

DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



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DECREE

As Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino, I, Gerald R. Barnes, having considered the pastoral care of the faithful of the Diocese, and in light of the current pandemic of COVID-19, which has delayed the previously planned celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the faithful of the Diocese decree the following:

In accord with the provisions of canon 884, §1, I hereby grant each Pastor and Administrator of the parishes within the Diocese of San Bernardino the faculty to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon:

- All youth and adults in his respective parish in the Diocese of San Bernardino, who previously prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2020 Easter Season.
- This faculty is granted and is in effect from July 21, 2020 until October 31, 2020. Any Pastor or Administrator wishing to confirm a parishioner after October 31, 2020, must once again write me a letter to receive special delegation.

Parishes should plan the confirmation celebrations taking into consideration the necessary and mandated COVID-19 protocols including social distancing, mask wearing, and 100 person capacity. Also, as previously communicated to the priests and faithful of the Diocese, these liturgical celebrations will take place outside in a designated worship area on parish grounds.

Be assured of my ongoing support and prayers.

Given this 21st of July in the year of the Lord, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald R. Barnes".

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez".

Very Rev. Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez, VG
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