



Office of the Bishop

October 20, 2020

Reverend Michael Roach
St. James Parish
3909 Harrison
Kansas City, MO 64110

Dear Father Roach,

Grace and peace be with you.

I received your October 15, 2020 letter expressing concern about the limited seating at St. Peter Church for the celebration of confirmation on October 28, 2020. Specifically, you worry that with the 40 candidates from St. Peter, there will not be enough room for the seven from St. James in mid-town to attend with their family and other guests, given that the seating is limited to 140 due to Covid-19.

If this is the case, I grant Father Garry Richmeier, C.P.P.S., the faculty to confirm these seven candidates from St. James. If and when he completes the confirmation, please see that an appropriate record is made in the parish sacramental register and that the parish of baptism for each is notified. Also note in the confirmation register that I granted Father Richmeier the faculty for this occasion.

Should you wish, I offer as another option celebrating the sacrament as their bishop on another occasion at St. James Church. It has been some time since I have been there, and I would be happy to accommodate these families and the parish. If this latter option is preferred, please contact Patty Montes and we can see what can be arranged on my schedule. Otherwise, I do grant the faculty to Father Garry to proceed if this judged to be the most helpful option.

Thank you for your pastoral care of two St. James!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., JCL, DD
Bishop of Kansas City- Saint Joseph

c. Rev. Matthew Rotert, Pastor, St. Peter Church