

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish - Waterbury, CT



All Confirmation ceremonies are not celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. Below is a letter from Monsignor Ginty explaining why we celebrate together with other parishes rather than in our own individual parishes.

Dear Parents and Confirmation Students,

In the June 2021 issue of the “Catholic Transcript”, an article was published explaining why our Archbishop requests Confirmation to take place at the Cathedral. Below I have included a portion of that article.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the universal Church as well the parish community”. The grace of Confirmation is meant to strengthen us for our mission to go out into the world as witnesses to Jesus, and to do so conscious of our membership in a truly Catholic, universal family of faith.

All of this being taken into account, starting this fall (2021), we bishops will begin celebrating Confirmations at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. This will make it possible for those who are being confirmed to experience not only the beauty and significance of their cathedral but, more importantly, the presence of Catholics from other parishes, mostly of their own age group, coming together in faith to then be “sent out” into the wider world to bear witness to Christ.

Sincerely in Christ

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