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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pastors

FROM: Rev. Neil S. Sullivan, Director
Office of Worship

DATE: January 25, 2010

RE: Adult Confirmations on Pentecost Sunday ▪ May 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010, will be the occasion for Adult Baptized Catechized Catholics (those who have already made their First Holy Communion) to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be celebrated by Father Chester P. Snyder, who, by his office as the Diocesan Administrator, has the faculty to confirm baptized Catholics. The ceremony will take place during the 12:15 p.m. Mass at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg.

Pastors are requested to fill out the attached application form (please print or type) for each candidate. It must be returned to the Office of Worship, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Box 2153, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2153, **by May 5, 2010.**

Please note: An official copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate must accompany the application for the candidate to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this ceremony.

Pastors are asked to ensure that each candidate receives proper instructions prior to submitting the application. Candidates are to have an adequate knowledge of the Catholic Faith, have given evidence of regular attendance at Mass, validly married, etc. Sponsors are to meet the requirements of Canons 893 and 874 of the *Code of Canon Law* to be eligible to act as sponsor. **If the sponsor is not from your parish, please attach a sponsor eligibility certificate from their parish with the confirmand's application form.**

Please inform each candidate that he/she is to report to the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick's Social Hall (lower level) with his/her sponsor by 11:15 a.m. that day. Prior to the Mass candidates and sponsors will be given instructions regarding the ceremony.

To assist in the final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation of Adult Catholics, the Office of Worship is pleased to present **SEALED WITH THE SPIRIT: A RETREAT DAY FOR ADULTS CATHOLICS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION** on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. The day will focus on the spiritual meaning of Confirmation and the role of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the life of God's people. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Please contact the Office of Worship at (717) 657-4804, ext. 353 with any questions, concerns, or clarifications. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Attachments