

The Celebration of Confirmation & Reception in the Diocese of Long Island

In the Spring of 2021 and in the season of COVID, Confirmations and Receptions have been scheduled by the Office of the Bishop for Wednesday evenings and during Sunday Visitations.

- √ Bishop Provenzano has mandated that all candidates for confirmation receive at least one academic year of preparation for confirmation. The age of confirmation is determined by the parish priest based upon the Christian formation programs in place for children and youth. What is important is not the age, but the formation of the candidate. Adults being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should have been in a formation period for no less than 3 months.
- √ A list of candidates for confirmation and reception should be sent to Deidra Beaman (dbeaman@dioceseli.org) one month prior to the date of Confirmation/Reception. Once Confirmation and Reception has taken place, the signed registration form is to be emailed/mailed to Deidra Beaman, Diocese of Long Island, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. The registration form can be found on the Diocesan Website ([click here](#))
- √ Number of Attendees: The Diocesan COVID Protocol allows for 25% capacity for in-person Liturgies. If your parish is participating in a Regional/Deanery Confirmation, please check the capacity with the hosting parish. It is our hope that each of these Liturgies will be Livestreamed or on Zoom so that family members, who cannot be physically present, will be able to participate.
- √ Prayer Books and Confirmation/Reception certificates will be signed the day of the Liturgy as well as the Parish Registers.
- √ Candidates and Presenters/Sponsors for Confirmation and Reception are expected to be prepared for the Liturgy. It is our hope that the candidates will be assigned as a Lector and that one of the Formation Team will lead the Prayers for the Candidates. When the candidate kneels before the Bishop, **only the candidate will say their name loud and clear**. Index cards are not to be used. The parish clergy, parents/sponsors/presenters should stand with the candidate. After each candidate is confirmed or received, they are to remain to the lower left and right of the Bishop keeping at a safe distance. When all the candidates have been confirmed and received, they are to stand facing the Bishop for the final prayer of the Rite of Confirmation. The Bishop will then

offer the Sign of Peace and the newly confirmed and received will return to their seats.

- √ The Bishop, for confirmation and reception, will sit in the center of the Sanctuary. A small table to his/her right is to have a bowl of sanitizer and a bowl containing Chrism.
- √ The bulletin for the Wednesday Confirmations and Receptions will be provided by the Diocese. It is our hope that a musician and singer will also participate in the Liturgy. Canon Michael Delaney is available to answer any Liturgical or Musical questions at mdelaney@dioceseli.org. If Confirmations and Receptions are to take place during a Sunday visitation, a draft of the bulletin must be sent to [Deidra Beaman](#) and [Canon Delaney](#) two weeks prior to the Liturgy.