



Diocese of Brownsville

Catholic Pastoral Center

Office of the Bishop

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Priests
FROM: Bishop Daniel E. Flores *DFlores*
SUBJECT: Diocesan Norms for Sacraments
DATE: October 12, 2010

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am aware that there are issues and concerns regarding the Sacramental Norms that are currently in place in the diocese. I also understand that the First Diocesan Synod felt it imperative to recommend guidelines for the Sacramental Life of the Church in our particular diocese for the sake of unity and uniformity.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Brownsville, I have the responsibility for the Teaching, Shepherding and Sanctification of the People of God. As a sacramental Church it is through the sacraments that we encounter the Lord Jesus Christ. It is important that we prepare the Christian faithful to understand, celebrate and live these encounters with Christ in and through the Church.

Therefore, until further notice, the present Synodal Legislation (Particular Laws for the Sacraments) issued in 2006 remains in effect and nothing should be added or deleted.

I have asked Father Ricardo Garcia, the Judicial Vicar and Luis Zuniga, Director of Pastoral Planning to prepare a questionnaire/survey which will provide you the opportunity to evaluate and make recommendations and/or suggestions in order to make the Sacramental Guidelines more effective. They will compile a report for the Presbyteral Council and the Council of Deans for review.

Once I have heard the recommendations of the Presbyteral Council; I will then issue and sign a Promulgation of Diocesan Norms for the Preparation and the Celebration of the Sacraments for the diocese in the spring of 2011.

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cc: Deacons
Directors of Religious Education
Catholic School Principals
Diocesan Directors, Pastoral Formation