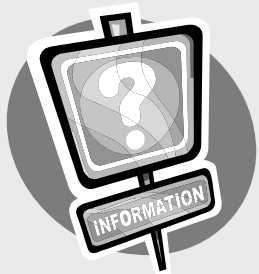


## Contact Us

Should you have any questions or comments regarding St. Rose of Lima's Confirmation Preparation Program, please contact:

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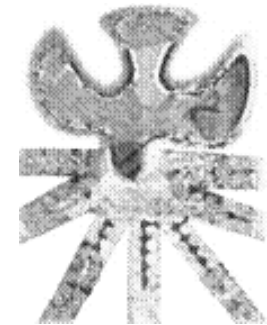
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## Sacramental Preparation

# Confirmation



**St. Rose of Lima Parish**  
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## Confirmation as Initiation

Our Confirmation Preparation Program is designed to fully initiate and “immerse” our young people (8th grade and older) into parish life and the Church.

Our process is designed to maximize the initiative and responsibility of our youth. Our process relies strongly on the relationships and involvement of sponsors and parents to help draw youth into the life of our entire parish community.

Our Confirmation Preparation Program does not imply that youth are somehow “graduating” from religious education or formal faith formation. Youth should remain in Religious Education during Confirmation Prep and throughout middle and high school as well. Faith formation should be pursued our entire lives.

**Please Note:** Preparation for Confirmation is a SEPARATE process from Religious Education. Registration in our 6-12 Grade Religious Education program does not register a youth for Confirmation Preparation. However, the Youth in our Confirmation Prep should also be in Religious Education on Mondays if at all possible!

Confirmation  
is a  
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## Confirmation Preparation

The steps for *getting started* are easy!

**1) Choose a Sponsor:** A Confirmed, practicing Catholic adult (not your parent), that you can easily relate with. The sponsor should be regularly available to meet with the youth.

**2) Choose an Intake Session:** You need to only attend one session (see list below). Plan to arrive a bit early and stay for the entire 2-hour session. Scheduling for an Intake Session is not necessary, but later sessions tend to be more crowded and less personalized. These are the only Intake Sessions available; if you miss them, you will likely need to wait until next year.

**3) Attend an Intake Session:** The entire “family team” (youth, parent(s), sponsor) must attend one Intake Session together. If the sponsor cannot attend the session, please be prepared to make commitments with the sponsor’s schedule in mind.

### Confirmation Intake Sessions:

**Tuesday, September 16th, 7-8:30pm**

**Tuesday, September 23rd, 7-8:30pm**

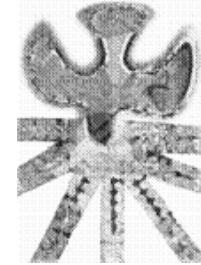
**Thursday, September 25th, 7-8:30pm**

\*all sessions in the ‘old’ Parish Center...

\*families just attend one –all together...

## Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Prep for our youth in 8th grade and older begins in the Fall with “Intake Sessions” for the youth, parent(s) and sponsor. All these folks attend just one Intake Session. Adults who are interested in Confirmation should contact the parish office directly.



### The Intake/Information Session

#### A. What to Bring:

- “Family Team”, including the Youth, Parent(s) and Sponsor
- Youth’s Baptismal Certificate
- All personal/family calendars (school, sports, family, etc.)
- Your \$30 Program Registration Fee

#### B. What to Expect:

- A detailed explanation of our Confirmation Prep process, including activities and events that are part of the program
- Some changes from previous years!
- Program Registration
- Materials and information
- Individual Curriculum to be Developed and Agreed on by the Family Team, Catechist Team, and Director at this Intake Session