



NOE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES –ST. PAUL, ST. JAMES, , ST. PHILIP

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM -
(KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8/CONFIRMATION I)
AND CONFIRMATION II

St. Paul's Parish office: 221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131
 Email Sr. Mary Margaret: srmm@stpaulsf.org; Tel: (415) 648-7540

May 22, 2025

Dear Parents,

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” (*Matthew 19:1*)

In response to Jesus’ words, we **welcome** all children in the Noe Valley Cluster of Catholic Parishes and Schools (St. Paul, St. Philip, St. James) to our Faith Formation Programs — (Kindergarten through Grade 8) and Confirmation!

We recognize the importance of Catholic faith, morals, and virtues in the lives of children, and we are committed to passing on the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church to help them incorporate these values into their daily lives. Our mission is to accompany your child and your family on **your faith journey** through participation in **Faith Formation classes and weekly Eucharistic Liturgy**.

Faith Formation Programs:

- **Parish Faith Formation (Kindergarten – Grade 8/Confirmation I)**
 Students—whether they attend public, private, or charter schools—who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, grow in their relationship with God, and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and Eucharist are invited to register for the Parish Faith Formation Program. The program offers **weekly Faith Formation classes on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Paul’s school building**
- **Noe Valley Catholic Churches - Confirmation II**
 Students who have completed 8th grade at St. Paul’s, or are currently in 8th grade at St. Philip’s School or St. James School, are invited to register for Confirmation Year II. The sessions meet **twice a month on Mondays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Paul’s Church**.
- **Sacramental Preparation Class (Kindergarten – Grade 8/Confirmation I)**
 If your child, aged 7 or older, is registered in the Parish Faith Formation or enrolled in a Catholic school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, or if your child is in Grade 3 or above and would like to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, he or she must attend the Sacramental Preparation Class once a month before receiving the Sacrament(s). These classes take place during the regular Faith Formation sessions **on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Paul’s school building**.

Reception of each Sacrament — Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation — requires **two years of formation**:

- **Grade 2:** Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Grade 3:** Reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist
- **Grade 8/High School:** Confirmation Year I – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- **Grade 8/High School:** Confirmation Year II – Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Open Registration:

To register your child(ren) in the Parish Faith Formation Programs (Kindergarten–Grade 8 / Confirmation I) or Confirmation II, please submit the registration forms to St. Paul's Parish Office (221 Valley Street, SF), Monday–Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or on one of the following weekends:

- **August 16, 2025:** 3:00–4:30 PM and 5:30–6:00 PM, St. Paul's Parish Center
- **August 17, 2025:** 9:00–11:30 AM, St. Paul's Parish Center
- **August 23, 2025:** 3:00–4:30 PM and 5:30–6:00 PM, St. Paul's Parish Center
- **August 24, 2025:** 9:00–11:30 AM, St. Paul's Parish Center

The deadline to submit registration forms is **August 29, 2025**.

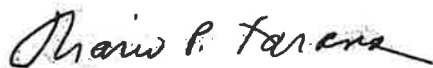
Registration Fees:

- **Kindergarten through Grade 8/Confirmation I:** \$60.00 per child — includes textbooks, supplies, and social events
- **First Eucharist:** Additional \$60.00 — covers retreat, gifts, and 1st Eucharist photos
- **Confirmation II:** \$130.00 per child — includes textbooks, supplies, retreat, and gifts

The Church reminds us that *“parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2223). We encourage you to enroll your child(ren) in the Faith Formation Program, where they can grow in the virtues of faith, hope, and love. We also strongly encourage your family to participate in the **weekly Eucharistic Liturgy**, so that you and your child(ren) may be nourished by God's love and united with Him — in this life and in the life to come. As Blessed Carlo Acutis said, *“The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.”*

May God bless and embrace your family in His loving care.

