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**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

**INFORMATION ON THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>

**MOST CURRENT LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES
WITH REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>.

*At this point in time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
none of the previous COVID-19 protocols are in place.*

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese have responded positively to pray the prayer to Saint Michael in conjunction with the celebration of Mass. You are reminded that this devotional prayer is to take place outside of Mass. It is not to be prayed as the concluding prayer of the Universal Prayer nor as part of the Communion Rite.

ONGOING PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTRY

The following intention may be included in the Universal Prayer (second category) regularly for Sundays.

*For the eradication of all forms of racism among all peoples
and that all will open wide their hearts with the love of God and neighbor
so that healing and peace will mark our way of life.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Por la erradicación de todas las formas de racismo entre todos los pueblos
y que todos abran sus corazones con el amor de Dios y del prójimo
para que la sanación interior y la paz marquen nuestro estilo de vida.
Rogemos al Señor/Te rogamos óyenos.*

TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule certainly can be modified. However, there should be the celebration of one Mass at least for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 18, 2023

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

ORDINATION AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Ordination of Priests will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Please include an intention in the Universal Prayer on the Sundays before each Ordination for those who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND A PENTECOST CELEBRATION DURING EASTER TIME

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.

249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday; festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for people baptized in another Church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception (See RCIA, no. 482).

Reception of Candidates and Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. *Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.*

Additionally, the Archbishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, during the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed, for the reception of First Holy Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the

formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation will be distributed soon and then also found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). The Archbishop gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults, 16 years of age and older, on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate. If you have any questions about this faculty, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. There is no need for an additional letter requesting this faculty during the period specified by the Archbishop. *Priests are reminded that only the 2016 revised The Order of Confirmation may be used to celebrate the Sacrament.*

PLEASE NOTE

Full Sacramental Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first Reception of Holy Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside of the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331) for someone 14 years of age or older. Archbishop Perez delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 workshops for liturgical ministers will be posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship in late Summer 2023. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org.

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The following resource is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers, <https://liturgy.teachable.com/pl/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, without exception, are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers who serve in institutions and schools throughout the Archdiocese are typically commissioned for service in their parishes and likewise commissioned for service in the institution and/or school.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married (if married), recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution/school.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend.
- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Request forms can be found on the Office for Divine Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three-year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor/chaplain and the minister.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, "Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion."**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions/schools for which they are commissioned.

ON-LINE COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY

AVAILABLE FROM THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE AT MUNDELEIN

This is a new online liturgy program as a resource for both church professionals and the laity. This new online program extends the mission of the Institute to diocesan and parish professionals as well as interested individual Catholics. Composed of five one-hour classroom sessions followed by online quizzes, each course awards one-half Continuing Education Unit and brings a fresh, energized approach to the study of liturgical renewal.

For additional information, please see: <https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/>.

SPECIAL BUNDLES OF COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY DESIGNED FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please take a moment and look at the link below:

<https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/philadelphia>

The **Liturgical Institute** at Mundelein (at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake) has made available to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a special bundle of their on-line courses at a most reasonable rate. These courses provide foundational information on the Sacred Liturgy for clergy and the lay faithful. They are excellent refresher courses as well as new learning opportunities for liturgical ministers and catechists.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

THE LITURGICAL EXCHANGE

For information about the new Liturgical Exchange in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please see: <https://www.liturgicaexchange.com/>.

FOR AN UPDATED SUPPLEMENT WITH NEW LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES FOR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Contact Dominican Liturgy Publications:

<https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/athompsonatdsptdotcom> it is the second item on the page.

FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/newsletter>.

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

Visit: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
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Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults 2023

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Pentecost **Sunday, May 28, 2023 at the 11:00 AM 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 and Reconciliation 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.**
- **All registration forms will be handled electronically.** See Link below.
<https://form.jotform.com/ODWPhila/confirmation-registration>
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SCAN ALL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY AND EMAIL TO worship@archphila.org**
- **Deadline: All information must be received by Monday, May 22, 2023**

- Please ensure that the name for Confirmation, if one is selected other than the Baptism name, is a canonized saint's 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 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 email on the registration form**.
- The [Confirmation Name Card template](#) is available on the Christian Initiation page of the Office for Divine Worship website.
- *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 THE FRONT OF CARD.***
- This 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 parish or institution 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.
- Time:** Plan to arrive at the Cathedral by 10:00 AM. Ushers will direct you to your seats. Catechesis/Instruction on the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin at 10:30 AM.
- 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 you 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.