

High School Faith Formation Program Description 2011-2012

This is how our high school program will work:

(Read carefully. Refer to the sign-up sheet on the back as you read through the following.)

- High school students need to take 4 core courses and 2 elective courses (total of 6 courses) plus attend 2 retreats (1 in each grade), a community service experience, and all large group events before they can enroll in the Confirmation Program their junior year of high school. Sophomores new to the program need to complete 2 core courses, 1 elective, 1 retreat, 1 service project, and all large group gatherings prior to junior year. Notre Dame students do not need to do this program for Confirmation.
- **Students should take 3 courses in their freshman year and 3 courses in their sophomore year to avoid cramming. Only 1 course can be taken in the summer if the summer option is desired.**
- Courses are offered during the school year in 4 blocks and 1 block in the summer.
- Some required courses are offered at a basic high school level and an advanced high school level. Read the course descriptions wisely to make good decisions. Please ask if you have questions.
- Each course runs for 5 weeks during the school year. The format for summer courses will be slightly different.
- High school students may not be attending class in every block, but they still **must attend the large group events throughout the school year, sign up for a community service experience, and attend a retreat. Large Group Events are:** (9/14, 10/12, 11/2, 2/22 (Ash Wednesday), 3/7 (Reconciliation).
- Space is limited in each course to 12 students. Once the course is filled, it is no longer an option. **It is encouraged that students come with parents to register, so students are a part of the decision of when they have class and what courses they take.** Please have your courses planned out before you come with second choices in case certain classes are full when you come. Keep in mind your school year activities and calendars.
- **Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend all course sessions. Students are excused only for sickness, funerals, or emergencies. If more than one class is missed students will not get credit for it. **Each session in every summer course must be attended.** Sign up for classes that are going to work for your family.
- Along with the Large Group Events, **students need to attend the high school retreat.** There are two options to choose from: **Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, February 26. The retreat will start with 10am Mass and go until 3pm.** Lunch will be provided. You will be asked to bring a snack. There will be a sign-up sheet for which retreat your son/daughter is able to attend at registration. Space is limited for each retreat. Mark which retreat is preferred on the sign-up sheet before coming to register.
- There are several community service options. Students need to sign-up for one. The projects range in type, dates, and times. Please look over this information online at <http://www.sjbh.org/HighSchool.html> and have a first and second choice chosen before coming to register if possible. Write your choices on the sign-up sheet.

Turn over for Sign-up Sheet