



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

## *Archbishop of Adelaide*

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
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Dear Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Migrant Chaplains,  
Pastoral Associates and Sacramental Coordinators,

I would first like to extend a thank you for your efforts and contribution in helping the 2024 Sacrament of Confirmation candidates gain a greater understanding of their faith and to strengthen their commitment in their daily lives. This year's Program saw approximately 1475 candidates take the next important step in their faith journey.

Once again, the ceremonies seemed to have gone well and your cooperation in following the process requirements was appreciated.

Second, to advise you of the requirements for the 2025 Sacrament of Confirmation Program.

Ceremonies will again be celebrated by either myself, the Vicar General or the Parish Priest. Allocation is based on an annual rotational approach, so where possible a Parish will have a different celebrant each year.

I also ask that you continue to clearly communicate the directive of having only the 'one sponsor' to new candidates and families at the commencement of your Program. By advising requirements up front it helps to reduce any confusion or angst with candidates and their families.

### **2025 Sacrament of Confirmation Program**

**Full details of the 'Directives, Guidelines and Process Requirements' and a 'Date Request Form' for the 2025 Sacrament of Confirmation Program are attached.**

**Please complete the Date Request Form, ensuring that at least two dates are provided for consideration and returned by the due date on the form. For note, if your Parish/Community is not intending to have a Confirmation Ceremony next year, please still return the form, advising that no ceremony is required.**

A reminder that the preferred number of candidates is no more than 30 at each celebration. If you have more than 30 to be confirmed, consider requesting an additional ceremony at the time of submitting your preferred dates, as it can always be cancelled if not required.

I reiterate that the candidate's Baptism Certificate should be provided at the commencement of the Program to ensure that the candidate has been baptised in the Latin Rite.

I also wish to clarify that the newly confirmed should come forward at the conclusion of the final hymn, rather than during the hymn.

**Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the 2025 Directives and Guidelines, as new information covering candidate baptisms, recorded music, resources available, and requests for delegation for individual confirmations, have been added.**

## Date Allocation for 2025 Ceremonies

Once the Schedule has been completed by the Archbishop's Office, notification of the allocated date(s) and celebrant will be provided to your Parish Office, along with details of requirements for the ceremony.

Please note that notification of the process and requirements will be provided to the Catholic Education Office for distribution to Schools and Colleges, including the requirement for the Schools and Colleges to contact their relevant Parish Office to organise suitable preferred dates.

## Liturgy Preparation Sessions

The Community, Life and Worship team will be offering Liturgy Preparation Sessions via Zoom. Dates will be advised in the new year.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

In Domino,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Pat O'Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

+Patrick O'Regan  
**Archbishop of Adelaide**

2 Attachments