



## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

February 6, 2023

Dear Monsignors and Fathers:

The Sacrament of Confirmation for those young people with disabilities will be celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Sunday, April 16, 2023. The Confirmation Mass will be at 10:15 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. While the usual place for the reception of the Sacrament is the parish, this is a very special opportunity for these young people to come together with the Cardinal. It is also the moment for us to recognize the wonderful presence, giftedness and witness to the faith that these young people have.

The Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Person with Disabilities remind us that, *“the Church seeks to support all in their growth in holiness, and to encourage all in their vocations. Participating in, and being nourished by the grace of the sacraments is essential to this growth in holiness.”* Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation deepens their relationship with God and the Church. What a joy it is for these young people, their families and all who gather to witness the power and work of the Holy Spirit.

If you are aware of any of young parishioners who have a disability and are presently preparing for Confirmation or who have not been confirmed because of their disability, please bring this celebration to the attention of their families. If there is concern about suitable preparation or if the youth is severely impaired, the Department of Youth Faith Formation will work with you, your Faith Formation Director/Coordinator, and the family of the young person to provide appropriate preparations.

If you have any potential candidate, please have your Faith Formation Director/Coordinator or the young person's parent register on our website: <https://bit.ly/April16Confirmation>. Once we receive the registration form, we will arrange a meeting and continue the preparations. For any additional information, please contact me at 646-794-2849 or at [joe.long@archny.org](mailto:joe.long@archny.org).

Thank you for your ministry to these young people and their families. We look forward to assisting you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Long  
Director of Children's Faith Formation

---

T: 646-794-2849 | C: 910-354-9674

[joe.long@archny.org](mailto:joe.long@archny.org)

<https://archny.org/youth-faith-formation>

1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022