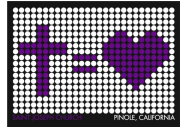


SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
2011-2012 REGISTRATION INFORMATION
YOUTH MINISTRY, GRADES 9-12



HELLO & WELCOME!

We provide religious instruction and spiritual formation for children, grades 1-12, every year. *(Use this form for students in grades 9-12.)* Thank you for your interest in Youth Ministry & Confirmation at St. Joseph! The primary goal is to guide teenagers in their two year preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. We aim to help teenagers develop a relationship with God that will support, sustain, challenge and nourish them throughout their entire lives. Our program consists of weekly sessions, seasonal celebrations, a mandatory weekend retreat, special activities or events, and community service.

PARISH ELIGIBILITY

Families should participate in faith formation and church life in the parish where they reside; by worshipping God and learning about the faith with our neighbors, we develop a deeper commitment to our community and build a stronger connection between our faith and every aspect of our lives. Thus families that reside in St. Joseph Parish have first priority in registration for faith formation in our parish, and we encourage families that do not reside in St. Joseph Parish to seek faith formation in the parish where they reside.

However, sometimes an exception can be made for families to receive services outside their proper parish. If your family does not live in St. Joseph Parish, we cannot enroll you in our program without the permission of the pastor of your parish. *(This requirement will be waived for all families continuing their enrollment from 2010-2011 or who are currently registered in St. Joseph Parish.)* If you are inquiring about faith formation at St. Joseph for the first time in 2011-2012, please ask us for a letter for your pastor to sign requesting this permission. Attach the letter, with his signature and approval, to your registration form and we will happily complete your registration in our program.

PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

Teenagers need time to develop a relationship with God and to grow in their Catholic faith. At St. Joseph Parish, they must participate in two years of faith formation before they can receive first communion or confirmation. This means that students who begin faith formation for the first time in fall 2011 will receive first communion or confirmation in spring 2013.

CLASS INFORMATION

The two year process refers to first communion and confirmation preparation for grades 9 to 12. Youth Ministry (the first year) meets in the St. Joseph School Gym, 1961 Plum Street, Pinole, CA 94564.

THE FIRST YEAR: Students experience the first year as *Youth Ministry* students. Youth Ministry is for 9th to 12th graders attending a public, parochial or private school who have not had previous parish youth ministry experience. The mandatory requirements (where attendance is recorded) for Youth Ministry students are: weekly classes on Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm from September to June; the December 9-11, 2011 weekend retreat; and second Sundays 5:30 pm youth Mass (October 2011 to March 2012). For students who want to continue into the second year, to prepare directly for Confirmation, all mandatory program requirements, including the December retreat, must be met.

THE SECOND YEAR: Those students choosing to enroll as candidates for *Confirmation* in the spring of their youth ministry year must fulfill all first year program requirements. Confirmation class meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays September to May, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. When there is class, it is mandatory for candidates to attend the 5:30 pm youth Mass. The mandatory requirements are: scheduled classes; youth Mass; a youth rally; a weekend retreat in January; and three community service projects. The Rite of Confirmation Mass usually takes place in the spring of the second year.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration fees help us to recover the cost of textbooks, classroom materials, and facilities usage. *(No child will be turned away because of financial need – please contact us to inquire about scholarships.)*

Base family registration fee (\$70/one child; \$120/two children; \$140/three or more children)	\$ _____
Add \$10 for each child if your family resides outside St. Joseph Parish	\$ _____
Add \$20 for each child receiving first communion in 2011-2012	\$ _____
Subtract \$10 per child for early registration discount (form completed and turned in by June 15)	\$ _____
Family registration total (check payable to St. Joseph Parish)	TOTAL= \$ <input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>

An additional Youth Ministry retreat fee of \$110.00 will be collected in December 2011.

CLASS SELECTION REMINDER

A parent or guardian must accompany the teenager to the first Youth Ministry class of the year, which is in September. You will receive confirmation of your registration in the beginning of September. Please write down the date and time of the first class meeting and keep this page in a prominent place as a reminder to yourself!

*First Youth Ministry meeting, required for both the student and a parent or guardian: **Monday, September 12, 2011**
6:30 to 8:00 pm in the gym*

We meet in the St. Joseph School Gym, 1961 Plum Street, Pinole, CA 94564. The school is located at the end of Plum Street, behind the police department & post office.

