

**ST. RITA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
CONFIRMATION 2019-2020
PROGRAM INFORMATION**

This two-year preparation program is designed to “challenge every part of the candidate to grow. Candidates will learn (head), experience (heart), and serve (hands).” - Diocese of Rochester Parent Guide

All Confirmation Candidates

May begin preparation in Grade 8 or above.

Receive 25 hours of catechesis (faith exploration and learning) each year.

Reflect on the Christian nature of serving others.

Participate in a 5-hour retreat each year.

Attend 1-2 sessions at St. Rita with a parent/guardian or sponsor each year.

Complete Immediate Preparation events at St. Rita in the last month prior to celebrating Confirmation.

Traditional Preparation

- ◇ Open to everyone in Grade 8 or above.
- ◇ Gathers at St. Rita every other week for two-hour sessions from September through mid-May.
- ◇ Includes service opportunities and all requirements listed above.

Traditional Session Options

Candidates commit to one regular session, but may attend the other in the event of an unavoidable conflict. Options include:

- ◇ Every other Sunday, 11:45AM-1:45PM
- ◇ Every other Monday, 6:15PM--8:15PM



Catholic School Preparation

- ◇ Open to all Catholic school students in Grade 8 or above.
- ◇ Catechesis takes place at school. Candidates do not attend regular sessions at St. Rita.
- ◇ Service is completed per Catholic school requirements. Candidates are welcome to attend any Traditional Preparation service events.
- ◇ All other requirements listed above are fulfilled at St. Rita alongside the Traditional Preparation candidates.

Home Study Preparation

- ◇ Reserved for children who face a significant barrier to participation in a group setting, and current Year 2 Home Study candidates.
- ◇ Contact Anne Thomas for to discuss how St. Rita can best accommodate your child's needs.

To find out more, contact Anne Thomas at (585) 671-2079 or anne.thomas@dor.org.