

EL PASO CONFIRMATION SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

1. Churches involved (16 in total) (479 participants)

- a. Our Lady of Fatima
- b. St. John the Apostle
- c. Our Lady of Guadalupe
- d. All Saints
- e. San Lorenzo
- f. St. Patrick's Canutillo
- g. Little Flower
- h. El Buen Pastor
- i. St. Patrick Cathedral
- j. St. Catherine Pecos
- k. St. Raphael
- l. Cristo Rey
- m. San Antonio
- n. St. Mark
- o. Christ the Savior
- p. Holy Spirit

2. It is important for me to feel like I belong

- a. Agree – 80%
- b. Disagree – 10%
- c. Not Sure – 10%

3. Most people my age want to belong

- a. Agree – 68%
- b. Disagree – 7%
- c. Not Sure – 25%

4. I feel accepted by my family

- a. Agree – 85%
- b. Disagree – 5%
- c. Not Sure – 10%

5. I feel that my friends accept me the way I am

- a. Agree – 82%
- b. Disagree – 3%
- c. Not Sure – 15%

6. As a young person, I feel accepted/welcomed in my parish

- a. Agree – 87%
- b. Disagree – 3%
- c. Not Sure – 10%

7. I feel like I fit in with the people in my confirmation program

- a. Agree – 72%
- b. Disagree – 10%
- c. Not Sure – 18%

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- 8. There are people at church that I can turn to with questions about God and religion**
 - a. Agree – 79%
 - b. Disagree – 6%
 - c. Not Sure – 15%

- 9. I know at least one person in my parish that I see as a “mentor”, someone who shows me how to live my Catholic faith**
 - a. Agree – 73%
 - b. Disagree – 12%
 - c. Not Sure – 15%

- 10. Most Catholics my age would like a “mentor” who is an example of how to live their Catholic faith**
 - a. Agree – 54%
 - b. Disagree – 9%
 - c. Not Sure – 37%

- 11. There are several people at my parish that I respect as examples of authentic faith**
 - a. Agree – 83%
 - b. Disagree – 5%
 - c. Not Sure – 12%

- 12. I can see myself as a mentor to someone else in their parish**
 - a. Agree – 36%
 - b. Disagree – 29%
 - c. Not Sure – 35%

- 13. I believe that God loves me and wants the best for me**
 - a. Agree – 90%
 - b. Disagree – 3%
 - c. Not Sure – 6%

- 14. I talk to God often**
 - a. Agree – 64%
 - b. Disagree – 18%
 - c. Not Sure – 18%

- 15. I feel like God listens when I pray**
 - a. Agree – 78%
 - b. Disagree – 6%
 - c. Not Sure – 16%

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16. I feel a connection to God when I pray

- a. Agree – 74%
- b. Disagree – 7%
- c. Not Sure – 20%

17. I feel comfortable praying with my family

- a. Agree – 69%
- b. Disagree – 13%
- c. Not Sure – 19%

18. I feel comfortable praying with my friends

- a. Agree – 45%
- b. Disagree – 26%
- c. Not Sure – 29%

19. I have felt that God is present during prayer

- a. Agree – 73%
- b. Disagree – 9%
- c. Not Sure – 19%

20. I believe that my relationship with God has helped me through difficult situations

- a. Agree – 82%
- b. Disagree – 6%
- c. Not Sure – 12%

21. I think most young people long for a relationship with God

- a. Agree – 53%
- b. Disagree – 13%
- c. Not Sure – 34%

22. I have prayed about how I can best use my gifts and talents in the world

- a. Agree – 67%
- b. Disagree – 18%
- c. Not Sure – 16%

23. I want to use my gifts and talents to make the world a better place

- a. Agree – 87%
- b. Disagree – 2%
- c. Not Sure – 11%

24. I think my parish could benefit from using the gifts and talents of young people

- a. Agree – 80%
- b. Disagree – 3%
- c. Not Sure – 16%

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25. There are opportunities for me to use my gifts and talents within my church community

