



Office of Divine Worship

Archdiocese of Newark

2021 CONFIRMATIONS OF BAPTIZED CATHOLIC CHILDREN

Ordinarily, parishes are required to invite a bishop to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for children baptized as Catholics. Whenever possible, even during the pandemic, pastors should continue to do so; however, due to current pandemic restrictions, Cardinal Tobin has once again given pastors and administrators delegation to confirm children baptized as Catholics until December 31, 2021.

1. The Sacrament of Confirmation may be scheduled as long as all directives concerning limitations on attendance, social distancing and wearing masks properly are observed.

Ministers of Confirmation must use the 2016 edition of *The Order of Confirmation* approved and published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is available in a bilingual edition. The minister of Confirmation must read the “Introduction” to the Order of Confirmation as well as “The Order for the Conferral of Confirmation within Mass” itself before celebrating the Sacrament.

2. At this time, pastors/administrators and their pastoral leadership team, should determine when and how Confirmation may be scheduled and celebrated to ensure full compliance with all the provisions listed in these Directives.
3. The practice of celebrating Confirmation on Sunday continues to be encouraged, but it may be necessary to schedule at other times due to limited capacity. Regardless of what day it occurs, the Sacrament of Confirmation should be celebrated in the context of Mass in order to preserve the integrity of the Sacraments of Initiation.
4. Catechetical programs for those scheduled to receive Confirmation following year should commence at the usual time respecting and complying with any provisions in effect at that time.
5. Please contact the Worship Office with any questions regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 973-497-4345.

For more information regarding guidelines for the preparation of the sacraments during this time of pandemic, please refer to the [Guidelines for Parish Catechetical Programs during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) or contact the Catechetical Office at 973-497-4285.

For guidelines in Spanish, please refer to the [Catechetical Program Guidelines in Spanish](#)
