



## **Year 2 – High School Youth Ministry & Faith Formation 2026-2027**

Greetings High School Parents and Teens of **Year 2 Confirmation Preparation!** **Registration is now online.** We are excited to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of preparation for Confirmation! This is a year to dig deeper, not only into the Catholic faith, but also to grow your spiritual relationship with God. Here are a few important pieces to the Confirmation preparation:

- **LIFE Retreat – Dates will be forthcoming.**

An important part of the second-year experience is participation in the LIFE retreat here at St. Thomas. **It is essential that the teens participate for the entire retreat as the schedule is packed with activities in a particular progression.** The retreat will start Friday evening with an overnight at the parish (Fri only) and end Sunday with the 11:15 Mass. There will be **no** overnight on Saturday night. Parents will pick up youth Saturday night at 10:00pm and return youth at 9:00am Sunday morning. More retreat information to come. Parents are invited to the closing Mass.

- **Confirmation Classes**

There is a series of 10 90 minute classes at St. Thomas for the Confirmation Candidates to attend. See registration for class times. Specific dates will be forthcoming and you will be notified of dates once we have enough small group leaders. The sessions will begin mid-September. E-mail [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org) for homeschooling information if needed. We are anticipating an April or May date for Confirmation.

- **Journey Nights**

Journey Nights are large group gatherings where students and parents come together to listen to a speaker 2-3 times a year. **Journey night dates are TBD.**

- **Service Volunteer Hours**

Confirmation Candidates are expected to complete 10 service hours for this year. If your youth has not turned in last's year's reflection and log of the 20 hours required from last year, please have them do so as soon as you can. You can print the explanation of service hour requirement and the forms to log and reflect on the service at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org), then click on Religious Education/HighSchool/Confirmation Program.

- **Saint Report, Prayer Experiences and Faith Action Plan**

Confirmation Candidates will receive a red folder with a dove on it that will include all the forms and work that needs to be turned in. They will receive this at the first Journey night.

### **If you have not registered, please do the following:**

- Register online. The link can be found on the parish website.
- Submit full tuition payments. Payments can be made online or by check or cash. If not paying online, tuition can be dropped off at the RE Office or in the outdoor drop box located outside the Gathering Area doors (Door A).
- Registration & Tuition deadline is July 1, 2026.