

MEMORANDUM



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TO All Parishes, Confirmation Coordinators, Priests

FROM Simone Brosig, Liturgy Consultant/Director

SUBJECT Updates to Confirmation Guidelines 2019

The Confirmation Guidelines have been updated with the following changes and corrections:

p. 4. INTRODUCTION

For scheduling matters, contact the Bishop's Office at 403-218-4426 or mary.robinson@calgarydiocese.ca.

p. 5 RESOURCES

Liturgical Planning Form: Filled out electronically by one person. To be returned as a Word doc. to liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca two weeks before the celebration.

p. 9 SEATING

Correction to images of seating charts. The options remain the same.

p. 10 CHOICE OF MASS

This section has been updated to include Confirmations celebrated on Sundays and Weekdays both in Easter season and in Ordinary Time.

p. 10 PROCESSION

The preferred order has been clarified.

p. 10 PENITENTIAL RITE

Clarification about the Sprinkling Rite

p. 11 LITURGY OF THE WORD

This section has been modified to address Confirmations taking place in Ordinary Time and to clarify the selection and choice of Psalm.

p. 12 PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Clarification about the three options and use of names.

p. 13 ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The *Order of Confirmation* makes no mention of using a special name for Confirmation. It presumes that the bishop will confirm using the candidate's baptismal name, which draws a close connection between these two sacraments. In the Diocese of Calgary candidates will ordinarily choose the name of a saint as a model of holiness. The chosen name is to be used in this part of the liturgy.

It is not permitted to hand gifts to the newly confirmed as they return to their seats; doing so is a distraction from the sacramental moment. A more appropriate time to give gifts would be during the taking of individual photos with the bishop.

p. 14 RECESSIONAL AND PHOTOS

If a gift is to be given to the newly confirmed, it would be appropriate to do so after each individual photo is taken.