



Confirmation of Adult Baptized Catholics

The celebration of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil is primarily for those who are being baptized (catechumens/elect). Non-Catholic baptized Christians (candidates) who are making a profession of faith and being received into full communion with the Church should also be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Baptized Catholics, however, even if they have not been confirmed, have already entered the sacramental life of the Church through their Baptism. In light of this, it is not appropriate that they be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, which is primarily a celebration of conversion and rebirth.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Vancouver adult baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed are to receive this Sacrament in their respective parishes on Pentecost Sunday, or other appropriate occasion, and not at the Easter Vigil.

Baptized but uncatechized adult Catholics may be prepared for Confirmation through participation in RCIA formation meetings, with a specific concentration on entering fully into the sacramental life of the Church through Confirmation. They should not, however, participate in the Rites of Acceptance, Welcoming or Election, since, by Baptism, they are already members of the Church.

When a parish has adult baptized Catholics who are being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the pastor is to write to the Archbishop in advance requesting delegation of the faculty to confirm them on Pentecost Sunday, or other appropriate occasion. Copies of the confirmands' baptismal certificates are to accompany this written request.

The Lay Formation team in the Ministries & Outreach Office is available to assist RCIA coordinators in implementing this Directive, if needed.

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