



APPENDIX ONE

Process for Receiving Delegation for the Faculty to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Raleigh

A. Circumstances When Faculty to Confirm is Automatic and Requires No Request

1. The Church, in virtue of Her Law, universally grants the faculty to confirm to priests 1) who baptize an adult or a child who has reached the age of reason or 2) who receive a validly baptized non-Catholic into full communion with the Church.⁴² In addition, the Church grants the faculty to any priest to confirm those who are in danger of death.⁴²
2. For Dioceses in the United States, the Church also grants the faculty to confirm to priests who minister the Sacrament of Confirmation to Catholics in the following circumstances:
 - a. A baptized Catholic who is re-admitted to communion having been an apostate of the faith.⁴²
 - b. Baptized Catholics who have, without fault of their own, been instructed in a non-Catholic religion or adhered to a non-Catholic religion (a Catholic who was baptized as an infant or child, then raised in another Christian Church, ecclesial community or faith but has returned, been suitably instructed, is well disposed and has requested the Sacrament of Confirmation).⁴²

B. Circumstances When Delegation for Faculty to Confirm is Required

1. The Church, in virtue of Her Law, requires delegation to priests for the faculty to confirm in the following circumstances:
 - a. Baptized Catholics who have been catechized but not confirmed.
 - b. Baptized Catholics who have not been catechized.
 - c. Baptized Catholics who freely have been catechized by or adhered to a non-Catholic religion (a Catholic who freely left the Church for another Christian Church, ecclesial community or faith but has returned, been suitably instructed, is well disposed and has requested the Sacrament of Confirmation).¹

C. Procedure for Obtaining Delegation for the Faculty to Confirm Those Baptized as Catholics

1. For Adults or Adolescents Seeking Only the Sacrament of Confirmation

- a. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Bishop of Raleigh for college or university students as well as Diocesan celebrations by the Bishop of Raleigh for baptized adult Catholics is to be laudably retained as a preference for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- b. For Catholics over the age of 18 mentioned above in B.1 who are suitably instructed and properly disposed,⁴² the Bishop of Raleigh, if requested to do so in writing, will grant the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to priests who are appointed to parochial or campus ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh.⁴² This faculty will be granted for conferral of the sacrament on the following Solemnities: Easter (i.e., Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday), Pentecost and Christ the King. The proposed solemnity should be included in the letter of request.
- c. For Catholic over the age of 18 mentioned above in B.1 who are suitably instructed and properly disposed⁴² but find themselves in other pastoral circumstances, e.g., in a pending marriage, in prison, in the military and facing imminent deployment, etc., the Bishop of Raleigh, if requested to do so in writing, will grant the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to priests who are appointed to parochial or campus ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh.⁴² The proposed date of conferral should appear in the letter of request with an explanation for the request.
- d. For Catholics between the ages of 13 and 19 who are suitably instructed and properly disposed¹ and who have exceptional circumstances that preclude them from the celebration of Confirmation with their parish cohort and another celebration within the diocese with the Bishop, the Bishop of Raleigh, if requested to do so in writing, will grant the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to priests who are appointed to parochial or campus ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh.⁴² The proposed date of conferral should appear in the letter of request with an explanation for the request.

2. For Adults and Children of Catechetical Age Seeking Confirmation and First Eucharist after Formation under the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

- a. Adults and children of catechetical age seeking both Confirmation and First Eucharist after appropriate formation are normally ready to celebrate these sacraments in the spring. These adults and children of catechetical age should be confirmed by the Bishop of Raleigh at a celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation held in the local parish or deanery.⁴² Their names should be submitted with the names of those adolescents who will be confirmed by the Bishop.
- b. Adults and children of catechetical age seeking both Confirmation and First Eucharist after appropriate formation who are ready to celebrate these sacraments outside spring should be confirmed by the Bishop of Raleigh whenever possible.¹ If pastoral circumstances make this an undue burden, the Bishop of Raleigh, if requested to do so in writing, will grant the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to priests who

are appointed to parochial or campus ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh.⁴² The proposed date of conferral should appear in the letter of request with an explanation for the request.

3. Writing the Letter Requesting the Faculty to Administer the Sacrament of Confirmation

Priests requesting the faculty to minister the Sacrament of Confirmation are to write the Bishop of Raleigh at least six weeks prior to the celebration and include the names of those to be confirmed and the date and place of the liturgy. When required, the reason for the request should be included in the letter (see C.1.b, C.1.c, C.1.d and C.2.b above).

4. Documentation of the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation

- a. Confirmation Register: Following the celebration, the names of those confirmed, the date and place of their baptism, the names of their parents and sponsor/godparents, the date and place of the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the minister of the sacrament are to be entered in the Confirmation Register of the parish where the sacrament was celebrated.⁴² In celebrations taking place outside the parish in which candidates for Confirmation are registered, the same information may be placed in their parish Confirmation Register if the pastor or campus minister chooses to.
- b. Notification of Church of Baptism: Following the celebration, the names of those confirmed, the date of baptism, the names of their parents and sponsor/godparents, the date and place of the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the minister of the sacrament are to be sent to the Church of Baptism. Pastors and priests in charge of campus ministry of those confirmed are responsible for sending this notification to the Church of Baptism even when the celebration occurs outside the parish (e.g., in a deanery or diocesan celebration).
- c. Notification of Office of the Bishop: When Confirmation is conferred by those priests who have been delegated to do so by the Bishop of Raleigh, they are to send a notification to the Office of the Bishop informing the Bishop of the names of those who were confirmed, the date and place of the liturgy and the name of the minister of Confirmation.