



Decree
Temporary Delegation of All Priests Serving
as Parish Administrators the Faculty to Confirm
Through December 31, 2020

At present, all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are challenged to keep themselves and others safe during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this situation, the following circumstances exist:

- **Whereas, the desire of the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is strong as is their faith in the Lord and his Church;**
- **Whereas, the faithful are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a timely fashion is important even in this time of difficulty and challenge;**
- **Whereas, any physical gatherings of the faithful under the auspices of the Church will likely be limited in number due to the requirements necessary to avoid transmission of COVID-19 to others;**
- **Whereas, it is highly unlikely that any large gatherings of the faithful, typical of past occasions where the Sacrament of Confirmation has been administered, will be permitted through December 31, 2020; and**
- **Whereas, canon 884, §1 states: "The diocesan bishop is to administer confirmation personally or is to take care that another bishop administers it. If necessity requires it, he can grant the faculty to one or more specific presbyters, who are to administer the sacrament."**

Therefore, be it resolved, that because of these circumstances, I find it is necessary to delegate to *all priests serving as parish administrators* the temporary faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation within their boundaries of their parish.

Be it further resolved, that I do delegate those priests serving as parish administrators the faculty to subdelegate this temporary faculty in accordance with canon 887.

Both faculties shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Given at Baltimore City on the date of June 29, 2020, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

William E. Lori

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore



James L. Barr

Notary