

GENERAL DECREE - EXTRAORDINARY FACULTIES FOR SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Guidelines

Following the promulgation of the general decree for the administration of the sacrament of confirmation to children and adults, please take note of the following guidelines:

1. The extraordinary faculties for the administration of the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to adults, for confirmation for children, and the reception of the profession of faith, apply exclusively to parish pastors, parish administrators and priests in charge of missions, who occupy said office by virtue of an official nomination by the Archbishop.
2. During the period in which these faculties are provided, it is not necessary for priests to request faculties by letter to the Chancery office, as per the normal procedure.
3. These faculties may not be delegated to a curate, an assistant priest or any other priest.
4. Priests to whom these faculties are granted may administer the sacraments only to persons who belong to their own parish community, and not to anyone belonging to another parish or diocese. Exceptions are allowed for the collaboration of parishes who share catechetical programs and personnel.
5. The candidates must be well-prepared and properly disposed to receive the sacraments, that is, they must have completed an adequate catechetical formation before receiving the sacraments.
6. The sacraments must be registered in the parish registers as per the ordinary manner prescribed by canon law.
7. The general decree does not eliminate the possibility that a parish may invite an ordinary minister (i.e. a bishop, episcopal vicar, or other delegated priest - see **updated list** on website below) to preside the confirmation celebrations.

For the invitation of ordinary ministers, the usual process set up by the Office of Faith Education (ODEF) applies. The "Confirmation Minister Request Form" must be completed online by March 12, 2021. It is available at the following address: <https://diocesemontreal.org/en/parish-resources/faith-education> We invite you to specify

in the Form the name of the desired Minister of Confirmation. Should you have additional questions, the following person is available to assist you:

Mme Rosetta Staltari of the ODEF

Tel.: 514-925-4300 ext. 257

Email : rstaltari@diocesemontreal.org

Regarding the **Profession of faith**, you can obtain a copy of the required form from:

Ms. Nadia Iezzoni of the Chancery office

Tel.: 514-935-4300 ext. 245

Email : niezzoni@diocesemontreal.org

Please note that the present guidelines are applicable for the duration of the effective period of the general decree, between February 18th and June 24th 2021.