



CONFIRMATION

During Coronavirus

July 16, 2020

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers,

I am enormously indebted to you for your assistance and cooperation as we prepare for the conferral of Confirmation on our 2020 Confirmands.

Enclosed are the special considerations for the celebration of the Sacrament. Many will reflect the practices in place in your parishes for weekend and daily Mass. It is asked that those incorporated for Confirmation be especially adhered to.

Coronavirus is cruelly virulent and in the interest of everyone's safety particular attention should be placed on wearing masks, (no exceptions), six-foot social distancing, washing and sanitizing of hands. Such is employed for self-protection but especially out of charity for others. Heartfelt gratitude is expressed for everyone's cooperation.

Greet especially the Confirmands for me. Thank them for their patience. Assure them of my support and affection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Richard E Pates*

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