

Dear Confirmation Parents and Candidates:

Preparing for the Confirmation Mass

It is our belief that the best way to avoid misunderstanding is to let our expectations be clearly stated.

Here are some reminders for rehearsal and the Confirmation Mass.

- Rehearsal: The candidate along with a parent and/or the sponsor needs to attend.
- Please **arrive by 4:30pm** on the day of Confirmation, proceed to Parish Hall so you can check in, pick up your necessary information and be seated. Mass begins at 5pm.
- Dress code for parents, sponsors and candidates: no tee shirts with inappropriate sayings or pictures, no short skirts or bare shoulders or low cut blouses. Please take the time to consider the special place and event that is happening and dress accordingly.
- No pictures to be taken during Mass. We have arranged for the Bishop to pose with the candidates individually after Mass. Your names will be called out alphabetically.
- No food, drinks or gum allowed in the church at anytime.
- Please maintain a respectful quiet before mass to allow the people to pray and prepare themselves for the celebration.
- Please do your visiting and meeting people before and after Mass in the hall. During the anointing for Confirmation, the Offertory and after Communion is a time for quiet reflection, prayer, or participating in the singing.
- The Confirmation team requests that the candidates, parents and sponsors remind all family and friends of the expectations written in this letter.
- If for any reason your child will not be at the rehearsal or the Confirmation Mass, please let us know by contacting the office.
- **During the homily the Bishop questions the candidates on things like the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, meaning of a sacrament, what are the Sacraments and Confirmation in particular. Your child should be prepared to answer questions.**

Yes I have read the above information _____

(Parent Signature)

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name (one sponsor per candidate) _____

Confirmation/Saint Name _____

Please return this portion on the Retreat Day