



**The Diocese of Knoxville**  
Office of Christian Formation

## **Diocesan Confirmation Mass for Adults**

Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

May 28, 2023 at 4 p.m.

### **Directions for Candidates and Sponsors**

- Candidates and sponsors need to arrive at the Cathedral no later than 3:30 p.m. on the day of Confirmation.
- Name tags and Certificates will be given to each candidate on the day of Confirmation.
- Please review the Rite of Confirmation below and familiarize yourself with the responses.

### **Rite of Confirmation**

- A. Following the homily, the Bishop will return to the presider's chair and invite the candidates to stand for the renewal of baptismal promises. The candidates' response to each promise is **"I do."**
- B. The Bishop will then move to the altar for the laying on of hands and accompanying prayer. Depending on the circumstances, the Bishop will either impose hands on each candidate or upon all of the candidates simultaneously by extending his hands over them.
- C. Following the laying on of hands, the anointing with holy chrism begins at the designated place.
- D. The candidates come forward with their sponsors, who place their right hand on the candidates' right shoulder. The candidates should announce their Confirmation name to the Bishop in a clear and distinct voice. Confirmation names should be Christian names. The candidates will wear name tags (these will be provided by the Office of Christian Formation on the day of Confirmation) with their Confirmation name. The name tags are to be worn on the left side and easily visible. As the Bishop anoints each candidate, he will say **"N., Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."** Each candidate responds, **"Amen."** Next, the Bishop will say, **"Peace be with you."** Each candidate responds, **And with your spirit."** Candidates should look at the Bishop when he anoints them and make all responses loudly.