

Confirmation Registration Guide

If your child will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please use the guide below to determine which section applies to your family.

Which section applies to my child?

Section 1 – New Confirmation Students

- Your child is beginning Confirmation preparation at St. Rita for the first time this year.
- Please read **Section 1: New Confirmation Students** below.

Section 2 – Returning Confirmation Students

- Your child began Confirmation preparation at St. Rita during 2025/2026 and is continuing during 2026/2027.
- Please read **Section 2: Returning Confirmation Students** below.

A flow chart illustrating each possible sacramental preparation pathway is included.

Section 1 – New Confirmation Students

During registration in August, Father Keith, Deacon Brad, or Callie Nowlin will meet with each student to determine the most appropriate preparation track.

Students will be placed into **one** of the following:

OCIA Adapted for Teens

Students who still need the Sacraments of Initiation and/or are not actively participating in the Catholic faith will prepare for the sacraments through OCIA, adapted for Teens. These sacraments are ordinarily celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Students are also encouraged to participate in Youth Group throughout the year to continue growing in faith alongside their peers.

Intensive Confirmation Preparation + Youth Group

Students who are seeking Confirmation and are actively practicing the Catholic faith will participate in Youth Group throughout the year as their regular religious education. They will also attend a short intensive Confirmation preparation course in the Spring.

Please note:

- These students are referred to as **Intensive Confirmation Prep Students** from now on.
- Youth Group replaces weekly Religious Education classes until the intensive preparation begins.
- Because the intensive course is brief, **missing one class** requires a meeting with Father before continuing in the program.
- Please also see the Attendance Policy in the **St. Rita Religious Education Handbook**.

Section 2 – Returning Confirmation Students

Students continuing their second year of Confirmation preparation at St. Rita will:

- Attend regular Confirmation II classes.
- Follow the standard Religious Education attendance policy as seen in the **St. Rita Religious Education Handbook**.
- Not be required to complete service hours, spiritual hours, homework, letters, or reports this year. However, service opportunities will continue to be offered.
- Be welcomed and encouraged to participate in Youth Group throughout the year.

