

"Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught- it is an invitation to a way of life"

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Dear Confirmation I Parents,

Welcome to the Queen of Saints Confirmation I Program. I am very excited about our curriculum, *Dynamic Catholic Decision Point* (<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation.html>), and sharing my faith with your child. Your role in helping your child prepare for Confirmation is indispensable. As parents you are your child's primary educators in the faith. This role began at your child's Baptism, and it continues throughout his or her adolescence and young adult life. This duty is one of the promises made by parents at their child's Baptism—to raise him or her in the Catholic faith. The Catechism calls the family "the domestic Church" because it is primarily within the family that your child will learn how to live the teachings of Jesus and the Church. A lack of strong parental direction can leave him or her aimless and vulnerable to the secular philosophies of the world. The two most important ways you can help form your child in the faith are to practice your faith and pray. Regardless of your faith practice up to this point, God is calling you now to a deeper relationship with him and the Church. Let your child know you are open to learning, sharing, and exploring more about your faith with them. Take this opportunity to sit with them, have a discussion, create a prayer place in your home, pray **with** them, pray **for** them.

To avoid extracurricular activity conflicts, the best time to hold classes are Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul, Newhall. This will allow for a light meal to build community during class. I would like the parent's help in picking at least one evening to provide the meal at 6:30. There are 9 students to plan for (I will provide water and lemonade.) You can pick the Sunday that works best for you by registering through Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48A8A828A3FE3-50825567-confirmation>. Parents are also invited to attend with their child. This will give you an opportunity to understand what your child is learning.

There are 12 sessions so most months will have two classes scheduled from September through April; but only one during November and December to allow more time to enjoy the holidays. Looking at the Benton calendar, this is the schedule I have come up with. Please check your calendars and let me know of any conflicts so we can make necessary changes or arrangements. Each class covers a different topic and they build on each other. It is imperative that your child attend each class, so they can get the most out of this curriculum and hopefully grow spiritually this year.

September 15 and 29
October 13 and 27
November 10
December 8

January 12 and 26
February 9 and 23
March 9 and 23
April 6 (make up day in the event of a cancellation)

Your child will need to be registered and payment received prior to attending the first class due to the Archdiocesan Consent & Liability Waiver form. Registration, the consent waiver, and the payment will be conducted online at <https://myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQC07/registration.php?who=student>. Questions about registration and payment can be directed to Jaci Chambers in the cluster office.

Here's off to a great year! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Together we can make this a rewarding experience for your child! I look forward to getting to know you and your child better!

God Bless!

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