

2109 Confirmation Instructions

PLEASE NOTE: The Confirmation rehearsals for candidates and sponsors are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 1 6:15 PM: Mr. Dsupin, Mr. Gelber, and Mrs. McGaley classes, Private Schools

Wednesday May 2, at 6:15: SJP School, Mr. Winnis / Ms. Charla class

We will meet in the gym. If the sponsor cannot attend the rehearsal, a parent should substitute.

Confirmation Day:

- Assemble in the gym one half hour prior to the Mass
 - Candidates put on their stoles.
- Candidates and Sponsors stand together as rehearsed
- We process in silence through the school to the church. Bishop Sullivan will greet everyone on the way into the church.
- The procession goes to the altar where each candidate makes a slight bow and then continues around the front of the church to their pew. Sponsors follow suit.

Instructions:

- When called, Candidate and Sponsor will go to the altar and stand in front of the Bishop. The sponsor will have his or her right hand on the Candidate's right shoulder.
- As soon as the Bishop turns to you say:
- **My CONFIRMATION NAME** is....

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- He will then ask you why you chose that name.
 - **Be ready to tell the Bishop about the Saint whose name you chose.**
 - ***Example:* “I chose St. Catherine of Genoa because she took care of the poor and the sick in her lifetime, despite many personal hardships.”**
 - **Important: If you chose the name because of it is the name of a relative or friend you must also tell the Bishop what impresses you about the Saint.**
 - ***Example:* “I chose the name Francis because it is my grandfather’s name and I respect him. It is also the name of Saint Francis of Assisi whom I admire.”**
- The Bishop will then ask you who your sponsor is.
- The Bishop will then anoint you on the forehead with Sacred Chrism and say the words of Confirmation: “(Your name) Be sealed with the Holy Spirit”
- You respond: “Amen”
- Then the Bishop will say: “Peace be with you.”
- You respond: “And with your spirit.”
- All return to their seats.

At the end of Mass, Confirmandi and Sponsors process back to the gym. Bishop Sullivan will be there for those who would like to have their picture taken with him.

Other instructions:

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Seating: There are two reserved seats per family, plus one for the candidate and one for the sponsor. (**total: four**)

Seating for the Confirmation Masses is as follows:

- The boys will sit on the right side facing the altar and the girls on the left.
- Sponsors sit behind their Candidate.
 - Thus: one row of candidates followed by a row of Sponsors.
- Parents sit behind the last row of Sponsors.
 - Each family will have two reserved seats.
 - The families' names are posted on the end of the pew.
- There is VERY limited open seating behind the parents
 - Please limit the number of guests. There is roughly three extra seats available per family.
 - We discourage standing in the aisles and in the vestibule as this disrupts the Mass and the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation dress code: The candidates wear red stoles, which will be given to them at the rehearsal. They are theirs to keep.

- **Boys:** Dress shirt, tie, pants and shoes. (blazer or suit optional)
- **Girls:** Dress or blouse and skirt, shoes (no sandals)

Full Schedule:

Date / Time	Event
Tuesday, May 1 6:15 PM	Rehearsal: (meet in gym) Mr. Dsupin, Mr. Gelber, Mrs.McGaley, Private Schools
Wednesday May 2, 6:15 PM	Rehearsal: (meet in gym) SJP School, Mr. Winnis / Ms. Charla
Friday, May 4, 5:00 PM	Confirmation: Mr. Dsupin, Mr. Gelber, Mrs.McGaley, Private Schools
Saturday, May 5, 2:00 PM	Confirmation: SJP School, Mr. Winnis / Ms. Charla