



Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to High School Youth Ministry! Registration for 2020-2021 is here with new opportunities for youth and families. With an emphasis on building strong relationships, faith formation will take place through three different settings: 1) **Small Groups** which will most likely meet virtually; 2) **Large Group** which will meet once per month at OLA, if permitted; 3) **Independent**, practice-oriented learning experiences with the family. *The plans for next year were made in collaboration with all OLA staff members and with the approval of Msgr. Bell. Permission for groups to meet in our buildings at any given time is based on what's allowed by the Diocese of Dallas, civil authorities and whether or not OLA has the resources to adequately maintain facilities based on CDC guidelines.*

In this document you will find:

1. Information on **youth ministry** opportunities & goals (p. 2-3).
2. **Confirmation** information (p. 4) – please read if your teen has not received this sacrament.

The registration process is as follows:

- **Open Registration: Begins June 15** – Open to all parishioners as well as non-parishioners.
- **Please register by August 1** in order to give staff and volunteers adequate time to prepare. By honoring this date, your considerateness of our time and efficiency is greatly appreciated.
- Small Group leaders will determine the day of the week and time which best fits their weekly schedule. Parents will select the day of the week which best fits their child's schedule. Youth will then be assigned to a specific small group in the order in which registrations are received.
- For every 8-10 teens, 2 adult Small Group Leaders are needed.

Registration for ALL faith formation is online. To register, go to <https://olayouth.com/hs-youth-night> OR page 2 of this packet.

Our goal is to *Form Disciples through Authentic Relationships*. We aim to provide quality faith formation and youth ministry opportunities. For the annual registration, a fee of \$75 per child/teen with a maximum of \$300 per family is requested. However, we will always provide full and partial scholarships, as well as payment plans, to families with financial hardships.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Peace,

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Mission:

Love God, Embrace All People, Share the Gospel Joyfully

Vision:

Forming Disciples through Authentic Relationships



NEW FORMAT! HSYM will use three different settings this year:

1. Small Groups – Youth & Adult Leaders will meet for about 60 minutes each week to build relationships, discuss the week’s topic, and pray. Meetings will most likely take place via video conference & parents are welcome to join. Groups may have the option to meet in homes depending on what’s allowed by parish, diocese and civil authorities. Leaders & Parents of Youth may select preferred meeting day; specific times will be set later, but will be within these ranges:
 - a. Sunday afternoons (1-5pm) or evenings (5-8pm) or
 - b. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings (6-9pm)

Please make 1st & 2nd choices. Placements are made based on space and number of adult leaders. Be aware that you may not get your first choice. Thank you in advance for understanding.

On the online registration, you may also list a friend or adult leader with whom your child would like to be in a group. You may also indicate that adult/peer preferences take precedent over day/time selections.

2. Large Group Youth Nights – Youth & Adult Leaders will meet once a month at OLA, if permitted. If not, a virtual experience will be provided. The purpose will be fellowship & prayer with the wider high school community. Parents are welcome. They will take place on Sundays, 6:30-8pm.
3. Independent Experiences – Practice-oriented learning experiences for youth AND parents/families which will incorporate real-life application activities.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER A 2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL TEEN](#)