- a. Agree – 60%
- b. Disagree – 13%
- c. Not Sure – 28%

26. I would like to be involved in meaningful service projects

- a. Agree – 64%
- b. Disagree – 8%
- c. Not Sure – 28%

27. I think my catechist really cares about me

- a. Agree – 73%
- b. Disagree – 6%
- c. Not Sure – 21%

28. I think that God put me on earth for a reason

- a. Agree – 84%
- b. Disagree – 5%
- c. Not Sure – 11%

29. My faith has helped me know myself better

- a. Agree – 73%
- b. Disagree – 8%
- c. Not Sure – 20%

30. I think God gave me gifts and talents to make the world a better place

- a. Agree – 80%
- b. Disagree – 5%
- c. Not Sure – 15%

31. I believe I have gifts and talents

- a. Agree – 81%
- b. Disagree – 5%
- c. Not Sure – 14%

32. I would like someone to show me how to use my gifts and talents for the good of the church and my community

- a. Agree – 74%
- b. Disagree – 8%
- c. Not Sure – 18%

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33. I think my confirmation program is preparing me to be a better person

- a. Agree – 78%
- b. Disagree – 7%
- c. Not Sure – 15%

34. My church community listens to my thoughts and opinions and cares about what I have to say

- a. Agree – 63%
- b. Disagree – 11%
- c. Not Sure – 27%

35. What do you think would make your program better?

(Participant responses were sorted into the following categories. The number indicates the number of responses in that category)

- Activity – 69
- Food – 30
- Interpersonal – 26
- Catechists – 25
- Participation – 22
- Service – 19
- Deeper in Faith – 15
- Length – 10
- Environment – 9
- Praise and Worship – 5

(SPECIFIC RESPONSES BELOW)

What do you think would make your program better?

ACTIVITY

A lock in (2)
Doing fun and outgoing things. (3)
Field trips
More outside activities with the class
taking us on field trips to other parishes or retreats in places near el paso
more activities outside
Games and food lots of food (3)
More games and activities. (2)
If we play some games
More games and communication
More games and hands on learning
To make a lot of games that teaches you stuff also.
Have a little more fun but learning about good at the same time.

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Be more interactive
More hands on learning
More retreats
One on one interactions with each other/ icebreakers
More socializing
Less time in class but focus more on God
My confirmation program would be better if we had more activities for specifically people my age
More information about dates and events we can participate in with our class and other church friends.
Having Jesus Christ himself show up and talk to us about how great God is.
More activities , not as much lecture as we already get plenty of lecture within mass, give us some real life examples so we can learn and see how god is and not just hear about it
I think offering things such as religious drawing contest would be nice because most of the young people here are very talented.
I think if they became more organized informed us about community service and the roles we must take part in and taught with real faith and had a little bit more understanding of the word of god it would be perfect
More Fun Activities (11)
More group work and activities (2)
ummm, I like confirmation and if we do more activities
More interaction and activities
Include activities to help is understand better the discussion
More activities less book work
If the students got to do more activitys or was more involved.
more activities to bring students and parents closer
More community activities
To do fun activities and not readings
More group and hands on activities
More Projects (4)
More projects and work in a fun way (2)
More social project
Better communication, more group projects
More support and projects
Project's about God
More events that are like the summer bible camp events
Relate God through more fun activities to get the younger generation more interested.
I think what my confirmation program needs is to make more projects that involves us teens to help our community to make the program better.
We should probably do more things out of the church and get together to help out others and aprichiate others
I think if teachers showed us the wonders of the church by providing us tours of the church and by giving us examples, it would inspire my peers to pursue their spiritual journeys.
More projects, learning hands on is fun and helps a lot then just talking about it

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FOOD

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More Snacks (12)
More food (9)
Donuts