In Christ's love,



Fr. Mario Farana
Pastor, St. Paul's Church



Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC
Director of Religious Education

CONFIRMATION II PROGRAM

Students who have completed 8th grade at St. Paul's, or are currently in 8th grade at St. Philip's School or St. James School are invited to register for Confirmation II Program.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empowers us to be witnesses to Christ.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church #1285.)

Role of the Confirmation Candidate

The candidate is to discern whether he or she wishes to be confirmed in the Catholic faith. The candidate is expected to bring a positive attitude and an active and critical mind to the process. He or she is encouraged to ask questions, discuss faith with their sponsor, and prayerfully consider whether they are called to discipleship.

Expectations of the Candidate:

1. Attend all sessions and complete all entries in the candidate's book.
2. Attend weekly Mass.
3. Commit to consistent personal prayer throughout the journey.
4. Engage in parish/community service.
5. Participate in the Confirmation retreat.

Role of the Family

The role of the family is to support the Confirmation process by sharing faith with the candidate, assisting in finding and completing Acts of Justice (service projects), and supporting the candidate's discernment.

Expectations of the parent:

1. Models the commitment to personal prayer, community worship, and ministry expected of a mature Christian.
2. Assumes responsibility for assisting the candidate in meeting attendance and service requirements.
3. Agrees to help the candidate understand the experience of the journey—entering into dialogue, praying for and with the candidate, and sharing their personal faith story.

Role of the Confirmation Sponsor

A sponsor journeys with the candidate, offers a guidance, support, prayer, listening, and affirmation throughout the journey of the candidate. The sponsor should also commit to maintaining a relationship with the candidate **after** the sacrament, helping them live out their mission as a fully initiated Catholic. **The Sponsor's role includes:**

- Attending required sessions as part of the Confirmation program
- Maintaining ongoing contact and building a relationship with the candidate
- Attending the Rite of Confirmation

The sponsor should be:

- A baptized Catholic in good standing
- Fully initiated (has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- At least 16 years of age
- Either male or female
- Sufficiently mature to fulfill their responsibilities
- A person who witnesses to the Catholic faith through their discipleship in word and action
- Willing to journey with the candidate throughout the Confirmation process

Meetings and Expectations for Parents, Sponsors, and Candidates

- Candidate attends all Confirmation sessions
- Candidate attends weekly Mass
- Parent and candidate attend the **Orientation on September 22, 2025, from 6:30–7:30 PM at St. Paul's Church**
- Sponsor and candidate attend **Mass and Meeting on February 1, 2026: 9:15 AM Mass** followed by the meeting at **St. Paul's Church**
- Candidate attends the **mandatory retreat on February 21, 2026, from 9:00 AM–6:00 PM at St. Paul's Church**
- Candidate receives the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during the retreat
- Candidate completes **10 hours of service** (community or parish related)
- Candidate chooses a **Confirmation Saint Name**

SACRAMENTS:

If your child(ren) is 7 years or older and has not been baptized, or if they are in grade 3 or above and have not received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, please inform the teacher, catechist, or Sr. Mary Margaret so they can begin Sacramental preparation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC; Email: srmm@stpaulsf.org

Office number: 415-648-7540 or Mobile number: 925-389-3177



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CONFIRMATION II - REGISTRATION 2025 -2026

The Church your family attends: St. Paul __ St. Philip__ St. James __ Other: _____

STUDENT’S INFORMATION

Student’s Name: _____

Last
First
Middle

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male__ Female__ School: _____ Grade in Fall 2025: _____

Home Address: _____

Family’s preferred Email: _____

Sponsor’s Full Name: _____

Sponsor’s Address: _____

SACRAMENTS:

Attach a copy of Baptismal & 1st Eucharist Certificate if sacraments were not received at St.Paul’s

Date	Place
Month/date/year	Name of Church, City, and State
Baptism: _____	_____
First Reconciliation: _____	_____
First Eucharist: _____	_____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father’s Last name: _____ Father’s First name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Religion: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____	Mother’s Maiden Name: _____ Mother’s First: _____ Middle Name: _____ Religion: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____
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Parent’s Marital Status (Please check one): () Married () Divorced () Widowed () Single

This section is to be completed by the Religious Education Office only. Thank you.

