



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

## *Archbishop of Adelaide*

4<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
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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.

The 2022 Sacrament of Confirmation Programme saw approximately 1375 candidates take the next important step in their faith journey. I extend my thanks to you for your effort and contribution in helping these candidates gain a greater understanding of their faith and to strengthen their commitment in their daily lives.

Overall, I am pleased to say that it seems the ceremonies have gone well and your cooperation in following the process requirements was appreciated.

I would also like to thank you for following my directive of having only the one sponsor. By taking this on board and communicating this requirement up front it appeared to help reduce any confusion or angst with candidates and their families.

To ensure this continues, I reiterate my requirement that you clearly communicate the 'one sponsor only' to all new candidates and their families at the commencement of each year's programme.

### **2023 Sacrament of Confirmation Programme**

**Full details of the 'Directives, Guidelines and Process Requirements' and a 'Date Request Form' for the 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation Programme are attached.**

Please note the change of requirements for Confirmation Certificates. Separate Certificates are now required to be given for the 'Sacrament of Confirmation' and 'First Holy Communion'. Also, the Prayers of the Faithful should not be proclaimed by the Confirmation candidates.

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

### **Date Allocation for 2023 Ceremonies**

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 or ceremonies, for your Parish.

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 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**

2 Attachments