

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**  
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE CONFIRMATION**  
**OF BAPTIZED CATHOLIC ADULTS**

**ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

- Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.** *All priests are invited to concelebrate. Please vest with archdiocesan vestments in the Neumann Room.*
  - **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).** This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate. Please send this request for delegation to the Office for Divine Worship.
  - **The Archbishop gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm adult baptized Roman Catholics, 16 years of age and older, on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday.** 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 this period specified by the Archbishop. *Priests are reminded that only the 2016 revised The Order of Confirmation may be used to celebrate the Sacrament.*
- Candidates are to be at least sixteen years of age, who are already catechized in the faith, attend Mass regularly on Sundays, and, if married, validly married in the Church.
  - *If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic—elementary and high school—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.*
- Preparation for this Sacrament at the parish should include serious catechetical instruction on the Sacrament of Confirmation, an opportunity for the celebration of

the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation prior to the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the selection of a sponsor.

- Please ensure that the sponsor satisfies the usual canonical requirements, as outlined here, [Archdiocesan Guidelines page](#).
- If you have any questions, please contact the Office for Divine Worship at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

## REGISTRATION

- Please use this form to register **each** baptized Catholic adult for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, <https://form.jotform.com/ODWPhila/confirmation-registration>. All registrations are handled electronically.
- You will receive an email confirming your registration at the email address listed on the registration form.
- Please scan and email all baptismal certificates and letters of eligibility to the Office for Divine Worship at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).
- Please ensure that the name for Confirmation, if one is chosen other than the Baptism name, is the name of a canonized Saint or a derivative of the 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 this on the registration form.
- **The deadline for all information to be received is Friday, May 15, 2026.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in English and Spanish.
- Reserved seating is assigned for candidates and sponsors only. Ushers will assist with the seating of the candidates and sponsors 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.
- Please use this form only for the presentation of the Confirmation name to the Archbishop, [Confirmation Name Card template](#).
  - Please ensure the candidate for Confirmation arrives at the Cathedral Basilica with the Confirmation Name Card in hand and completely filled out – front and back. The Confirmation Name only is to be printed in large letters on the front of the card.
- This card is collected as the candidate approaches the Archbishop for record keeping. The conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation is recorded in the *Confirmation Register* at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The Cathedral staff will send the notice of the conferral of Confirmation to the church

of Baptism.

- Commemorative certificates will not be issued.
- A mystagogical session is encouraged for the newly confirmed soon after the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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

- Parking:** Limited parking is available in the parking lot of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center adjacent to the Cathedral Basilica.
- Time:** Please arrive at the Cathedral Basilica by 10:00 AM. Catechesis/Instructions 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.**
- Seating:** **Candidates** will be directed as they arrive to be seated in the pews reserved and marked for the candidates.  
**Sponsors** will be directed to sit in the pews reserved and marked for the sponsors directly behind their candidates.  
**Family and Friends** may sit in the unreserved pews.  
**Special seating** for a candidate or sponsor because of a disability should be noted on the registration form so that it can be provided.
- Pictures:** Archbishop Pérez will be available for pictures after Mass. During Mass, pictures and videos may only be taken from the pew.