



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2021

TO: Parish Priests, Priest Moderators, Parish Life Directors, Parish Secretaries
(to be distributed to the Catechism Sacramental Preparation Coordinators)

FROM: Most Reverend Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface

SUBJECT: **2021 Confirmations UPDATE (given the present limit of 50 people in the worship space)**

Dear Friends,

A joyous Easter season to all of you! This letter serves as a follow-up to my March 8, 2021, message.

The sands have shifted once again! Until May 12, and perhaps beyond, capacity for religious services is still 25 % of church capacity, but the maximum has been lowered to 50 people, whichever is lower.

As previously indicated, I remain committed to celebrating Confirmations in person, if it is possible, and that according to the **attached schedule**. Even more, I realize that numerous efforts have been made by the parish catechists as well as by the young people and their families to prepare well for Confirmation this year. Therefore, always with the necessary directives of Public Health being faithfully followed, I believe we should try as best as we can to indeed have the Sacrament of Confirmation of our young people celebrated this year. This can be done in several ways with adaptations as needed; hence, the different scenarios described below. **And the main point is that it is up to the parish to decide when and how the Confirmations will in fact happen.**

Option 1

Keep the date that is indicated in the current attached schedule, all the while observing the current Public Health directive of 25% capacity to a maximum of 50 people. **If this is the case, there is no need to reply to our office.**



If it be the case that a parish now wishes an additional date (or even dates), please contact Alice Lemoine at 204-237-9858 or at bureauMgr@archsaintboniface.ca. Requests will be responded to on a first come first served basis.

Available Dates

May	June
Thursday, May 20	Tuesday, June 8
Friday, May 21	Thursday, June 10
Sunday, May 30, evening only	Friday, June 11
	Monday, June 14
	Tuesday June 15
	Wednesday, June 16
	Thursday, June 17
	Friday, June 18
	Tuesday, June 22
	Wednesday, June 23
	Thursday, June 24
	Friday, June 25
Fall 2021 – weekday evenings	

Option II

That I come to celebrate confirmation in the fall, rather than this spring according to the presently scheduled dates. These dates would be on weekday evenings and not on weekends. The schedule of fall dates would be finalized by the end of June 2021.

Option III

Upon request, I would delegate the parish priest to celebrate the Confirmations at a time (or times) that works for the parish.

For Options II and III, please communicate with Alice Lemoine at 204-237-9858 or at bureauMgr@archsaintboniface.ca, at least two weeks before the presently scheduled date, if you wish to change your plans and I am not to come to your parish. Please indicate what changes you are planning, and which requests you will be making of my office.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to paddle through these choppy waters.

Let us pray to Saint Joseph that through his intercessions we will all be protected from harm during these uncertain times.

Sincerely in our Risen Lord,

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