

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

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#### 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

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Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC Director of Religious Education

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#### K-GRADE 8/CONFIRMATION I - 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		
Name of School attending:	Grad	e in Fall 2025:
Home Address:	City:	Zip:
Home Phone #:		
Please provide a copy of Baptismal certificate Baptism date (Month/date/year): Baptism place: Name of Church:		
City, State:		
FAMILY INFORMATION Child lives with: Both Parents Fath Foster Parent Other		_
Father's Information:	Mother's Information	on:
Last name:	_   Maiden Name:	
First:	First:	
Middle:	Middle:	
Religion:	Religion:	
Cell #:	Cell #:	
Email:	Email:	
Registration Fee: \$60/child Paid: check #	, amount:	; Cash amount:

#### 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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	<u>'emergency please contact:</u> Person to be contacted for emergencies during e provide 2 names, (not parents of child):
1. Name:	
Telephone:	Relationship:
2. Name:	
Telephone:	Relationship:
Does your child have any medic	al problems or is allergic to anything?
	Date:
SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _	Date:
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РНОТ	O VIDEO RELEASE (Please Sign and Return)
your permission to us photograph for publicity and communication types of printed materials. There	(Kindergarten - Grade 8/Confirmation I) and Confirmation II would like obs/video taken during class time, field trips, special events and celebrations in purposes. Such uses include website, parish bulletin, brochures, and other e will be no identifying information (name, age, etc.) about the minor or video on the website or other printed material.
	ion for photos/videos of my student to be used in the Noe Valley Cluster of tions. Yes, you may.
	be no use of any photos/videos of my student in the Noe Valley cluster of tions. You may not use my child's picture in any photos or videos.
SIGNATURE OF PARENT:	Date:

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#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - REGISTRATION 2025-2026

The Church your family attends: St. Paul _	_ St. Philip St. James _	Other:
Student is registered for the Sacrament(s) of	f: Baptism 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconcilia	tion 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
STUDENT'S INFORMATION		
Student's Name:		
Last	First	Middle
Date of Birth (M/D/Y):	Place of Birth:	
Gender: Male Female		
Name of School attending:	Grade	in Fall 2025:
Home Address:		
Home Phone #:		
SACRAMENT:		
Please provide a copy of Baptismal Certific	cate if sacrament was not re	ceived at St.Paul's Churc
Baptism date (Month/date/year):		
Baptism place: Name of Church		
FAMILY INFORMATION		
Child lives with: Both Parents Father	Mother Grandpa	rent Guardian
Foster Parent Other	Please specify relationship	
Father's Information:	Mother's Information	on:
Last name:	Maiden Name:	
First name:	Tr' 4	
Middle name:		
Religion:		
Cell #:	Cell #:	
Email:	Email:	
First Eucharist Fee: \$60/child Paid: che	eck #amount:	cash amount:

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K-8/Confirmation I classes: Saturday, 9:30AM-11:00AM, St. Paul's School 2025-2026 CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER, 2025

Saturday	9/20/25	Parents Metting 9:30AM-10:30AM, St. Paul's Meeting Rm	
Sunday	9/21/25	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
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Saturday	9/27/25	First Day of Faith Formation	9:30AM-11AM in St. Paul's School

#### OCTOBER, 2025

Saturday	10/4/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	10/11/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	10/18/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class
Saturday	10/25/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	-

#### NOVEMBER, 2025

Saturday		Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
G . 1	11/0/07	No FF Classes - Faith Formation Conference	Catechists attend conference at St.
Saturday	11/8/25		Matthew's
Thursday	11/13/25	1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting,	6PM, St. Paul's Parish Center
Saturday	11/15/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class
Saturday	11/22/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	11/29/25	No FF Classes - Thanksgiving Holiday	

#### DECEMBER, 2025

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Saturday	12/6/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
			Sacramental Prep Class
		Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Christmas Pageant sign-up.
Saturday	12/13/25		11AM-12:15PM, in St. Paul's Church
			Christmas Pageant Practice
Saturday	12/20/25	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	9:30AM-11AM in Church
Wednesday	12/24/25	Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30PM	Family attends Mass
Saturday	12/27/25	No FF Classes - Christmas Holiday	

