



Diocese of Brownsville

Catholic Pastoral Center

Office of the Bishop

MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Administrators and Parochial Vicars

From: Most Rev. Daniel E. Flores, STD

Re: Easter Sacrament

Date: February 19, 2013

As we prepare to lead our people through the mysteries of Holy Week, please know of my prayers for you and the faithful in your care.

Also, please be reminded that the norms of ecclesiastical and liturgical law should be observed carefully, particularly during this time.

With regard to children of catechetical age who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, the norm is that they are also to be confirmed and receive First Holy Communion also at the Easter Vigil. Any exceptional circumstances should be consulted with the Bishop's Office.

Secondly, couples in irregular marriage situations may receive the sacraments only after their marital situation is fully brought into conformity with the norms of the church discipline. If you have any questions about particular cases, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal.

Thirdly, the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation to those who are already baptized, including adults associated as candidates through the RCIA process, are ordinarily confirmed by the bishop. An exception to such a norm requires a specific letter requesting delegation from the bishop.