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CONFIRMATION AND THE FACULTY TO CONFIRM

The following might be helpful for you regarding Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. For priests who have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, these are the instructions for the Faculty to Confirm as found in the *Pagella, Clerus Cincinnatiensis*, Volume XIII, No. 1, pages 238-239. The mandate is given to all presbyters in the Archdiocese:

1. to baptize, and to confirm on the occasion of Baptism, persons who are no longer infants, and whom the presbyter judges to be suitable for Catholic baptism (c. 883, 2°);
2. to admit into full communion with the Catholic Church, and to confirm on the occasion of such admission into full communion, previously baptized persons, who are no longer infants, and whom the presbyters judges to be suitable for admission to the Catholic Church (c. 883, 2°); and,
3. to readmit into full communion and to confirm persons, who: (a) are beyond infancy; (b) were baptized Catholic but were not confirmed; (c) later became an apostate or a heretic; and, (d) whom the presbyter judges to be suitable for readmission to the Catholic Church (Commission for the Interpretation of the Decrees of Vatican II, April 25, 1975). Please call the Chancery about a possible remission of a *latae sententiae* penalty in the external forum (c. 1364 §1).

Presbyters do not have the faculty to confirm a baptized Catholic, who: (1) simply has not been active in the practice of the faith without becoming a member of another Church; and, (2) now desires to be confirmed and to be actively involved in the life of the Catholic Church (*National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, no. 28c). In such a case, individual delegation is required. Presbyters can seek such delegation in writing from the Chancery. Such a request should give the reasons that the delegation is sought, the name of the presbyter to be delegated, and the name of the candidate.

If you need to request a faculty to confirm, please do so in ample time to receive it before the Easter Vigil. Also, if you have more than one parish, please include the name of the parish where the Confirmation will take place.