

2100 Confirmation Instructions

PLEASE NOTE: The Confirmation rehearsal for candidates and sponsors is scheduled for **Wednesday May 2, at 6:15**. We will meet in the gym. If the sponsor cannot attend the rehearsal, a parent or relative should substitute.

Instructions:

- When you are called, you and your sponsor will go to the altar and stand in front of the Bishop. The sponsor will have his or her right hand on your right shoulder.
- The Bishop will greet you and ask your name.
- You will tell him your **CONFIRMATION NAME**.
- 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”

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- Then the Bishop will say: “Peace be with you.”
- You respond: “And with your spirit.”
- All return to their seats.

Other instructions:

Seating: There are two seats per family, plus one for the candidate and one for the sponsor.

Confirmation dress code: The candidates wear stoles, which will be given to them at the rehearsal.

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

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