

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,



Confirmation is one week away!!!! Here is some final information to keep everyone up to date and ready for the **CELEBRATION** of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. **Attendance**

As mentioned previously, due to social distancing concerns and limited Church capacity, we are only allowed the candidate, two parents, and the sponsor (4 total) Please contact Mary if you have any concerns about this.

2. **Updated Protocols**

We will be following the same protocols for entering and exiting the Church that we have been using for weekend mass. Everyone will check in at the front table, candidates will get their name tag, sanitize their hands, and find their seats. The seats will be assigned alphabetically to ease confusion. Everyone must have a mask and wear it properly for the entirety of the Mass.

3. **Confirmation Rehearsal**

We not be having a rehearsal before Confirmation due to the social distancing concerns. An explanation of the procedure for the ceremony will be given before Mass begins.

4. **The Rite of Confirmation**

The Celebration of Confirmation will begin at **7:00 pm** on **Wednesday, August 12th, 2020. All Candidates and Sponsors need to arrive promptly by 6:45 pm.** We must be seated by 7:00pm. The Rite of Confirmation will occur within the celebration of Eucharistic Liturgy.

5. **Cameras and Pictures**

We will have a professional photographer taking pictures of the Mass as well as with each candidate and the Bishop. Please contact sorianophotostudio@gmail.com or call (630) 432-2237 for more information on how to order the prints and digital copies. No other pictures should be taken by family members. There will also not be picture taking after the Mass with the Bishop.

6. **Appropriate Attire**

Boys are asked to wear a dress shirt, a tie and dress pants. Suits are optional. Girls are also asked to wear dress clothes. Dresses or shirts may not be strapless, have only thin straps, be halter tops or be sheer. The





resses or skirts may not be mini. (Anything shorter than 2 inches above the knees is not appropriate for a formal occasion.)

7. **Talking During Mass**

We have many Confirmation Candidates that are being Confirmed. It does take a while for the anointing to take place. Please refrain from talking during the anointing. One year the talking got so loud that the Bishop couldn't even hear the Sponsors tell him the name of the Confirmation Candidates and Fr. Mike had to stop the anointing to ask the Congregation to be respectful of the Sacrament and to stop talking. Please be respectful of those receiving their Confirmation.

If you have questions on anything regarding Confirmation, please call Mary at 630 852-3303 or email her at mary.prebys@ourladyofmtcarmel.org . It truly has been a pleasure working with this year's Confirmation Candidates. Thank you for all your effort, hard work and cooperation. We are excited to celebrate with you and your family this very important Sacrament.

May God's Peace Be in Your Hearts,

Mary Prebys
Director of Youth Ministry

