



DECREE

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DURING A PANDEMIC

The current public health pandemic continues to bring about fears and anxiety in the hearts and minds of many people. However, it has also unified us as a people seeking the good for the other. The Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us that we belong to the Universal Church and to a local parish community (CCC, no. 1309). The symbol of oil reminds us of the action of the Holy Spirit upon us as members in the Church family.

As we are all aware, we have adapted the way we live our daily lives, as well as in the way we worship. The decisions made regarding the liturgical life of our parishes continue to be made with prayer, faith, and in observance of policies established by our civil authorities ensuring the good of all people.

Therefore, in order to help priests perform their ministry with faith, prudence, and wise judgment, by this decree, I grant to the priests of the diocese the delegation to **confer the Sacrament of Confirmation from August 6, 2020 to November 20, 2020**, according to the revised liturgical guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation, *Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during a Pandemic* – issued along with this decree.

Given in Peterborough, Ontario, this 14th day of August, 2020, the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Most Rev. Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

Rev. Joseph Devereaux
Judicial Vicar / Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs