

Is it permissible for a person to be registered at two different parishes?

In the Catholic Church, it is **not typical or encouraged** for a person to be registered at two parishes at the same time, although there can be exceptions depending on personal circumstances.

According to **Canon Law**, every Catholic belongs to a parish based on their place of residence:

"Every parish is to have its own defined territory. As a general rule, a person belongs to the parish in whose territory he or she resides."

(**Canon 518**, Code of Canon Law)

However, while territorial parish membership is standard, **registration** at a parish is more of a **practical** and **administrative** act. Some Catholics may attend and participate actively in a parish that is not their territorial parish—such as near their workplace, school, or due to language or liturgical preference. In such cases, a person might be active in more than one parish, but **official registration should usually reflect the primary parish of participation and support.**

The Church does not expressly prohibit dual registration, but most dioceses ask the faithful to register in **one parish**, where they receive sacraments, contribute, and are pastorally cared for.

Simply put, there is no requirement to be “registered” in a parish in order for sacraments to be celebrated or other requests, such as “letters of good standing,” be issued.