

Youth Confirmation FAQ

1. How can I register for the Youth Confirmation program?

You can complete the registration form online at www.stjohnxxiii.net, or if you prefer to fill out the registration form in person, you may wait until the new coordinator begins employment to see when the next registration date will be.

2. How old does a student need to be in order to register for the Youth Confirmation program?

*To be part of the Youth Confirmation program, a student must be 14 years old as of March 31, 2021. Students who have turned 14 **after** March 31, 2021 are not eligible for the program this year. The diocesan requirement states that students must be at least 16 years old by March 31 of the year of Confirmation, so students who have turned 14 after the cut-off date this year are too young to begin Confirmation classes.*

3. What documents do I need in order to register?

To register, you need 1) the registration form, 2) the child's Baptism Certificate, 3) the child's First Communion Certificate if applicable, and 4) the tuition payment, which can be paid by cash or check.

4. What if I need to request a new copy of a certificate? Can I still register?

Yes, you can still register! You will need to call the church where the sacrament was done to request a new copy of the certificate. As soon as you receive the new certificate, you will need to turn a copy in to the Confirmation Coordinator. In the meantime, you may complete the rest of the registration process to secure your child's spot in the program.

5. When do the classes take place, and when is the first day?

The classes take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The first day of class is Wednesday, September 22.

6. Are the classes in person or virtual this year?

As of now, we are planning for in-person classes. We may have to transition to virtual classes at some point during the year if the diocese requests this of us based on the progressing condition of the pandemic.

7. How long is the program?

Youth Confirmation is a two-year program, and classes run from September through May each year.

8. What if my child hasn't received Baptism or First Communion?

*If your child **has** been baptized but has not received First Communion, he/she will prepare for and receive First Communion along with Confirmation at the end of the two years of classes. If your child has **not** been baptized, he/she will need to register for the "RCIA for Children" classes, which are overseen by the Religious Ed Coordinator (not the Youth Confirmation Coordinator).*

9. I have a child who has already graduated from high school but needs to be confirmed. Can he/she register for the Youth Confirmation program?

Unfortunately, once a student is no longer in high school, he/she cannot register for the Youth Confirmation program and instead must register for the one-year Adult Confirmation program. Our diocesan policy prohibits us from combining high school students with graduates in the same classes.

10. Who do I talk to about First Communion classes (for children 8th grade or younger), Adult Confirmation classes, RCIA classes, or RCIA for kids classes?

You will need to contact the Religious Ed Coordinator for any classes aside from Youth Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information.