

Saint Matthew Parish

Religious Education Student Placement Guidelines

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Kindergarten thru 3rd grade and GIFT:

- *Student will be placed in his/her current school grade level program.
- *Student will also participate in Sacramental Program(s) if he/she has not received Baptism, Reconciliation or First Eucharist.

4th grade thru 8th grade:

- *Upon verification of student's previous Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation (**including Baptismal Certificate, completed Sacramental Form, letter from previous parish verifying class attendance), student will be placed in his/her current school grade level program.
- *Student will also participate in Sacramental Program(s) if he/she has not received Baptism, Reconciliation or First Eucharist.
- *If a student has not attended a Religious Education Program for one year, he/she will be given the books/materials, from the year missed, to complete as a home study, while attending current grade classes.
- *If a student has not attended a Religious Education Program for two to four years, he/she will attend the Called To Belong ("catch up") Program in addition to attending current grade classes.
- *If a student has not attended a Religious Education Program for five or more years, he/she will attend the Called to Belong ("catch up") Program in addition to completing the two year *Call to Faith* Program. Upon completion of CTB and *Call to Faith* the student will enter the Inquiry Year Confirmation Program.

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9th and 10th grade:

*Verification of student's previous Religious Education, including attendance in a two year Junior High, 7th & 8th grade or *Call to Faith* Program, and Sacramental Preparation (see ** above), must be provided.

*If student has not attended a Religious Education Program that included a two year Junior High/7th & 8th grade/*Call to Faith* Program, he/she will be placed in the *Call to Faith* Program and in the Called To Belong ("catch up") Program. Upon completion of Called To Belong and *Call to Faith*, student will enter the Inquiry Year of Confirmation.

*If student has only missed one year of Religious Education, the student may either be placed in the *Call to Faith* Program and enter the Inquiry Year Confirmation Program as a 10th grader or the student may simultaneously attend *Call to Faith* and the Inquiry Year of Confirmation.

*If a student has missed four or more years of Religious Education, he/she will be placed in the Called To Belong ("catch up") Program and in the two year *Call to Faith* Program. Upon completion of CTB and *Call to Faith* the student will enter the Inquiry Year Confirmation Program.

*If a student has prior Confirmation preparation, placement will be made following an interview and review of student's previous Religious Education.

*No homeschool/study program is available for Confirmation.

11TH grade thru adult:

*Placement will be made following an interview and review of student's previous Religious Education.

Homeschooled students:

*Placement will be made following an interview and review of student's previous Religious Education.