



# CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE

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**November 4 & 5, 2017**  
**Christian Brothers HS**  
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Sacramento, CA 95820

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Dear Pastors/Parochial Administrators & Coordinators of Confirmation:

The Department of Evangelization and Catechesis is excited to announce that the **FIRE UP Confirmation Conference** intended for teens who will receive the Sacrament in 2018 will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, November 4 & 5, 2017 at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento**. The cost will be **\$35 per student**. Since the Conference is part of the Norms of Confirmation for our Diocese, and all candidates for Confirmation need to attend, *we recommend putting these dates on the calendar for Confirmation now, and consider adding the fee to attend to the regular registration fee for those students at the beginning of the school year.*

Please note, the program is the same both days and each parish or school just needs to attend on one of the two days. Full details will be announced by July 1, 2017. We are expecting a sell-out. *If you would like to reserve space in advance to assure you will be able to attend on the day you want, you can do so immediately by pre-registering for your group at <http://confirmationconference.com>.*

Please note that this is a change to the usual schedule (the event has happened the first week of March for the past several years.) But, having the Conference in November has some advantages. First, with the conference happening earlier in the year, the bonding and connection between students that happens at an event like this can make the year go smoother and be a better experience for your students. Second, it will allow the scheduling of Confirmations (which in the past could only happen after the Conference in March) earlier in the year.

The Confirmation Conference is not a retreat, but is a great experience for the Candidates, parallel to the experience of RCIA Candidates at the Rite of Election. The candidates gather with the Bishop for a mass with hundreds of others preparing for the Sacrament to renew their Baptismal promises and receive a blessing from the Bishop and are assured of His prayers through the rest of the Confirmation process. The day is also a youth rally, gathering 2000 youth per day for talks, praise and worship concert, activities, games, lunch, and more. For Teens, this event is a meaningful experience of the larger Catholic Church, and helps them come to an understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit and the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It's designed to get them FIRED UP for their faith and excited about Confirmation.

We look forward to celebrating with you in November,

Kevin Staszkow  
Director