

9th & 10th Grade Religious Education & Confirmation Preparation (2008 – 2009)

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish offers a Religious Education (R.E.) and Confirmation Preparation Program during the 9th and 10th grade years of High School with the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place during the Sophomore year. We, in the Religious Education Office with the support of our Pastor, feel strongly that faith formation and on-going religious learning needs to be part of the lives of all Catholics – particularly in the lives of our 9th & 10th grade adolescent youth. Please disregard any rumors to the effect of Confirmation going to an earlier grade.

Overview of 9th Grade R.E. & Confirmation Program

Topical Focuses: Apologetics (Hell/Purgatory, Respecting Life, Suffering, Poverty, etc.)
Morality
Sacrament of Confirmation Catechesis

Meeting Pattern: Classes will typically meet twice a month: once in their Facilitator's home and once at the Church for Confirmation Large Group. In addition there will be periodic Service Ministry experiences, a Retreat, and Special Events.

Ministry Connection: Rather than "Service Hours" students will be asked to explore the ministries and outreach efforts of our parish. The goal of Ministry Connection is for students to form a lasting connection to a ministry/outreach of our parish.

Overview of the 10th Grade R.E. & Confirmation Program

**Please Note: We have requested a Mid-year Confirmation for 10th grade students, which will likely take place in either the month of December '08 or January '09 (determined by the Bishop – we'll let you know).

Topical Focuses: Scripture Study
Ministry: How Will You Serve?
Sacrament of Confirmation Catechesis

Meeting Pattern: Although we will have mid-year Confirmation, our R.E. program will continue for the whole school year. During the First Semester, classes will meet 3 times in September, 3 times in October, 2 times in November (Harvest Sundays), meeting frequency in December & January is t.b.a. During the Second Semester, students will be asked to meet twice a month: once in the Facilitator's home and once at one of the formational offerings at the Church.

Ministry Connection: See above description

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WE NEED ADULT AND TEEN (11TH & 12TH GRADE) VOLUNTEERS!

Name of volunteer: _____

- 1) I am interested in Facilitating a Confirmation Class Yes No (please circle)
- 2) I am interested in helping with a monthly Service opportunity with teens Yes No (please circle)
- 3) I am willing to teach/mentor a student to perform the duties of an on-going parish ministry or outreach in
which I currently serve Yes No (please circle) Name of this Ministry: _____

Please return this slip to the R.E. Office at your earliest convenience!