



MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors and Parish Contacts
FROM: Very Reverend Joseph W. McQuaide, IV 
Coordinator
DATE: April 10, 2018
SUBJECT: Confirmation for Adults

As you are aware, the Bishop celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation each year for those adults who have not yet completed their initiation. The dates for those celebrations this year are:

- in English Sunday, May 13, 2018 2 pm Saint Margaret of Scotland and
- in Spanish Sunday, December 2, 2018 1 pm Holy Cross.

These celebrations are for those over the age of 18 who have already been baptized and received their first Communion. It is the Pastor's responsibility to ensure these individuals have been properly catechized for the reception of this Sacrament. It is also the Pastor's responsibility to ensure that the proposed Sponsor meets all the requirements found in canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law. *Please note that if an adult (anyone over the age of 7) is being baptized or received into the Catholic Church, the priest who baptizes or receives is also to confirm the person at the same celebration. Those who are being baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil (or throughout the year) should not be made to wait to be confirmed.*

In order to adequately plan for these celebrations, each parish is to register its candidates with the Office of Worship before the date indicated below:

- for the celebration at Saint Margaret, registrations must be submitted before May 10;
- for the celebration at Holy Cross, registrations must be submitted before November 15.

Registration for candidates will be done online, and all candidates must be registered in order to be confirmed. The cards will not be sent to parishes as in the past. To register candidates for either celebration, visit <http://tiny.cc/AdultConfirmation>. To complete the form, you will need the following information for each candidate: ① Candidate's First, Middle, and Last (Maiden) Names; ② Candidate's Address; ③ Confirmation Name; and ④ Sponsor's Full Name. You will also need a recently-issued Baptismal Certificate for each candidate to be confirmed and the information it contains. The candidate should bring the certificate with them to the celebration of Confirmation. If there is no Baptismal Certificate, an Affidavit of Baptism is required. For more information on this process, see the Sacramental Registers Guidelines.

After your candidates have been prepared and registered, please provide them with the appropriate information sheet included with this memorandum.

If any Priests plan to concelebrate either celebration of the Sacrament, please inform the Office of Worship. They should bring an alb; amice and cincture, if needed; and the Diocesan chasuble and stole.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Worship.