ARE YOU READY TO ENROLL?

Registration forms are available online at sjcpinole.org or at St. Joseph Parish Center, 2100 Pear Street, in Pinole. Please complete one registration form per child and bring the completed form(s), together with any necessary documents and your payment, to the parish center during office hours.

Your enrollment is not complete until you have come to the parish center in person with all necessary documents and we have processed your registration form. The parish center is open from 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday.

YOUR COPY OF THE PARENTAL PERMISSION/RELEASE

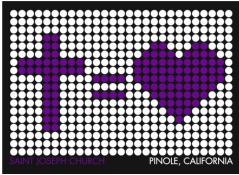
We require a signed parental permission and release for all students enrolled in faith formation; here is a copy of this agreement so that you may keep it for your records.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in faith formation at St. Joseph Parish, use the equipment provided, and enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland for any purpose, including observation and participation in activities:

1. I/we, parent or authorized guardian of the child named above, give permission for his/her participation in faith formation at St. Joseph Parish and all related activities.
2. I/we agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from St. Joseph Parish staff and adult volunteer leaders.
3. I/we agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in faith formation, whether or not caused by the negligence of program staff or volunteers or other participants.
4. I/we understand that children participating in faith formation may risk injury to the body or psyche or property damage to themselves and others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons, faulty equipment or facilities, or the activity itself, or be accidentally or intentionally self-inflicted.
5. I/we, for myself/ourselves and on behalf of the minor child, agree to release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, its affiliated entities, and its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, to the psyche or to the property of the minor child, or undersigned parent or guardian, whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent or guardian is participating in faith formation or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
6. I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent or guardian in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any faith formation activities, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
7. I/we have read this agreement, understand everything written above and voluntarily sign the agreement. No oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written agreement have been made.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Teena Posas, Director of Youth Ministry, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 210, teenap@sjcpinole.org; or Neela Kale, Director of Religious Education, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 204, neelak@sjcpinole.org.



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
2011-2012 REGISTRATION FORM
GRADES 9-12 - for Youth Ministry (1st year group)

STUDENT

First name: _____ Last name: _____
 Home address: _____
 Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
 Gender (circle one): male female
 Date of birth: _____ Language(s) spoken: _____
 School & City: _____ Grade in September 2011: _____
 Was the student enrolled in Middle School Ministry or St. Joseph School in 2010-2011? (circle one) Yes No

FAMILY (PARENTS/GUARDIANS)

First name: _____ Last name: _____
 Home address: _____
 Mailing address: _____
 Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
 Work phone: _____ Email: _____
 Marital status: _____ Relationship to student: _____
 Religion: _____ Language(s) spoken: _____

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Information and materials for parents/guardians should be in: (circle one) *English Spanish*
 Would you like to help with special events or projects? Yes No

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Circle your student's grade:
 9 10 11 12

Class requirements: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in English; AND
 5:30 pm mass on 2nd Sundays of months October 2011 to March 2012; AND
 the December 9-11, 2011 weekend retreat.

SACRAMENTS

Has the student been baptized? (circle one) Yes No
 Has the student has celebrated first reconciliation (confession)? (circle one) Yes No
 Has the student received first communion? (circle one) Yes No

*If you would like the student to prepare for baptism, please attach a copy of his/her birth certificate.

*If you would like the student to prepare for reconciliation/communion, attach a copy of his/her baptism certificate.

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OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received: _____ Initials: _____ Payment slip #: _____ PDS entry: _____
 In parish? Yes No If no, pastor's permission attached? Yes No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

Does your child have any special needs? _____

Is there any special situation or concern you would like to share with us? (Use an additional page if necessary.)

MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

May the adult leader authorize medical treatment for your child in an emergency, as considered necessary by the attending physician? (circle one) Yes No

Ongoing medication? (type and frequency) _____

Allergies to food or medication? _____

Physical or other restriction on the basis of medical condition? _____

Emergency contact to be notified if the parent(s) or guardian(s) cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name and relationship to the child of any individual(s), other than the parents/guardians named above, authorized to drop off and pick up the student (we can only release a minor student to a parent/guardian or authorized person):

PARENTAL PERMISSION/RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____