Student’s Name: _____ Confirmation Name _____

Baptism Verified _____ 1st Communion Verified _____

Letter: __ Retreat: __ Saint Report: __ Service Hours: __ Age at Confirmation: _____

Confirmed by _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND HEALTH AUTHORIZATION (Please sign and return)

I agree, to the extent permitted by law, that if my child is injured as a result of participating in the activity, including transportation to and from the activity, whether or not caused by the negligence (active or passive) of the parish, school, or any of its agents or employees, any hospital, medical, or related costs and expenses will first be covered by any accident, hospital, or medical insurance, or other benefits available to me or my spouse.

In the event we cannot be reached in an emergency, I/we hereby give permission for the Principal/Catechist/Adult leader to authorize by his/her signature whatever medical treatment may be considered necessary by the attending physician for my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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If I cannot be reached in case of emergency please contact: Person to be contacted for emergencies during Religious Education time; please provide 2 names, (not parents of child):

1. Name: _____
Telephone: _____ Relationship: _____
2. Name: _____
Telephone: _____ Relationship: _____

Does your child have any medical problems or is allergic to anything?

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ **Date:** _____

PHOTO VIDEO RELEASE (Please Sign and Return)

Parish Faith Formation Program (Kindergarten - Grade 8/Confirmation I) and Confirmation II would like your permission to us photographs/video taken during class time, field trips, special events and celebrations for publicity and communication purposes. Such uses include website, parish bulletin, brochures, and other types of printed materials. There will be no identifying information (name, age, etc.) about the minor accompanying the photograph or video on the website or other printed material.

_____ Yes, I give my permission for photos/videos of my student to be used in the Noe Valley Cluster of Catholic Churches' communications. Yes, you may.

_____ No, I request that there be no use of any photos/videos of my student in the Noe Valley cluster of Catholic Churches' communications. You may not use my child's picture in any photos or videos.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ **Date:** _____

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Confirmation II Sessions: Monday, 6:30 PM - 8:00PM, St. Paul's Church 2025-2026 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 2025

		CATECHETICAL SUNDAY	Teachers and catechists attend the 9:15AM Mass at St. Paul's Church for blessing and commissioning followed by a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Men of St. Paul's
Sunday	9/21/25		
Monday	9/22/25	Confirmation Parent & Candidates Orientation	6:30PM - 7:30 PM, St. Paul's Church

OCTOBER, 2025

Monday	10/13/25	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	10/27/25	Confirmation Year II	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER, 2025

Monday	11/10/25	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	11/24/25	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM

DECEMBER, 2025

Monday	12/1/25	Confirmation Year II	
Monday	12/15/25	Virtus Curriculum for St. Paul's candidates only	6:30PM - 7:30 PM
Thursday	12/25/25	Christmas	Family attends Mass

JANUARY, 2026

Monday	1/12/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	1/26/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY, 2026

Sunday	2/1/26	Parents/Sponsors, Candidates Mass & Meeting	Attend 9:15AM Mass & Meeting followed in Church
Monday	2/9/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	2/18/26	Ash Wednesday	Family attends Mass/Service
Saturday	2/21/26	Confirmation Retreat	9 AM - 6 PM, St. Paul's Church
Monday	2/23/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM

MARCH, 2026

Monday	3/9/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	3/23/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

APRIL, 2026

Sunday	4/5/26	Easter	Family attends Mass
Monday	4/20/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	4/27/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM

MAY, 2026

Monday	5/4/26	Confirmation Year II	6:30PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	5/11/26	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	6:30PM, ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Saturday	5/16/26	CONFIRMATION LITURGY	4:30PM, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

updated 6/30/25