttimothylosangeles.org](mailto:religioused@sttimothylosangeles.org)**

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