

CONFIRMATION: A THREE-YEAR TRANSITION PLAN

2019-20

- **No change this upcoming Confirmation cycle.** The preparation and celebration of Confirmation will continue to take place as already planned in accordance with current practice (16 or 17 years of age).
- Should a parish desire to begin prepping and confirming high school aged youth they may do so at this time. However, no change is otherwise required
- The OYMRelEd Office researches and develops a new policy for approval by year's end.

2020-21

- **All 9th-11th graders** permitted to be confirmed this Confirmation cycle.
- **Jan/Feb/March:** Formation days for Confirmation coordinators and catechetical teams. Go over new policy, best practices, new resources, and offer time to work.
- **Feb - May:** parishes make appropriate changes/adaptations to current Confirmation prep programs. Work with the OYMRelEd as needed.
- **May - Aug:** Parishes submit Confirmation programs for the 2020-21 cycle to the OYMRelEd for approval and scheduling.
- **September:** Parishes begin to implement their programs and plan for ministry beyond confirmation.

2021-22

- All 7, 8, 9th graders permitted to be confirmed this Confirmation cycle.
- Parishes continue planning for ministry beyond Confirmation.

2022-23

- The age of Confirmation is now set at 7th grade.
- Parish continue to implement ministry strategies beyond Confirmation.

