



Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora

Norms for Candidates for Confirmation or First Holy Communion coming from outside the Diocese

- 1) The responsibility for testifying to the adequate catechesis of such candidates rests with the Parish Priest (Moderator) where the Sacrament is to be celebrated.
- 2) Such candidates should join the already arranged parish ceremonies.
- 3) The Parish Priest (Moderator) should request a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate and make contact with the Parish Priest of the parish where the candidate lives to receive, in writing, an account of what catechesis the candidate has undertaken and confirmation that the candidate has received their First Holy Communion.
- 4) If no catechesis has been undertaken, or catechesis that the Parish Priest (Moderator) deems lacking in some way, then arrangements should be made to rectify this situation to an appropriate standard
- 5) Candidates should apply using the Diocesan application form and make whatever commitments are required within the Diocese of Galway.
- 6) In the case of Confirmation, the Diocesan Office should be informed that the above has been completed and the candidate will now be part of the parish Confirmation ceremony.



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Norms for Candidates switching Confirmation or First Holy Communion Ceremonies from other schools or parishes within the Diocese for exceptional reasons

- This practice should take place only in exceptional circumstances (e.g. death, grave illness, etc.), as judged and agreed by both Parish Priest (Moderator) of the parish where the school/candidate resides and the Parish Priest (Moderator) where the Confirmation ceremony they are now joining will take place.
- In case of Confirmation, the Diocesan Office should be informed that the above has been completed and the candidate will now be part of the parish Confirmation ceremony.

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