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FACULTIES: CONFIRMATION

18. A. SINCE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A RITE OF INITIATION, PASTORS MUST SEE THAT PROPER PREPARATION IS GIVEN BEFOREHAND (c. 890).
- B. THE ONLY FORM FOR ADMINISTERING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION THAT IS PERMISSIBLE IS: "N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- C. THE PRIEST WHO RECEIVES AN ADULT OR A CHILD OLD ENOUGH FOR CATECHESIS INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH SHOULD ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AS PART OF THE INITIATION CEREMONY ACCORDING TO NORMS D AND E BELOW. THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONFIRMATION BY THE PRIEST CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE RECEPTION OF THE CANDIDATE WITHOUT SPECIAL DELEGATION FROM THE ORDINARY.
- D. AN UNCONFIRMED CATHOLIC ADULT WHO HAD JOINED ANOTHER RELIGION AND IS BEING RECONCILED WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MAY BE CONFIRMED WHEN BAPTISMAL FAITH IS BEING EXPRESSED.
- E. A CATHOLIC WHO WAS BAPTIZED BUT WHO WAS NEVER CONFIRMED AND DID NOT PRACTICE HIS OR HER RELIGION AND WHO WISHES TO BE RECONCILED WITH THE CHURCH, MAY BE CONFIRMED BY THE PRIEST AFTER HE REQUESTS SPECIAL DELEGATION IN WRITING FROM THE ORDINARY.
- F. WHEN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT (E.G., WHEN IT IS DISCOVERED DURING PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE THAT ONE OF THE PARTIES IS NOT CONFIRMED) PRIESTS MAY RECEIVE SPECIAL DELEGATION, IN WRITING, FROM THE ORDINARY, SO HE CAN CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION IN THAT SPECIAL CASE.
- G. IN DANGER OF DEATH, THE PASTOR OR ANY PRIEST MAY CONFIRM (c. 883, #3).
- H. IN CASE OF SERIOUS NEED, THE PASTOR MAY PERMIT PARENTS TO PRESENT THEIR CHILDREN FOR CONFIRMATION WITHOUT SPONSORS (c. 892).
- I. THE PASTOR WILL RECORD THE FACT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE PROPER PARISH REGISTER (cf. c. 895). THE PASTOR OF THE PLACE OF BAPTISM IS TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE CONFIRMATION AND HE SHOULD MAKE A RECORD OF THE FACT IN THE BAPTISMAL REGISTER.