



CONFIRMATION FAQS

Attire

- The clothes you wear should respect the dignity of the sacrament you are receiving, the clergy who will be presiding, your own immediate families and guests as well as yourselves. Therefore t-shirts, sneakers, jeans, and sweat pants will not be considered a choice.
- Girls: bare shoulders and scooped necklines should be covered with a light sweater or jacket. The hemline of your dress should be to your knee or lower.
- Boys: collared shirts/jackets/ties/creased slacks are the most appropriate attire. If you don't have a suit jacket to wear and you can't borrow one, please do not feel that you have to go out and purchase one for this occasion.
- If attire requirements are not met, you will be given a cardigan or jacket to wear.
- There is no required outfit color, but **red or white are customary.**
- Hairstyle: You will be anointed with chrism oil. Please be sure your hairstyle doesn't interfere with this sacramental. In other words, your hair shouldn't be in your face.

Phone Policy

Please be attentive in general during the liturgy by responding when the congregation responds. **NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN HANDS OR POCKETS/PURSES! NOT EVEN ON SILENT!** Parents should keep their teen's cellphone during the liturgy.

Service Length

- All sponsors and teen candidates must **arrive at 5:00pm for check-in and absolutely no later than 5:30pm.**
- Parents will ideally arrive with teens, and should be there no later than 6pm.
- Liturgy will start at 6:30pm.
- Because over 100 candidates are being confirmed, the Mass will be longer than usual. We cannot give an exact time, but expect it to be around 90 minutes.

Sponsor Card

The card given to the sponsors telling them what to say will look something like this:

SPONSOR: I am pleased to introduce
First Name
Saint Name

BISHOP: Be sealed with the gift of
the Holy Spirit.

CANDIDATE: Amen!

BISHOP: Peace be with you.

CANDIDATE: And with your spirit.

Picture Policy

Parents, if you wish to take pictures during the liturgy, please do so by remaining in your seat. Please do not get up to go to other aisles or block the view of others.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confirmation Liturgy - April 30, 2026

- **5:00pm-5:20pm:** Check-in
- **5:20pm-5:30pm:** Group pictures
- **5:30pm:**
 - Candidates (teens) meet with Hannah in San Damiano Room
 - Sponsors meet with Sponsor guides in St. Francis Room to receive Candidate packets with certificate & name tag
- **5:50pm:** Candidates meet with Bishop Luis in San Damiano Room. This is a time for candidates to express to the bishop how they are feeling as they are about to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or ask him any questions they may have.
- **6:20pm:** Candidates & sponsors line up for procession into the church
- **6:30pm:** Confirmation Liturgy begins

Notes:

- If candidates do not arrive on time for the group picture, there will not be another opportunity. They are still welcome to take pictures with the bishop after Mass.
- **All candidates and sponsors should arrive *absolutely no later than 5:30pm.***



CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

Teen Candidate Expectations

- Be on time and attend the Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday April 23rd @ 6:30pm (arrive for check-in by 6:00pm).
- For the Confirmation Mass Thursday April 30th, **arrive at 5pm for check-in and absolutely no later 5:30pm!**
- Wear modest, formal attire. If attire is inappropriate, you will be given a cardigan or something else to wear (see “attire” section of FAQs for more details).
- **Meet Hannah and Bishop Luis in the San Damiano Room @ 5:50pm** Thursday April 30th to pray, go over a final run-through of the liturgy, and meet with the bishop.
- After this time, candidates will meet up with their sponsors in the lobby and prepare to process in together.
- Hannah will be going over your responses to the priest/bishop as well as general run-throughs in the coming weeks, and especially at the Confirmation Rehearsal, so make sure to pay attention. When the priest/bishop comes to confirm you, know your responses, speak clearly, smile, have good eye contact, give a good handshake, etc. This is a joyful and important celebration, so treat it like one!
- If your Confirmation Paperwork still has not been submitted to the Confirmation Document Portal, you may not be eligible for Confirmation this year and will have to wait until next year.

Sponsor Expectations

- Please speak and pray with your teen candidate sometime before their Confirmation.
- If you live in town and are able to make it for the Confirmation Rehearsal, please start arriving at 6pm and no later than 6:15pm.
- For the Confirmation Mass Thursday April 30th, **please arrive no later than 5:30pm.**
- Gather in the **St. Francis Room at 5:30pm.**
- In the meeting, you will receive an envelope with a card indicating what you say when you present your candidate, and a Confirmation Certificate to give to your candidate after the liturgy.
- A volunteer will go over a run-through of the liturgy with you.
- **All sponsors are expected to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and receive Communion, and therefore must be in good standing with the church.**



CONFIRMATION LITURGY INFO

The Presentation of the Candidates

Occurs as follows (before the homily):

- After the Gospel is read the congregation will be seated.
- Hannah walks up to the ambo and says: “All the Confirmation candidates please stand.”
- Once they are all standing, Hannah speaks.
- After speaking, Hannah returns to her seat.

Renewing Baptismal Promises

- The bishop/priest will give the homily.
- After the homily, the bishop/priest will again ask the candidates to all stand & have them **renew their baptismal promises**. After each question the bishop/priest asks, your response is a very affirmative **“I do.”**

Candidate Presentation to the Bishop/Priest

- At the appropriate time the bishop/priest will come down out of the sanctuary to the main aisle for the anointing. You and your sponsor will approach the bishop/priest. Your sponsor will place their right hand on your right shoulder as you go up to be anointed. Please step up close to the bishop/priest so he is not having to reach out to anoint you.
- We will have the candidates line up across the front of the altar in groups of 10-12 per rotation.
- Ushers will keep a group of 10-12 “on deck” for the next rotation.
- Once the entire group has received the sacrament, the ushers will help them move back to their pews and the next rotation will come forward.
- The candidate and sponsor stand before the bishop/priest. Sponsor has their right hand on candidate’s right shoulder. **Sponsor will hold the index card with the candidates Confirmation Name on it facing the bishop/priest.** Hold the card with your left hand over the left shoulder of the candidate. The bishop/priest needs to clearly see the Confirmation Name.
- **SPONSOR SAYS: “I am pleased to present (*candidate’s first name and candidate’s saint name*).”**
- **The bishop/priest says: “(*First Name, Saint Name*), BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**
- **The newly confirmed responds: “Amen.” Smile, good eye contact, loud.**
- **The bishop/priest says: “Peace be with you.” The newly confirmed answers: “And with your Spirit.”**
- **Bishop/priest will shake hands with each person confirmed at this time. Firm handshake, smile, good eye contact.**
- After all have received their anointing, the Mass proceeds.
- After the final blessing, the newly confirmed will process out followed by the bishop/priest and altar servers. After that, everyone else is dismissed.
- Bishop Luis will greet the newly confirmed in the Narthex (Lobby) after Mass.