



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Archbishop of Adelaide

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Dear Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Migrant Chaplains,
Pastoral Associates and Sacramental Coordinators,

Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

As the 2021 Sacrament of Confirmation Programme nears completion, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and effort that you have given in helping the candidates take the next important step in their faith journey.

I would also like to thank you for your cooperation in taking on board the new approach and requirements for Confirmation Ceremonies. I am pleased to say that overall it seems that the ceremonies and new process went well, with only a couple of issues across the Archdiocese.

Of most concern, was the misunderstanding of how many sponsors a candidate can have. To reduce any confusion around this requirement for future ceremonies, in accordance with Canon Law, **my directive is that a candidate can have only one sponsor** and that any past practices or delegations are abrogated.

Please ensure that you clearly communicate this requirement to new candidates and families at the commencement of all future programmes.

2022 Sacrament of Confirmation Programme

The approach for the celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation in Parishes for 2022, will be the same as this year. Ceremonies will be celebrated by either myself, the Vicar General or the Parish Priest.

Full details of the Process Requirements, Directives and Guidelines and a Date Request Form for the 2022 Sacrament of Confirmation Program are attached.

Once the Schedule has been completed by my Office, you will receive notification of the allocated date(s) and celebrant, along with details of requirements for your ceremony/ies, for your Parish.

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

Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation.

In Domino,

+Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide