

St. Martha Catholic Church

444 N. Azusa Ave., Valinda, CA 91744

Dear Confirmation Parents and Teens,

Blessings to all of you from St. Martha Catholic Church!

We hope and pray that everyone in your family is staying healthy and safe during this time of Covid-19.

Our prayers are with you and know that every Sunday Mass, every Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and every Rosary said in the church you are all included. Our Pastor, priests, nuns, youth leaders and catechists are all praying for you.

We are writing this letter to inform you that we will open a registration for all Year 2 candidates who have not attended a Second Retreat. This will be for the Fall of 2020 (December 11-13) or for the Spring of 2021. Since our Spring Retreat of 2020 has been cancelled and many of our Year 2 candidates need a second retreat, (a requirement of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles), we are making this available and top priority for all Year 2 candidates receiving their Confirmation this year.

Our promise is that we will still honor your Confirmation on June 14, 2020 even though you have not attended a second retreat, **provided you will attend the Fall Retreat 2020**. We will hold on to your certificate until the Fall Retreat is served.

Another thing we ask of you, parents, please help us bring your teens to that spiritual level especially at this time. We are concerned that we are not seeing them and not being able to feed them spiritually. You are the real backbone of your teens and now that you have more time together it is important that part of your daily routine should be prayer, reading the scriptures, going to Sunday Mass via online and just merely being good, nice and available to each one another. We cannot over emphasize the importance this is to your teens maturity and character development.

We are here for you and please do not hesitate to contact us via: Email: office@stmarthayam.com,

Phone: 626-964-1903 - Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry Website: www.stmarthayam.com (please watch Fr. Thomas & Fr. Alfonso message to you)

Church Website: https://www.stmarthavalinda.org/

Please continue working on your Confirmation Name Report and send it to us via email or simply drop it off (with your name on it) in the church drop box. Also, now that you have more time, we hope that you have found a good practicing Catholic sponsor. Sponsor Forms should be turned in to the office even after Confirmation Ceremony for us to release your certificates.

May the blessings of our almighty Lord Jesus be with you and your families. As Fr. Thomas said, "we are one church – we heal as one."

Peace

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Youth Minister

Approved by

Fr. Thomas Frederick Ma. Asia

Pastor