

## Expectations for Completion of Faith Formation Levels 1-10:

In the best interest of our students, we created the following expectations. This is simply to ensure that students who complete any level of our program are given the best formation we can provide.

**Remember that Faith Formation sessions are only a part of your child(ren)'s upbringing in our faith. Attendance at weekend Mass, prayer in the home, service to parish and community, and participation in adult faith formation are some other ways to enrich your family's faith life.**

### Attendance:

We only meet a select number of times throughout the year. In order for a student to truly understand the material, and grow spiritually, we need them present for as many of the class times as possible. Frequent absences in one level make the subsequent levels more difficult for your daughter(s)/son(s). Therefore, the following policy is in place to ensure meaningful participation:

#### **Elementary:**

All students are expected to miss no more than 5 sessions per year and to **be present for the entire class**. (We have **24 sessions** scheduled.)

#### **Jr/Sr High:**

All students are expected to miss no more than 3 sessions per year and to **be present for the entire class**. (We have **17 sessions** scheduled.)

### Sacraments:

All sacraments require special preparation in order for the student to be fully prepared and understand what they are celebrating. Additional expectations outside of regular class times are considered essential for every student to celebrate a sacrament here at St. Vincent de Paul.

#### **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Program:**

Parent sessions and completion of the sacrament books are required in order to properly prepare for these sacraments. Prior Level 1 Faith Formation is required. Child ***must be 7-years old or older*** and ***must be enrolled*** and attend St. Vincent's Faith Formation Program (includes homeschoolers) or a Catholic School. Students should attend weekly Sunday Eucharist with their families. Attending Reconciliation practice is required. Attending the Parent/Child First Communion Retreat and practice is also required. **Enrollment for Reconciliation is in October.**

**Enrollment for Eucharist is in January.**

#### **Confirmation:**

All students attending a Catholic High School are also required to participate in the level 9 and level 10 Faith Formation classes.

**Retreats:** All level 9 students are required to attend a day retreat here at St. Vincent de Paul. All level 10 students must attend a weekend Confirmation retreat, which prepares them for celebrating this sacrament. A separate retreat fee will be charged.

**Confirmation Interviews:** All level 10 students must complete a Confirmation interview.

**Confirmation Test:** All level 10 students must pass a Confirmation Test.

### **Jr/Sr High Service Projects:**

All students in the Jr./Sr. High program are required to complete service projects with their class that are planned and scheduled by the Faith Formation Department. The students in levels 7 and 8 are required to do one per year, while the students in levels 9 and 10 are required to complete two per year.