INTERPERSONAL

Being able to be around our friends instead of assigned groups
Bonding more and really reaching out to us
Chemistry with everyone
Having mentors and talking more to people personally. Because people need someone to vent to.
Having people I actually know
Having young chatechists because they understand us better
I would make it better if we were not all together.
If there were a part of our learning when all classes come together and they teach us as one
Talk to people morr
What I think would make our confirmation program better would be being with friends with everyone here and getting to know people and being able to talk to someone without feeling like they hate you
My teacher chilling out a bit. And snacks. And group work
To put us in individual classes so we can be comfortable with our peers.
More food, less boring teachers
i wish there was food cause i get hungry
if there was food at every meeting
food after church
Communication
For us to bond more
making me feel like a better person
I want to feel a bit closer to the other confirmation students in the church community rather than just my class.
If people would talk more about their journey in their faith
I think communication would make my confirmation program better
Make it more enthusiastic and invite kids from all over el paso
More communication between individuals, being able to speak your mind
To have everyone interact with each other
More one-on-one sort of communication. I don't feel like this big group can really understand the lessons provided when it's not fully directed towards them.
a better communication and faith
if people inspired each other to cooporate and actually get into what we are doing

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CATECHISTS

Better teachers
Better people involved (such as the instructors)
If they didn't try to convince me to believe in "God".
More communication with students (3)
More organization (4)
Non mandatory things that make students question if it's actually worth it.
Talk to us meaningfully
nicer teachers
Better catechist and a more understanding of teenagers and what we can relate to. More spiritual talk than just using the book because it really doesn't help us.

PARTICIPATION

Actually paying attention.
Bring more teens to learn
Maybe a bit more participation on behalf of the students. (3)
having everybody in class
If everyone actually cared and tried to listen to god.
If everyone volunteered in everything
With this being said, I feel as if motivated, practicing and intellectual teachers/instructors are needed to help this need that our youth are in dire need of. Class participation/interaction as well should be noted to improved to gain the classes interest.
People should volunteer

SERVICE

If we went out to help the community
Having more community service programs (6)
Hours instead of projects and anything counts if it gives back to thr community.
to be more influential

DEEPER IN THE FAITH

Engaging youth programs and Bible scripture
I think that it we focus more on the writings of God, and what they mean, we can make it so much father in the world.
More faith
For the kids like me who have gone to Catholic school it should be harder more thinking based because we have gotten the theology of it for many years

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LENGTH

Just make it shorter (2)
More confirmation classes . Monday's Wednesday's and sundays
More snacks and longer breaks
Not 3 years long but make it shorter and fun to remember
Open-mindedness from the teachers (3)
Understanding teachers
If they would interpret stuff from our lives that's going on into the lessons
We need to split the teen youth program and confirmation due to how unorganized the quality of learning is. Lessons are long and stretched out for a subject that is very minimal and really could be taught in an hour. Our teacher is very unrelatable and gives examples that are very outdated, such as atheists who believe we eat people. She also thinks we learn things like the big bang in school but we don't and she sounds ignorant.
My chaticist is great. I couldn't ask for anyone better than mr./mrs. Silva
If my friends where in it
If the students in the program were to get more engaged
If we all actually cooperated with the class
Involving us more
Less talking
More effort in teens
More laughter and to feel open like I don't be forced into anything
If we had better rooms and classes also more teachers as well as kids
Relate it to our current life/problems in the world
More support outside church
If they would allow us to choose what we would like to do to give back to the community listen to us and our ideas
Get into deep topics about our faith in God.
Talking about the good things that could the world and other people a better place
More intense topics
Only 1 year instead of 2 year program.
Shorter classes (3)
Not so many hours in church

ENVIRONMENT

If we had bibles for ourselves
It would be better if there is more space
Remodel the place with more funding and donations to make the church feel more comfortable. This is just a idea that has no real effect on the faith but it would be nice to see especially since this is kind of a landmark and place of worship.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I don't know.... A band?
mas alabanzas
To dance and sing to God to feel a better connection with him.

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RANDOM

My friends and learning from the caticist and the father.
Not assuming that everyone here believes in God cause I don't
Not doing it at all. I don't involve in religious affairs if I can help it.
asking students if they are religious
Not being here
For our teacher to teach us more prayer
anything
Being together
Better retreats
bring back young sammy
By doing more for youth
Come to class earlier
doing more for the youth
We can't all make it on Sunday so letting us go on days we can (2)
Don't do icebreakers
Everyone starts believing more
Give the children a break
Giving us a chance
Going to church when ecer you have a chance
Have more faith
If Aylin would give more community service hours.☺☺
It would be better if we were in classes and not be in one big group
More prepared and fun places to learn.
Being put back in class rooms. Just give us a topic and our teachers can branch off
If the time was in the morning and not the afternoon. (2)
Use more rigorous programming
Learning a lot about God and his life
I don't really know what else to add to make it better to be honest
life experience
More interesting classes
more members (4)
More of a easier schedule to work with for the weekends.
More things to do
My confirmation class is great the way it is already
Nope, it is great and perfect the way it is. :) (4)
everything is fine (3)
Not much. (7)
Nothing we have a great program (17)
More videos (3)
I think having the choice of going to mass or not
I think it is good the way it is. (13)
That each of the classes would be more connected
So i can make and prove how important the confirmation is.
Access to the powerpoints used in class to take extra notes
Talking to each other about God and what we can do to help with our church

