



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Pastoral Associates, and Directors of Religious Education

From: Todd Cooper, Interim Director of the Office of Divine Worship
Rolando Moreno, Director of the Office of Catechesis and Faith Formation

Date: March 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Adult Confirmations

Archbishop Sample will celebrate two Adult Confirmation Masses this year. **Both will be bi-lingual** (English-Spanish). **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. – Salem at St. Joseph Church**
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. – Portland at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

If your parish has adults who wish to be confirmed, please register them online for one of the Masses. Confirmation candidates must be registered online by the parish coordinator in order to participate. Reserved seating will be allotted to each candidate and their sponsor and an additional one seat per parish for the parish coordinator. Pastors and parochial vicars are invited to concelebrate the Mass. There will be open seating in the rest of the church for other guests.

A streamlined online registration process is available. To complete the online registration, go to <http://formation.archdpx.org/> or archdpx.org/divine-worship; be sure to register for the location of your choice, Salem on May 12, 2017, or in Portland on May 24, 2017. **Deadlines for registration are: May 5 for Salem, and May 17 for Portland.** The adult Confirmation coordinator must register him/herself first and then register all of the confirmandi from the parish. By completing online registration, each parish adult Confirmation coordinator acknowledges that all confirmandi from the parish have met all of their parish's preparation requirements for adult Confirmation. If you have any questions about the online registration process, please contact **Maria Silvagnia at msilvagnia@archdpx.org or (503) 233-8323.**

Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will be at 6:00 p.m. on May 12 at St. Joseph Church in Salem (please gather in cafeteria), and at 6:30 p.m. on May 24 at the Cathedral in Portland. It is important for the Confirmation coordinator (or parish representative) to be present at the rehearsal where they will receive parish materials and instructions. The coordinator/parish rep will formally present the candidate(s) to the Archbishop during the Mass.

The sending or home parish of those confirmed is responsible for properly recording the Confirmations in their own parish sacramental records and for sending the Confirmation information to the parish of baptism. In general, the confirmation register is to include: 1) Full name of the confirmed 2) Confirmation name 3) Name of parents 4) Name of sponsor 5) Date and place of event 6) Name of minister. A copy of the baptismal certificate is required as supporting documentation. A Confirmation certificate will be completed by the Archdiocese for each person being confirmed and will be mailed to the parish (in care of the coordinator) following the celebration.

If you have any questions about Confirmation or the Mass, please contact **Anne Marie Van Dyke at: (503) 233-8321.** Thank you for extending this opportunity to your parishioners. We look forward to seeing you on May 12 at St. Joseph Church in Salem, or on May 24, at the Cathedral in Portland.