

BULLETIN BLURB – ENGLISH

For use in Wave 1 Parishes/Pastorates:

An Announcement Regarding Confirmation: In keeping with his ongoing desire to better support families in the journey of faith, Archbishop Lori has announced his decision to change the standard age of Confirmation in our Archdiocese. Over the course of the next several years, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will undergo a process of transition, shifting from the typical time of Confirmation down to the age of 9 years (roughly 4th grade).

Our parish/pastorate is among those scheduled to begin the transition process in the upcoming 2025-2026 catechetical year, although it could take several years to complete the change. We are working with the Archdiocese and with the other parishes on the leading edge of the change to develop an implementation plan that best fits the needs of our community. For more information about the upcoming change in Confirmation age, please see the “Frequently Asked Questions” enclosed in the bulletin.

A note on youth ministry: As this change takes place, we will not lose sight of the importance of catechesis and accompaniment for our middle and high school youth. In light of the relocation of Confirmation preparation, the Archdiocese is also guiding intentional efforts to revitalize and recalibrate youth ministry to the needs and gifts of today’s Gen Z and Gen Alpha young people. More information about these efforts at our local level will be available in the coming months.

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