

APPENDIX A

CONFIRMATION SITUATIONS

Who is the Candidate?	Who may Confirm?	When?	Under What Conditions?	In the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
Unbaptized adult	The priest who baptizes	Immediately after baptism	The priest must confirm in every instance (Canon 885.2)	
Unbaptized child of catechetical age	The priest who baptizes	Immediately after baptism	The priest must confirm in every instance (Canon 885.2)	
Unbaptized child under catechetical age	The bishop or his delegate	At a scheduled Confirmation Mass	After the candidate completes the Diocesan Confirmation formation process	Confirmation may be conferred at any point in either 9 th or 10 th grade
Adult baptized in another Christian denomination	The priest who receives him or her into the church	Immediately after their reception. Confirmation is integral to reception into full communion	The priest must confirm in every instance	
Child of catechetical age baptized in another Christian denomination	The priest who receives him or her into the church	Immediately after their reception. Confirmation is integral to reception into full communion	The priest must confirm in every instance	
Child under catechetical age baptized in another Christian denomination	The bishop or his delegate	At a scheduled Confirmation Mass	After the candidate completes the Diocesan Confirmation formation process	Confirmation may be conferred at any point in either 9 th or 10 th grade
Adult already baptized a Catholic	The bishop or his delegate	At a scheduled Confirmation Mass	After appropriate preparation	The bishop may confirm the candidate at a diocesan celebration, a parish celebration, or he may delegate the pastor to confirm
Child of catechetical age already baptized a Catholic	The bishop or his delegate	At a scheduled Confirmation Mass	After the candidate completes the Diocesan Confirmation formation process	Confirmation may be conferred at any point in either 9 th or 10 th grade.
Any baptized Catholic in danger of death	Any priest	Immediately	After whatever preparation is possible	

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