



Good Shepherd Church Faith Formation~Religious Education

Confirmation Update 11-9-20

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We hope this email finds you and your loved ones doing well.

As of this date Good Shepherd Church remains in the red zone as per Governor Cuomo's mandate due to upticks in COVID-19.

We had hoped by now this mandate would have been lifted but unfortunately there is no foreseeable definitive date. The diocese continues to remain active in pursuing legal appeals in court and we will keep you posted.

In consultation with Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle, Pastor and Mr. John O'Brien, Principal we deeply regret that we will need to postpone the Sacrament of Confirmation until 2021.

Governor Cuomo's current mandate means we can only have 10 people in a house of worship at any one time in the red zone. We have 60 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation and there is no way we can possibly administer the Sacrament of Confirmation based on such restrictions.

Over the next few months we will conduct smaller retreats for candidates only and provide the Sacrament of Confession. I will send details on this in a separate email.

We pray and hope by early spring 2021 we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation most likely with tickets being issued but with a larger gathering than currently allowed. As soon as we have a new date I will notify you.

Please continue to pray and stay strong. My deepest apologies for this disappointing update...I wish there was something more we could do.

Stay safe...God's Blessings!

Pax Christi,

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