



Lowering the Age for Confirmation

Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley approved a proposal that changes the ordinary age for Confirmation from 10th Grade to 8th Grade in the Archdiocese of Boston, to be implemented over the next 2–3 years. The Archdiocese made this decision in order to:

- Strengthen the participation of young people and their families in their spiritual lives.
- Give ownership of the faith to young people by decreasing the gaps between the Sacraments.
- Increase the role of families in the faith formation of their children.

At St. Ignatius, Candidates prepare for Confirmation over two years. Confirmation I introduces students to the foundational beliefs of the Catholic faith. Confirmation II builds upon those beliefs, encouraging students to claim the faith as their own in the tradition of Ignatian discernment. Per the Archdiocese's guidelines, we will transition to the lower Confirmation age on the following timeline:

2024–2025

- Students entering 10th Grade in Fall 2024, who have already completed Confirmation I, will go through Confirmation II, as usual.
- Students entering 8th–9th Grade in Fall 2024 will begin Confirmation I.

2025–2026

- Students entering 9th–10th Grade in Fall 2025 will begin Confirmation II.
- Students entering 7th–8th Grade in Fall 2025 will begin Confirmation I.

2026–2027 (transition complete)

- Students entering 8th–9th Grade in Fall 2026 will begin Confirmation II.
- Students entering 7th Grade in Fall 2026 will begin Confirmation I.

Parent Registration Timeline

Grade your child is entering Fall 2025	Register for Confirmation I	Register for Confirmation II	Will Be Confirmed
10th Grade		Fall 2024	Spring 2025
9th Grade	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
8th Grade	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
7th Grade	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
6th Grade	Fall 2026	Fall 2027	Spring 2028
5th Grade	Fall 2027	Fall 2028	Spring 2028

If your child is enrolled in an independent Catholic school, please contact Liz Turnwald (turnwald@bc.edu) to see which Confirmation class(es) you should register for.