

CONFIRMATION FAQ'S

2012

- **Confirmation candidates AND sponsors are to arrive in the GYM 30 minutes before Mass begins (at 1:30 for the 2:00 Confirmation; at 4:30 for the 5:00 Confirmation.)**
- Candidates will receive their red robes and nametags in the Gym. Candidates and sponsors will line up in the Gym for the processional into the church. (Sponsors who have difficulty walking may either join the processional line in the church vestibule and simply already have a seat in the designated pew.)
- **Seating for FOUR people is reserved for each Confirmation candidate:** the candidate sits on the end, the sponsor next to the candidate. The pews will be marked by a red sign hanging on the end of the pew. Those assigned to center pews in the church will be allocated one-half of that pew (space for 4 people). The pews in side sections of the church (against the walls) seat 4 people each.
- Please see the seating chart to determine candidate's seating assignment. (Seating charts will be distributed at the rehearsals.)
- The pews in the transept areas of the church are unreserved seats, as are the back several rows of the main church, and anyone may sit in those areas. First come, first served! There is always plenty of space for guests!
- The Candidates and Sponsors will process in at the beginning of Mass.
- **The procedure for Anointing:**
 - The Bishop will approach each candidate and sponsor AT THEIR PEW. Please remain seated until an usher directs you to stand.
 - The sponsor should put his/her right hand on the candidate's right shoulder.
 - Bishop Perry will make the Sign of the Cross with Sacred Chrism (holy oil) on the candidate's forehead saying, "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The candidate responds, "Amen."
 - Then the Bishop will offer the Sign of Peace to the candidate, "Peace be with you," and the candidate will respond, "And also with you."
- Please refrain from taking photographs or videos during the Confirmation liturgies – except during the entrance procession and recessional.
- After Mass, the newly confirmed return to the Gym to return the robes, pick up certificates & enjoy lemonade & cookies. Also, the Bishop and priests are happy to pose for photographs with your family after the liturgy in the gym.
- **WHAT TO WEAR:**
 - Girls: a dress or skirt/top with dress shoes
 - Boys: dress slacks & shirt with tie, dress shoes (suit jackets are too bulky under the robes)
- **HOW LONG WILL THE CONFIRMATION MASSES BE?**
 - The length of the Mass always depends on the particular bishop, but 90 minutes is a good estimate.