



## Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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# DECREE

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**Whereas**, after much discernment and prayer, I have published a pastoral letter (*Reborn, Anointed, Nourished: Faith and Formation for Life*) on catechesis and the Sacraments of Initiation offering instruction on restoring the original order for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation for children in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, and

**Whereas** I have consulted the presbyteral council and heard their support for implementing this restoration in the diocese, it is my desire to do all in my power to renew the vitality of sacramental life in the diocese, especially for the young who more than ever now need all the fullness of the graces of the Sacraments of Initiation,

**Therefore**, beginning on August 15, 2028 (the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), for all baptized children who have completed their seventh year of age, it will be the norm for this diocese that they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation together with First Eucharist.

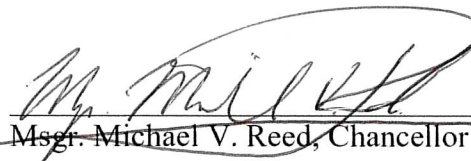
Until that date, it is permissible for pastors of parishes to anticipate the adoption of this restoration if they have met the requirements provided in the document, "Requirements for Early Implementation of Restored Order of the Sacraments." This document takes into full consideration the spiritual and sacramental needs of the faithful entrusted to their care.

**Therefore**, from the date of this decree, provided that the requirements are met, pastors are free to arrange for the reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist either in a combined way or separately at the time and age that they deem most beneficial to the children of their parishes. However, from August 15, 2028 all celebrations of First Eucharist for baptized children must also include the celebration of Confirmation. The diocesan bishop or his delegate will preside at all parish celebrations in which Confirmation and First Eucharist are conferred.

This restoration in no way impacts the appropriate timeframe for celebration of First Reconciliation prior to reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

  
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