



**UPDATE ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN  
OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
TUESDAY, April 21, 2020**

With the closure of schools in Pennsylvania now for the remainder of the school year due to COVID-19 precautions, it is necessary to postpone all remaining scheduled celebrations of Confirmation of School Age Children until the Fall of 2020.

At this time it is planned for the Bishop celebrant of the conferral of Confirmation, in consultation with the pastor of the parish, to make arrangements for a new date for the postponed celebration. In conjunction with scheduling the new dates for the Spring 2020 Confirmations, the Bishop celebrants will also schedule those Confirmations anticipated for the Fall of 2020.

Pastors are asked to inform all those involved with the Confirmations scheduled for May and June that they will be rescheduled for the Fall.

If COVID-19 precautions continue into the Fall, then the scheduling of Confirmations will be addressed again.

Thank you so very much for your generous assistance during these most unusual times in the life of our local church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [fr.dgill@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org).

In Christ,  
Father Dennis Gill,  
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