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# DIocese OF AUSTIN

## OFFICE OF WORSHIP

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### Instructions and Guidelines for Confirmation Liturgies

A few things to keep in mind as you prepare for the celebration:

- No stoles or gowns (albs, cassocks, graduation gowns, etc.) should be worn.
- Clothing should be appropriate and does not need to be red or white.
- Candidates do not need to process into the Mass and can be already seated. If in processional, this should happen prior to the beginning of Mass so it can begin promptly.
- If a group photo is to be taken, have enough people to direct and guide the newly confirmed only (not to include sponsors or family members) to their places.
  - There should not be any “reenactment photos” taken (asking the bishop to simulate Confirmation).
- Careful planning should be taken to ensure that the music for the liturgy is appropriate for the celebration.
- Lemons should be provided by the parish.
- Confirmation Ritual is provided by the parish.
- **Sacred Chrism is provided by the parish.**
  - Have a small bowl with Sacred Chrism and a towel.
- During anointing
  - Have someone (priest, deacon, or altar server) hold the small bowl and towel for the bishop and stand to his right-hand side.
  - To help the bishop with reading the candidate’s saint name, please do the following:
    - Each candidate should wear a name badge.
    - If it is a bilingual Mass, please add stickers (in the color listed below) to the top right side of the name badge to indicate the language to be confirmed:
      - Black: English
      - Red: Spanish
  - For candidates with long hair, please instruct them to move their hair away from their name badge.

We are always here to help you so please feel free to contact the Office of Worship.