



## **Dress Code: Classy**

### **Gentlemen**

Ironed Dress Shirt, Dress Pants and Belt, Dress Coat or Suit, Tie or Bowtie

### **Ladies**

Nice dress or Pants Suit, either with sleeves or shoulders covered (no spaghetti straps or strapless)

Hems at the knee or longer, Avoid low necklines, Shoes you can walk in

**All:** Dress should be dignified and in keeping with the dignity of a liturgical celebration. It is essential that the presider be able to anoint the candidate on the forehead so please move hair to the side. There are no color requirements for garments but the sacrament colors are red and white and many times students like to wear those colors (like a red tie).

**SPONSOR CAN'T COME?** During this uncertain time we understand many sponsors may not be able to make it. Please choose a confirmed parent or sibling to "stand in" for the sponsor on the day of the sacrament. And let me know ASAP.

## **Arrival Time:**

6:00 PM (Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor in the Fellowship Hall). Families may arrive later for Mass at 7:00pm or go to the church for prayer before Mass begins.

## **What Happens During the Confirmation Mass:**

Few things are more awkward than a group of people receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit but sitting emotionless throughout Mass. **ENJOY IT!** Pray, celebrate, be present!

The Mass is very similar to most Masses, however, there are three unique parts.

**Seating:** Candidates will be seated—with their families- (on the aisle) candidate and his/her sponsor seated next to them.

## **ORDER of the MASS:**

Welcome, prelude, opening song,

1st reading, Psalm, Gospel,

Rite of Confirmation: Presentation of Candidates

Homily, Renewal of Baptismal promises,

Laying of hands (celebrants and presider over all)

Anointing (see instructions below)

Prayers of the Faithful, Liturgy of the Eucharist,

Communion, Recessional, Group Picture

**Presentation of Candidates:** Candidate names will be read aloud (by the Director of Confirmation, Meg Griffith). Candidates will stand up to be recognized and will be prayed over as the Presider and concelebrants extend their hands over the whole group.

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises:**

The Presider will ask the following questions of the Confirmands. Confirmands should respond loudly and clearly.

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

**Anointing with Chrism:**

To receive the sacrament, you will rise and move to the aisle as though going to receive Communion. Sponsors will place their right hand on the right shoulder of the Confirmand. Upon approaching the Presider be sure to stand close and perhaps remove glasses and move bangs to avoid getting oil on them. If the oil runs, it is easiest to wipe the oil with the hands and then rub the excess into the hands.

Standing before the Presider, the Sponsor, Confirmand will clearly and loudly have the following exchange ("N" means "name" of Confirmand):

**Sponsor:** "Name." (Confirmation Name, For Example my name is Meg Griffith, but my sponsor would say "Gianna")

**Presider:** "Name,"Receive the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

(With Chrism oil on his finger, Presider anoints the forehead of the confirmand).

**Presider:** "Name, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

**Candidate:** "Amen."

**Presider:** "Peace be with you."

**Candidate:** "And with your spirit."

Return to your pews.

**Photos:**

You may take photos before and after Mass. Please be present for the sacrament, rather than standing with your smartphone. I have hired a Professional Photographer to take pictures of all of the candidates as they receive the sacrament and after with a large group photo with the Presider and our OLN Priests.

**Reservation of Seats:** Your best bet is to arrive early to seat everyone together.

**Reception:** Due to Covid, we will not have a reception this year. However, before leaving, please meet me in the Narthex so I can give you your certificate and gift.