October 10, 2023

Dear Reverend Pastors and Adult Confirmation Coordinators:

Greetings and blessings to all!

Archbishop John C. Wester will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized catechized adults of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at:

- St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish, Albuquerque on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

This celebration of Confirmation is for individuals 19 years and older who have been baptized and have previously received First Communion. Remember to choose sponsors BEFORE you submit the candidate forms; only 1 Sponsor, per candidate per the Archdiocesan guidelines.

Below are the steps you need to take to prepare for Adult Confirmation 2023.

**BEFORE Wednesday, October 18, 2023:**

A **Response Form** is **REQUIRED for ALL Parishes indicating if your parish is OR is not attending the Adult Confirmation.**

Please complete and submit the attached forms by EMAIL to worship.office@asfm.org OR by FAX (505)831-8101.

1)Response Form 2023, 2) 2023 Adult Confirmandi & Sponsor Form and 3) 2023 Adult Confirmation Candidate Information Form (1 form for each Candidate) are due by **Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

After your 3 forms are received: (Response Form, Adult Confirmandi & Sponsor Form and 2023 Adult Confirmation Candidate Information Form – one form for each candidate) additional information will be provided by Monday, October 23, 2023, to prepare for participation in the sacramental celebration.

a. **RESPONSE FORM 2023**

Choose a location for Adult Confirmation, provide contact information, and number of participants. *(Please note: location requests are taken on a 1st come, 1st serve basis; seating is limited; reserved seating ONLY for the number indicated, all others will sit in “open seating”, which will be very limited.)*

b. **2023 ADULT CONFIRMANDI & SPONSOR FORM**

Provide Confirmandi and Sponsor Names on this form. This form will be used to check in your confirmandi and sponsors before the liturgy and also during the liturgy to call out the names.

c. **2023 ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

Please complete 1 form per Confirmandi. These forms will be returned to you after Confirmation with the Confirmation information for you to record in your parish Confirmation Register.

No letters to the archbishop are required. Although as you are preparing the Confirmandi’s for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Archbishop’s questions may be used as a guide:

1) What do you like about being Catholic?
2) What saint’s name did you choose and why?
3) Who did you choose as your Sponsor and why?
A letter will be sent to your parish via the parish and pastor archdiocesan email by **Monday, October 23, 2023**, that will provide: the location of where your parish will celebrate Adult Confirmation and additional specific details i.e. name tags, etc. for preparing for the Sacrament.

Please contact the Office of Worship at worship.office@archdiocese.org or by calling 505-831-8128 if you need assistance completing the forms.

The Office of Worship and Liturgical Commission look forward to hearing from you by **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. May God bless you and those you are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In Christ,

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