



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE for DIVINE WORSHIP
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Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will celebrate for you the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Pentecost Sunday, **May 20, 2018, at the 6:30 PM Mass**. *All priests are invited to concelebrate. Please vest with archdiocesan vestments in the Neumann Room.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation brings a baptized person to full stature in Christ and is a significant moment in a Christian's life. Preparation for this Sacrament at the parish should include catechetical instruction, an opportunity for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the selection of a sponsor.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, pastors should make available an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance near to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This same opportunity should be made available to Sponsors and family members. Please encourage everyone to receive Communion at the Confirmation Mass.

Registration:

- **The registration form for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship under the tab for Christian Initiation, <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/>.**
- **Please fill out this form completely and attach the baptismal certificate and the sponsor's letter of eligibility to it.**
- **The completed form and the two documents is to be sent to Mary Ann Johnson, Office for Divine Worship, 222 North Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19103.**

- Please ensure that the name for Confirmation, if one is selected, is a canonized saint's name, other than the Baptism name.
- If any of the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are also to receive their First Communion at this Mass, please indicate on the form.
- Please ensure that the sponsor satisfies the usual canonical requirements, as outlined on the [Archdiocesan Guidelines page](#).
- Please ensure that all adult parish candidates are included in this registration process.

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

- Reserved seating is assigned for candidates and sponsors only. Seating of candidates and sponsors by the ushers will be as they arrive. Ushers will be instructed to fill in the pews, therefore, it is possible that people from the same parish may not be seated together.
- An email confirming receipt of registrations will be sent to the parish Christian Initiation Coordinator.
- The [Confirmation Name Card template](#) is available on the Christian Initiation page of the Office for Divine Worship web site.
- **Please be sure the candidate for Confirmation arrives at the Cathedral with the Name Card in hand and filled out – front and back. THE CONFIRMATION NAME ONLY IS TO BE PRINTED IN LARGE LETTERS ON FRONT OF CARD.**
- The card is collected as the candidate approaches the Archbishop for Confirmation.
- After the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the information on the card will be recorded at the Cathedral Basilica and a notification is to be sent by the Christian Initiation Coordinator to the church of Baptism. Commemorative certificates will not be issued.

- If you have any questions, please contact the Office for Divine Worship at 215-587-3537 or worship@archphila.org.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE SHARED WITH ALL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Parking: Limited parking is available in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center lot; additional parking is available at the Gateway Garage at 15th and Vine Streets.

Time: Plan to arrive at the Cathedral by 5:30 PM. Ushers will direct you to your seats. Catechesis/Instruction on the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin at 6:00 PM.

Dress: Coat and tie for men, dress clothing for women. No Confirmation robes or stoles are to be worn.

Candidate Seating Candidates will be directed as they arrive to be seated in the pews reserved and marked for the candidates.

Sponsor Seating Sponsors will be directed to sit in the pews reserved and marked for the sponsors directly behind their candidates.

Guest Seating: Unreserved seats are available for family and guests. Please inform guests that pictures and videos may be taken only from their seats during Mass.

Special Seating: If your parish has a Confirmation Candidate or Sponsor who will need special seating because of a disability, please indicate this on the registration form. Someone from the Office for Divine Worship will contact the Coordinator regarding seating.

REMEMBER TO BRING TO THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA:

Confirmation Name Card with the Candidate's Confirmation name.

- Please print on the front of the Name Card:
 - **the Confirmation Name – IN BIG LETTERS**
- Please print on the reverse side of the Name Card:
 - **the Candidate's name and parish, and**
 - **the Sponsor's full name.**
- These cards will be collected and serve as a record that a Candidate has been confirmed.