



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, NL

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To Young People preparing for Confirmation and to their Parents/Guardians and Catechists

Dear Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

I hope that you are keeping well and are not missing school and your friends too much during this time of self-isolation due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Among the many things that have had to be postponed due to this pandemic has been your celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I know that this postponement has been disappointing for you. Like you, your families and your catechists, I was looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with you. Although at this time we do not know how long social distancing will be necessary, as soon as it is safe to do so, we will reschedule the parish celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the meantime, I ask that you and your families stay safe and pray together, remembering in your prayers those who are sick, those who are caring for them and those who are working so hard to keep us all safe. Also, please continue your religious studies and your preparations for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Along with the resources that may have been made available to you in your parishes and by your parish catechists, every Saturday the weekly edition of our Archdiocesan catechetical resource *Living Faith* is posted on our Archdiocesan website www.rcsj.org. It includes a variety of resources, links and activities for people of all ages and, if you wish, you can sign up on the website to receive the weekly edition of *Living Faith* free of charge via email.

Hopefully, in the not too distant future, it will again be safe for us to gather in our parish churches for worship and we will be able to reschedule your Confirmation celebration. In the meantime, our prayers for each other are powerful and are a wonderful way to stay connected and supportive of each other.

With prayers and best wishes for God's blessings upon you during this challenging time and always,

Yours in the Risen Lord,

+Peter Hundt

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