

Confirmation Program Attendance Policy

2025-2026

Please make Confirmation preparation a priority. Reach out for help in juggling priorities as needed.

Don't apologize for physical and mental health needs.

Mass – All Candidates

- **Regular worship at Mass is the most valuable way to prepare** to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Please attend Mass as often as your health allows.

Catechetical Sessions

- *Traditional Candidates: Weekly Gathering*
 - Please commit to one regular session. If it is impossible to attend your regular session, candidates are welcome attend the other session.
 - Parents/guardians, please notify Anne **via email only by 9am Sunday** if your teen will be attending the other session. (Please do not call or text regarding absences.) **OR please contact Anne for a makeup assignment.**
 - Everyone gets **two free absences**: no need to switch sessions or complete a make-up. Use the Christ is Calling card to track these for your records.
- *Traditional Candidates: Youth Group*
 - Candidates should attend one Youth Group event a month.
 - Candidates should complete weekly home sessions (not due the week of Youth Group).
 - Everyone gets **two free absences** (preferably for home sessions). Use the Christ is Calling card to track these for your records.
- *Catholic School Candidates*: Your catechetical content is addressed at school. Their attendance policies apply.

Retreats

- *All Candidates*: Participation in one retreat each year is a requirement. If you are unable to attend the retreat offered for your year at St. Rita Church, **you may attend any Confirmation retreat** for your year at another Catholic church in the Diocese of Rochester.

Drop-Off + Pickup Procedures

Weekly Gathering Drop-Off

Traditional Candidates

- **Use entrances 4+13** on Sundays (the school doors nearest the barn, and between the gym and the school main entrance). **Use the barn** on Mondays.
- **ADULTS, PLEASE ENTER THE BUILDING WITH YOUR CANDIDATE**
- Adults at sign in:
 - Find your teen's name.
 - Print and sign your name.
 - Indicate who will be picking up.
- Candidates at sign in:
 - Bring your *Catholic Youth Bible* and *Catholic Faith Handbook* in with you.
 - Take and wear your name tag.
 - Go directly to your small group's room.

Weekly Gathering Pickup

Traditional Candidates

- **Use entrances 4+13.**
- Adults, sign your teen out on the sign in / sign out sheet.
- After you have signed your teen out, please go to their small group location to pick them up.
- Teens whose small group meets in the barn will gather in the gym at pickup for security.

Retreat Drop-off + Pickup

All Candidates

- Please read retreat emails carefully for drop-off and pickup procedures.
- An adult will be required to enter the building and sign your teen in and out of the retreat.