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Do you have anything to say about your program?

We are an amazing group
thank you for everything you have done
I enjoy going to confirmation because of my teacher and students
Only one, thank you for prepare me to teach me about God.
It's very long but very interesting
It's very caring and shows effort into what they want to teach us.
It's really caring and the teachers are really nice
I like the church and the effort it is going to to make me a better person
Its fun and i've met new friends
It's a safe place besides home
They really care about each of our individual relationships with god
The program is very helpful, I feel totally comfortable
It's great, I feel very comfortable. They are all like family to me
It's great and it teaches me a lot about god
It's fun, I feel I've gained a family in Sam and Judah's class
It's fun and they feed us so that's good
Its fun and I actually learn stuff
It's a really great program I wish more young people would join
Its a great program.
We have excellent teachers and directors that give time to help us learn even though they do not have to be here
That they try there hardest to to make the most of the program and it really shows
Really though, I look forward to coming because it is honestly great. Lots of nice people and a discussion about God.
I think our confirmation program is good the way it is, it just needs the people to be more involved
I love that they are very open to me and that they don't see me as weird. Also they are funny and cheer me up
I like how they run the program and give us classes all together instead of being in seperate classes
It's quite helpful for us young people to become a better person and well prepared person in the future.
I want a quince
It feels different than last year
It feels weird not being in a class.
I think that they try to show us the way of God but our generation just gets so bored of it so than we don't pay as much attention when they're just talking
It needs a lot of work. I haven't learned much and I'm in 3rd year confirmation.
I feel like the adults or mentor should be more involved into their children ir students lives.
Yes! It got super boring. It used to be fun in the class rooms and it connected more to us as teens.
The confirmation program itself is a bit flawed when it comes to actual learning, since within my class we have not done any actual activity that involved truly understanding our faith
In regards to us learning more about our faith and it's correlation to philosphy, ethics/morals and science in general; I feel as if we should focus more on this to answer our ever so adapting and curious minds of our generation. A lack there of has shown to be a major disservice to our faith, by statistics showing a decline in a believer to nonbeliever ratio. All which could be fixed by answering our youths questions, to the best of our ability. We need our youth to know not only it's loving merciful side, but as well of its highfalutin and logical side.
More activities should be involved
Its super fun, because we do activities
We should be able to socialize more with are peers during classes
It's more hands-on, which is a good thing.

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I like my catechist but I do not like the activities we have to do. I come not learning much about God or myself
I think my confirmation program is great but it needs to be more involved with the community.
I want to be given opportunities to go out and help the community as a group, as well as read and analyze Bible scripture. Reading from the book and having discussions that go off topic is frustrating. I want to be engaged in my faith, and I do not feel fully engaged.
It opened my eyes to possibilities
I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world
I like my class and i feel like ive learned so much more
I have become a better person
Its making me a better person get closet to god.
Make it lit fam! #WDGT
I enjoy being par of this program
I feel comfortable and welcomed in the program
I like it a lot (2)
Make my faith in God become stronger
It is good
It is good and the teachers are very kind and good
It is interesting and I'm learning a lot
It is the best thing that has happened in my life!
It is very fun and life meaning
It is very informative and has made me a more religious person
it really helps
It was really meaningful
Its a good class (2)
I am happy to take part in it and it is bringing me closer to God :)
It has me feel a better connection with God and have a better understanding of what the lord has done for us. :)
It is a good class for youth so they can get closer to God
It is a good program (10)
I like it. It contains a lot of information about the religion and trys to teach us as much as they possibly can.
I believe it is preparing me to be Catholic forever
I have grown in my faith since my first year of confirmation
It has helped me through some difficult times over the years.
It is a great learning experience for me
It's a nice place and I feel comfortable to say anything.
My mentor inspires me to come and be excited about confirmation
They're my second family
This program has brought me closer to god
Will I be the same after the confirmation
I like my group
I'm very glad that I accepted to come to the program
I think it is going very well
It is a very good program and has guided me the right way to make correct decisions in life.
I hate it....
It's to long
Wish it was back to how it used to be.
I don't enjoy coming, I am not religious my parents make me come
I don't want to be here. My mom is making me come here
I think it can be bettter (2)
I feel awkward being the only one from a different school and being able to be friends with other

