

## Our Introduction:

Hi students and families,  
We thought it would be a good idea to introduce ourselves to you since we've already gotten to know you and your families at this point during confirmation 1. Marla Noriega is your Catechist and Jenna

Ramirez is your Junior Catechist, here is a little bit about ourselves to get to know us!



Hi everyone! My name is Marla Noriega and I am 23 years old. I am currently pursuing an Education degree for elementary kids at UTEP and so far I love it! I am a HUGE Disney fan (no really, I am) and my favorite color is pink. A few of my pastimes are watching/listening to Hamilton, watching Grey's Anatomy or Friends, playing among us with my boyfriend, and painting or coloring. I grew up Catholic but my family became distant from church as time went on. I never went through youth confirmation classes. I got confirmed at St. Stephen June of 2018 after I graduated high school. I know, it sounds so weird right? But it's true. I got confirmed through the adult confirmation program at St. Stephen when I was 19. I then joined the choir with Ms. Debbie Montoya for the 5 o'clock mass on Saturdays and later became a catechist! A little after, I joined the youth retreat team, which you will go through next year. Since being an educator is what I'm most passionate about, I LOVE teaching confirmation. This will be my third year teaching! I hope you all enjoy this class, even if we can't be face to face. I wish you all nothing but the best for the rest of this class. God bless!!

Hi students, my name is Jenna Ramirez! A little bit about myself is I'm 21 years-old and I'm a student at UTEP studying in Mechanical Engineering. Aside from school, I really enjoy my free time cooking, taking walks with my dog, and lately I've been learning how to crochet. I love to eat chipotle, watch musicals, and listen to music. I grew up going to St. Stephen's my whole life so I've always considered it like a second home. After I got confirmed during high school, I was truly inspired by my own confirmation teachers to get involved and continue my faith by serving in the church. I shortly joined the choir with Ms. Montoya as well as the Retreat team for Confirmation 2 in which I absolutely enjoy doing both of these ministries. I was so thrilled to have the opportunity to help teach confirmation this year as I felt it was a calling from God to give students the same experience that I had and be a guidance in any way possible even though it's virtually online. I couldn't be more excited to be alongside Marla and be on this journey with you all! It really has been a blessing to do this, so thank you! Sending you all my best wishes and prayers this year!

It is a pleasure to teach you this year and our major goal is to always try our absolute best to make the most out of this experience for you under these circumstances of it being online. We want you to know that we are here for you and to help guide you on your confirmation journey! Thank you parents as well for supporting your kids throughout this confirmation class, we greatly appreciate it! We hope our lessons and assignments help you in any possible way towards your relationship with God and help your faith grow stronger. If there's anything you may need, please don't hesitate to reach out through email! Thank you so much and we truly look forward to hearing from you soon!

- Marla & Jenna