### JANUARY, 2026

Thursday	1/1/26	New Year - Solemnity of Mother of God	Family attends Mass
Saturday	1/3/26	No FF Classes - New Year Holiday	
Saturday	1/10/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	1/17/26	No FF classes - Martin Luther King Jr.'s	
Saturday	1/24/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	1/24/26	Baptism Preparation Class for Parents	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Parish Rector
Saturday	1/31/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class

### FEBRUARY, 2026

Saturday	2/7/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	-
Thursday	2/12/26	1st Eucharist Parents Meeting	6PM, St. Paul's Parish Center
Saturday	2/14/26	No FF Class - President's Day	2/17 - President's Day
Wednesday	2/18/26	Ash Wednesday	Family attends Mass/Service
Saturday	2/21/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	2/28/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class

## **MARCH, 2026**

		Baptism for children in Faith Formation	
Sunday	3/1/26	Programs	11 AM in St. Paul's Church
Saturday	3/7/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	3/14/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	3/21/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class
		Sacrament of First Reconciliation	6PM, in St. Paul's Church
Thursday	3.26/26	(Parish and School)	or Wi, in St. Faul's Church
Saturday	3/28/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Sunday	3/29/26	Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins	Family attends Mass

## **APRIL**, 2026

Saturday	4/4/26	NO Faith Formation	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Sunday	4/5/26	Easter Sunday	Family attends Mass
Saturday	4/11/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	Sacramental Prep Class
Saturday	4/18/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	1st Eucharist Rehearsal, in Church
Saturday	4/25/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	1st Eucharist Rehearsal, in Church.

## MAY, 2026

Saturday	5/2/26	Faith Formation classes 9:30AM-11AM	
Saturday	5/2/26	FIRST EUCHARIST LITURGY	1PM, ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Saturday	5/9/26	Last Day of Faith Formation - May Crowning - Awards and Celebration	

## NOE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES – ST. PAUL, ST. PHILIP, ST JAMES FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS (K-G8/CONFIRMATION I) & CONFIRMATION II

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### PARISH FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten - Grade 8/Confirmation year 1)

Children who attend public, private, or charter schools are welcome to register for this program.

Parish Faith formation (K- Grade 8/Confirmation I) classes are held weekly on Saturdays from 9:30 A.M - 11:00 A.M, in St. Paul's School.

#### Parents Meeting (K – Grade 8/Confirmation I)

Parents who have children in parish faith formation program (K-8/Confirmation I) need to attend this mandatory meeting.

• September 20, 2025: 9:30AM-10:30AM, in St. Paul's meeting room under the Church

#### First Day of Classes (K – Grade 8/Confirmation I):

September 27, 2025, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, St. Paul's school

#### NOE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES – 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 welcome to register for the Confirmation II program.

Confirmation Year II classes are held twice a month on Mondays from 6:30 PM - 8 PM, in St. Paul's Church and meeting room under the church.

• First day of Confirmation II: October 13, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, St. Paul's Church

#### **MANDATORY SACRAMENTAL PREP PARENTS MEETING:**

Parents whose children are enrolled in First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation Year II classes—either in the Parish Faith Formation Program or at Noe Valley Catholic Schools—are required to attend these important meetings.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parents Meeting Noe Valley Cluster Parishes and Schools Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 6PM 7PM, in St. Paul's Parish Center
- 1st Eucharist Parents Meeting Noe Valley Cluster Parishes and Schools Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 6 PM 7 PM, in St. Paul's Parish Center
- Confirmation Year II Parents & Candidates Orientation Noe Valley Cluster Parishes and Schools: Monday, September 22, 2025, 6:30 PM 8:00 PM in St. Paul's Church

If your child(ren), aged 7 or older, is not baptized or, if in grade 3 or above, has not received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, please inform the teacher or catechist, or Sr. Mary Margaret.

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