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it is interesting and there are cool people
It is great and is like a family to me
I really love my teachers and how they can connect with us
It is making me a better Catholic
It is fun when people are involved
i feel accepted and like I belong in the class
I really like the teacher I have
I love my Fam (class) we have a lot of fun together
I love it, it teaches me about my faith
I love it and I love being with all my friends connecting with God.
I like the interaction between the mentors and students
It is great and helps me figure out who I am.
I like it a lot better than what I thought
i hope i become a better person after
I have learned a lot and believe I am getting closer to God.
I believe it is better than previous years.
Having young catechist because they understand better
everyone is friendly and i love it here
I feel comfortable with them; and they make me feel like they are my second family
thank you for every catechist who take their time to teach us more about for and why did he chose us.
It is a welcoming place that involves everyone and encourages others to take part
It is a relatively good experience, however, it requires more rigor in regards to the material covered.
Is a great place to be in because we are praying and talking about God.
I would like to say that it is good we learn many things about God every Sunday
this year my mentor has been really good at helping me enjoy it and learn a whole lot more.
IT ight. My teacher needs to chill doe
It is more of a youth group thing rather than a catechism
It got boring
The catechist fails to understand parents and children. The catechist is very close-minded and is late with the parents. Church is not organized whatsoever
I feel that it focuses on making young people dependent on religion like will not live a full and happy life without it.
We are divided by class and when we are all together it feels like an unaccepting environment
Why do the students have a limited number of absences when the teachers don't?
It's a little too long for what it delivers. If they cut the program to only 1 year I feel it would be more encouraging for others in the east side community
In all honestly I love my church and am grateful to be apart of it but my catechist is hardly ever here and the girls that sub in don't express the type of praise towards the knowledge of God as much as I wish they would and the same thing happened last year my catechist never showed and I learned nothing and when I signed up for my confirmation I wanted to grow closer to god not feel secluded.
It's gr8 and they have snacks
We need food every morning
They have very good snacks for us
It's fun, interactive
I wish we could do community services hours again instead of these "projects".
I like how it is being taken and i would like it to be the same but still involve us into more community service
I like how it makes me active in my community
Its a great place
Its amazing (2)

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It's been a great experience
It's enlightening
It's fun and I enjoy it
Its fun I learn a lot and they have important information
its fun to come to every class
It's fun when we come to TACO
Just that I think it's great
Learning more important things that have to deal with church
my confirmation program is great i love it.
That its a nice program and i know it will help me do better
That it's going good
That's it's fun
The Lord provides.
They're pretty cool
They're really open minded and kind towards our beliefs
Very calm
Very informative about the Catholic Church
Very welcoming
My confirmation program is amazing. It has restored my faith and made me a better catholic
it is fun, and makes me feel welcomed
It is fun, I learn a lot
Definitely much more engaging, however lessons often try to convince students to taken upon strange actions.
I like the class
I like the people around me
I like the program, I have met some pretty cool people here.
I like the teachers because they are nice
I like this program and I can learn more
I love everybody in my class
I love my class, we're so connected
I love my confirmation program
I really like it (5)
I really like the program here .
Interacting
It is really good
I'm learning more then I did about god
I'm not sure
It could be better.
Let's hope for the best of it.
I don't believe in what everybody talks about.
I'm atheist and don't want to be here
At times it interferes with my schedule.
I don't have anything to say about my confirmation program