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## **POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE PLACE OF CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

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The parish, under the leadership of the pastor, is the door for the faithful to participate in the ordinary Christian community. Here the Christian faith is first received, expressed and nourished. The Eucharist is at the heart of the parish's life. As the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Creed professed, the truths of the faith shape ever more profoundly the faith of the People of God. Through the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, they come to know the Paschal Mystery more intimately and experientially. They receive not simply the knowledge of God, but they come to know the living God. Then, from the parish the faithful are sent on their apostolic mission in the world.

The following Guidelines regarding the place of celebration of Confirmation are to be observed:

- I. Ordinarily, individuals are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in their own parish church. When a request comes from the parents or guardians of a child to allow their child to receive Confirmation at a neighboring parish, the pastor is asked, before making a decision, to take seriously this request considering any legitimate sensitivities that may exist.
- II. When exceptions exist, the Sacrament of Confirmation may be administered outside the parish church of the individual receiving the sacrament. In these case, the following procedures are to be followed:
  - A. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child receive Confirmation in another parish must obtain permission from the pastor of their own parish.
  - B. The pastor, in whose parish this sacrament will be celebrated, must give permission and be in agreement that the individual has been adequately prepared for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
  - C. After the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, notification is to be sent to the home parish.