

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION
SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUNDAY, April 11, 2021
2:00 P.M.

- † The registration form and appropriate baptismal certificates need to be submitted to the **Office of Adult Faith Formation no later than Monday, April 5, 2021.**

Individual parishes are responsible to collect the sponsor certificates, verifying that each sponsor is a fully initiated practicing Catholic. Each parish is responsible for making sure that their confirmandi know the date and time for the celebration. We will be following all protocols for gathering at Mass, including the requirement to wear a mask.

- † The record for Confirmation will be noted at Saint Joseph Cathedral. The cathedral staff will take responsibility for notifying the parish of baptism for all those confirmed. You are also encouraged to record the sacrament in your own parish sacramental register for Confirmation.
- † Those to be confirmed and their sponsors will gather in the church no later than **1:30 p.m.** Greeters will be there to direct them. Before the liturgy, there will be a brief overview of the ceremony. All confirmation candidates and their sponsors need to be in their places by that time.
- † Please ask the people being confirmed to dress appropriately for the ceremony. At minimum for men: collared shirt, long pants and closed toe footwear. For women: shoulders should be covered and if a dress or skirt is worn it should be of a modest length.
- † The Confirmation rite will be celebrated in the context of Sunday Mass. Those being confirmed and their families will appreciate it greatly if you advise them of this in advance.
- † Worship aids will most likely not be available.
- † There will be general seating for the families and friends of the confirmandi. Since we do not know how many candidates will be in attendance, please ask families to limit their participation so we do not have to turn anyone away. We will reserve seating *only* for the confirmandi and their sponsors. Ushers will assist in greeting family members and friends at the main door of the Cathedral and escort them to their seats which will be spaced according to social distancing protocols.
- † Priests who wish to concelebrate, please contact Father Jason Jalbert at (jjalbert@rcbm.org) before April 8.
- † If you have any further questions or desire clarification concerning this liturgy, please feel free to contact Fr. Jason Jalbert at jjalbert@rcbm.org, or Mary Jane Silvia in the Office of Adult Faith Formation at 663-0172 or mjsilvia@rcbm.org.