**Sacramental Preparation for P7-S1 Confirmation**

**Although it would ordinarily be the Archbishop that would confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, on this occasion he has asked parish priests to seek delegation to Confirm the candidates for their parish. It may be important to emphasise to the pupils that the sacrament remains the same whether they have received it from the Archbishop or their parish priest.**

* **Contacting pupils who have missed Confirmation:** Primary schools forward names of candidates for Confirmation to relevant High School (or Parish priest if the pupil has gone on to a non-denominational school). In communication with the parish priest, secondary schools are asked to write to the families of those pupils advising them of the arrangements. Simultaneously, Parish Priests are asked to reach out to their S1 parishioners, asking them to make themselves known if they are yet to receive the Sacrament.
* **Preparation**: the High School RE Department will be provided with 4 lessons to undertake with S1 pupils in preparation for the Sacrament. It is suggested that these are delivered as core RE lessons to all S1 students. Four home sessions will also be shared with parents via the Archdiocese of Glasgow RE Dept. web page: <https://www.rercglasgow.org/confirmation.html>. There is a suggested progression through the home session and class lessons (see Overview of Lessons doc on the webpage.), however under the circumstances it will not always be possible for this to be adhered to.
* **Workbooks:** Some pupils will already have their Confirmation workbooks while others may not. As the Archdiocesan offices remain closed, we cannot currently provide workbooks to schools. As such, we have tailored follow up activities so that they can be completed with or without a workbook.
* **Saints Name:** For those pupils who have yet to choose a Confirmation Saint’s name an additional Home Session (2) is provided.
* **Sponsors:** Under the current circumstances it is recommended that one person act as a sponsor for the whole group. A parent or family member should accompany each candidate at the Confirmation.
* **Liturgy:** An abbreviated form of the liturgy and detailed liturgical guidance will be provided to Parish Priests and to High Schools.
* **Covid-19 Regulations:** As Parish Priests are now held legally responsible for the implementation of strict procedures and practices while parishioners are on the Church premises, we kindly ask that the Bishop’s Conference guidance is adhered to during the celebration of Confirmation: face masks worn at all times, hand sanitisation, social distancing, no congregational singing etc. Social distancing guidelines should be considered when taking photographs i.e. household groups or groups of all classmates. Due to social distancing guidance, it will not be possible for the parish priest and teachers to be in photographs with the pupils.

**If you require any further information please contact the RE Department.**