Large Group Kick-Off
 Sept. 13, 2020
 6:30-8pm

DISCIPLESHIP GOALS & PRACTICES

Foot S.T.E.P.S. of a Disciple:	Goals	Examples of Youth Ministry & Parish Opportunities...
<u>S</u> erve in Ministry and Missions – be an ACTIVE DISCIPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify & appreciate the gifts, passions & personality God has given you 2. Identify what types of service you are passionate about (working with children or the elderly, the poor, the lonely, the environment, etc.) 3. Share your gifts, time & talents inside (ministry) & outside (mission) the parish walls 	<p>MINISTRY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altar server, usher aid, choir, Lector • Assist at Parish Events <p>MISSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bundle Sunday (St. Vincent de Paul) • Family Service Project • Mission Possible
<u>T</u> ithe through sacrificial giving – be a TRUSTWORTHY DISCIPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand that tithing means giving 10% of your earnings 2. Understand that tithing is an important sign of your trust in God 3. Practice offering money to God and noticing how God blesses you 	Give back to God a portion of what he has blessed you with – from your allowance, job, gifts given to you, etc.
<u>E</u> ngage in formation and small-group relationships – be a RELATIONAL DISCIPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have friends at church with whom you feel comfortable sharing fun and faith 2. Have frequent, meaningful interactions with at least one adult at church, discussing what matters most to you, as well as the faith 3. Grow in your understanding of the faith and how to keep growing 	YM Small Group, Large Group Youth Nights Confirmation Preparation
<u>P</u> ractice Prayer and Sacraments – be a DEEPER DISCIPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly participation in mass 2. Explore different ways of praying & pray daily 3. Have a deep, personal relationship with Jesus 	Weekly Mass & Holy Days of Obligation Reconciliation Retreats Daily 3-Minute Retreat, Loyola Press website Daily Examen Prayer
<u>S</u> hare the Gospel – be a BOLD DISCIPLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get to know the people around you by listening to them & putting their needs first, building trusting relationships 2. Pray for a specific person who does not have a relationship with Christ 3. Explain your faith to someone with whom you have a trusting relationship 	Live your Faith wherever you are, wherever you go: at home, at school, in the community

Our Lady of Angels Youth Confirmation



A Two-Year Preparation Process

Our bishop is tasked with the responsibility to help his flock grow in their faith, so he asks all Diocese of Dallas parishes to provide two years of preparation for those seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This typically takes place in 7th & 8th grade. However, we recognize that for a variety of reasons there will be unconfirmed high school teens seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Year 1 Confirmation Preparation is for:

- Any 7th -11th grader who did not participate last year.
- Contact us if you are a senior & didn't participate last year.

Year 2 Confirmation Preparation is for:

- All 8th-12th graders who participated in Year 1 prep last year

Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation where we, as Catholics, are given a "special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (CCC#1303). Preparation strives to "awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus" and aims to "lead the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit" (CCC#1309). Our Confirmation Preparation process is more than a 'program,' it is about forming young people to grow as active disciples of Jesus and develop a sense of belonging to the Church.

NOTE: Events which cannot be held in person due to diocesan/civil restrictions will be held online. Specifics will be emailed and posted on website & social media.

Year 1 Confirmation Preparation Events – 2022 Candidates

Event	Date & Time
Yr. 1 Parent/Youth Meeting (parents & candidates)	Sun., Aug. 23, 2020, 6:30-8pm

Year 2 Confirmation Preparation Events – 2021 Candidates

Events	Option 1	Option 2
1 st Day of Reflection	Sept. 26, 2020, 1:00-4:30 pm	
Rite of Welcome	Sept. 26, 2020, 5:00pm Mass	Sept. 27, 2020, 5:00pm Mass
2 nd Day of Reflection	Jan. 30, 2021, 9:15 am-12:15 pm	
Rehearsal – TENTATIVE!	Fri., April 9, 2021, 6-7:30pm (for 10am mass)	Fri., April 9, 2021, 7:30-9pm (for 1:30pm mass)
Mass – TENTATIVE!	Sat., April 10, 2021, 10:00 am	Sat., April 10, 2021, 1:30 pm

Also plan to Experience the Foot S.T.E.P.S of a Disciple, throughout the two-year process:

- Serve in Ministry and Missions
- Tithe through sacrificial giving
- Engage in faith formation and small group relationships
- Practice Prayer and the Sacraments (including 2 retreats)
- Share the Gospel

Calendar (see previous page for Confirmation prep dates, not included here)

Full details are still in the works, but here are dates to make note of:

1. Summer HS Summit: June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 23, 30; 6-7pm via Zoom
2. Hands From Home, serve others while social distancing: July 12-17,
<https://sites.google.com/view/handsfromhome2020/home?authuser=0>
3. Large Group Youth Nights, in-person or virtual, 6:30-8pm
 - a. Sept. 13
 - b. Oct. 4
 - c. Nov. 1
 - d. Dec. 6
 - e. Jan. 10
 - f. Feb. 7
 - g. Mar. 28
 - h. Apr. 25
4. Small Groups: Start the Week of September 20, 2020. After Christmas break, resume the Week of January 17, 2021.
5. Ash Wednesday: Feb. 17, 2021. Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021.
6. 2021 Senior Mass: May 16, 2021

For calendar updates, go to www.olayouth.com/ym-calendar.

