

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation Confirmation Program Overview

While preparation for Confirmation began in the middle school levels of Faith Formation, Level 9 is the last phase of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechesis will occur once a month on assigned Thursday evenings.

2023-24 L9 Onsite Classes

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the large church on the following dates:

10/19/23, 11/09/23, 12/07/23, 1/11/24, 2/8/24 & 3/14/24

Important Dates TBD (will be announced in January 2024): Confirmation Retreat, Confirmation Rehearsal and Ceremony, Reconciliation for L9 Students.

Onsite Classes - Students are required to bring to classes the Student Bible they received in Level 6. They will be provided with loose leaf paper and all supplies for classwork purposes. Lesson plans were written by the Director of Faith Formation using objectives, vocabulary and concepts from the texts of several Catholic catechesis publications. The lessons have been reviewed by our Pastor, and are edited and updated by members of our Catechetical Board. Lessons include crafts and activities that reinforce concepts, short videos and music.

Family Mass- Mass attendance is a requirement of all students in Faith Formation. Candidates are required to complete Mass reflections between October and March. Mass Reflection Forms will be available at the first onsite class, and available to print out in the Level 9 Google Classroom.

When does the Level 9 Confirmation Program Year officially begin?

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be formally enrolled in the program at a **Confirmation Enrollment Mass on October 1st at 11 a.m. in the Large Church.** During this Mass, the names of all students enrolled in Level 9 will be announced and they will be asked to stand. **Students will hand in their Enrollment Pledge form and Candidate Information Form at this Mass.** We will pray for all our Confirmation students during the Mass. **Sponsors are required to be present at this Mass. Sponsor Testimony Forms will be collected at this Mass.**

Candidates are required to attend, with their parents, the events of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. Emphasis will be placed on stewardship and service and most importantly on participating in the Sunday Liturgy. Students in Level 9 complete all Sacrament forms and projects within a Level 9 Google Classroom.

How do I get the Level 9 Google Classroom code?

Currently the Level 9 Google Classroom site is being updated for the 2023-24 program year, and that is why a new code is not yet available. ***The code to access L9 Google Classroom will be shared via a Remind message to registered parents before the start of classes.***

Sacrament of Reconciliation: In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Level 9 students will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, 2024. A date will be

set in early 2024, and families will be notified of that date via the Remind App and the Stream Page of Level 9 Google Classroom.

Sacrament of Confirmation- Students will be preparing to receive Confirmation shortly after the Easter holiday on a date determined by the Bishop's Office. **The date for this sacrament will not be available until the beginning of 2024.** As soon as the date is available, parents will be notified via Remind, and students will be given dates through their teachers. The information will also be posted on the Stream Page in Level 9 Google Classroom.

Level 9 Google Classroom Participation- All students enrolled in Level 9, regardless of whether they attend onsite, digitally or if they attend Catholic School, must join Level 9 Google Classroom. This is because all the Sacrament-related forms and projects are in Google Classroom. The two essential forms are the **Confirmation Information Form** and the **Sponsor Testimony Form**. The three essential projects are the **Confirmation Service Project**, the **Sponsor Reflection** and the **Saint Name Reflection**. There are many examples of these projects contained within videos of previous years' classes posted on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Previous Confirmation Class videos will be posted in the Level 9 Google Classroom this fall in order for students to have access to a model of past project examples.

Home Study- There are instances where a student cannot attend onsite classes, and the parent chooses to work at home digitally with him/her. While this is not an ideal situation, students can make up missed sessions in Google Classroom by completing the monthly Session that they missed in person.

Confirmation Retreat- We have an amazing Confirmation Retreat planned with speakers/presenters of Sweethearts&Heroes.com. The Confirmation retreat is required for all students in the Level 9 program, and the date/time will be announced once it is finalized by the presenters, who are traveling to us from out-of-state. There is no additional retreat fee, it is built into your Confirmation registration fee. The retreat lasts about 90 minutes. Sponsors are invited, but not required to attend.

Absences- Occasionally students miss a class. *There are only 6 Sessions, so please make every effort to prioritize these meetings.* In the event of illness, a digital companion Session for that month can be accessed within the Level 9 Google Classroom.

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If you haven't already done so, please join Level 9 Remind by texting **@h839kk** to **81010**.

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