

ST. PIUS X  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# CONFIRMATION

YOUR GUIDE TO RECEIVING THE  
SACRAMENT IN A PANDEMIC

**REHEARSAL: JULY 16TH, 2020**  
**MASS: JULY 18TH, 2020**

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This year there are so many changes, we  
wanted to make sure you have a great  
guide to prepare during this last month!

## *Important dates and times:*

- **Friday, June 26th @ 3pm**
  - You must be present between 3-5:30pm at St. Pius X in the Admin Hall for your interview with Fr. Juan or Fr. Adam. You likely won't have the chance to choose who you interview with, and should arrive as early as possible to ensure time for everyone to interview. Interviews will finish no later than 6pm to accommodate for daily Adoration and Mass. The main sanctuary will be open for private prayer as you wait. Please remember to wear a mask and read over potential questions you may be asked in order to prepare. These aren't meant to be scary, so don't let the idea stress you out! They are a great chance for you to demonstrate your readiness and express your desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. *If you cannot attend during this interview time on Friday, you **must** contact Ms. Carlee as soon as possible to schedule a make-up time on Saturday, June 27th.*
- **Thursday, July 16th @ 7pm**
  - You must attend our brief rehearsal in the Main Sanctuary following daily Mass. We encourage you and your sponsor to join us at 7pm. Please do not be late, as we want to be quick and efficient to minimize the time we're in masks inside and all of the information we will be covering will be very important. Do not bring additional family members, as we will not have space to accommodate everyone in the sanctuary and they will be required to wait outside.
- **Saturday, July 18th @ 10:15am**
  - **Confirmation!** Your Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Saturday morning, but we ask that you and your guests arrive at 10:15am so that we have plenty of time to organize everyone and get you seated comfortably.
  - **Guests.** We want to be able to allow you to bring your entire family and all of your friends to celebrate this day with you, but unfortunately we simply can't. Part of being Catholic means caring deeply about the lives and safety of all people, and right now that means that we have to use an abundance of caution to protect each other from COVID-19. You, your sponsor, and your family will all be seated in the same pew. If you would like to socially distance from your sponsor for any reason, we are happy to make that accommodation, just let us know. **You may only bring 3 guests, not counting your sponsor.** This means you (the teen being Confirmed), your sponsor, and 3 guests for a total of 5 people. If you have additional *immediate* family members or individuals you have been quarantined with who you would like to request seats for, please reach out as soon as possible and requests will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis within our available pews.

## *A note*

Unfortunately Archdiocesan guidelines will not permit us to have a reception for you following Mass. We are currently doing everything we can to make sure that your Mass is live streamed or recorded on a DVD for you to be able to watch later and share with your family and friends, but we cannot *guarantee* that these technologies will be fully functional on the day of your Mass. We will be taking photos for you to cherish and share. Following Mass, you will have the opportunity to have a family photo taken in front of the altar. Additional photos may be taken outside, around the property. While we know this isn't the Confirmation you pictured, the Sacrament and the grace of the Holy Spirit remain the same. On a personal note, thank you for being one of the best first sessions of Confirmation Prep I could have ever asked for! You have each been willing to be vulnerable and stretch your comfort zone this year, and I have been honored to see you grow. You have welcomed each other and taken the time to show interest in the teens you're making this faith journey with, and I couldn't be more proud to see you join us as fully initiated Catholics! I'm so excited for July 18th!

In Christ's love,

Ms. Carlee

## **Dress Code for your Confirmation Mass**

### Men

Dress pants, slacks, or khakis

Collared button down shirt preferred, polo okay

Suit jacket and tie recommended

### Women

Dress preferred, pantsuit, skirt and blouse, or floor length jumper okay

Dresses and skirts need to be knee-length or longer

Shoulders, torso, and chest must be covered, nothing low cut or open backed, no two-pieces that expose your stomach

The church will be cold, so I recommend a solid colored (white, red, or black are best) cover up.

### Everyone

Wear white or **red** to reflect the liturgical significance of Confirmation!

Wear shoes you feel confident and comfortable in, no need for the tallest heels you've ever worn

These guidelines should be shared with candidates, sponsors, and guests.

If you have questions, ask Ms. Carlee! She'd love to help you find something perfect.

# **HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION**

## **INTERVIEW**

Congratulations! You've made it to the end of the year, and what a weird year it's been. Before you're Confirmed, you must have an "interview" with Father Juan or Father Adam. The main purpose of the meeting is to provide you with a one-on-one conversation with a priest to discuss your journey and experiences as you've prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The priest will help you review your faith journey, knowledge of basic Church teaching, and discuss why you wish to be Confirmed this year.

Normally, on the day of your Confirmation, our pastor will be asked to present the entire Confirmation group to the Bishop and affirm that you are all ready to receive the Sacrament. The Bishop might have then asked you a question before he Confirmed you. This year the Bishop won't be present for your Confirmation, but you should still be ready to respond and answer the following questions:

1. Know about the patron saint you have chosen. When did they live? What was special about their saintly life? Why did you choose him/her?
2. Be ready to explain why you chose your sponsor.
3. Go over the questions below. They cover the basic content of our sessions and are common questions that come up in your interview with our clergy.
4. Take time to pray each day that the Holy Spirit will fill your heart with the desire to receive the Sacrament.

**Spending time in prayer is the most important thing you can do to prepare. You should aim to cultivate a desire to receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and understand that your Confirmation is a beginning. It marks the *start* of your journey as a fully initiated Catholic!**

### Additional Questions to Consider

1. Do you feel prepared to receive your Confirmation? Are you ready to accept your role as a responsible adult in the faith? Explain.
2. What are the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and what is one that you desire?
3. What is one Gift of the Holy Spirit that you would like to grow in?
4. Describe a time when you used one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in living your faith. (Consider your Confirmation Service Projects)
5. Be familiar with Scripture references to Confirmation, especially Acts 2:1-21. Other references include John 14:15-17, 25-26

6. Be prepared to share your own personal witness/testimony. The story of how you've encountered Christ is *IMPORTANT* and is a valuable tool for you to use to share God with others.

### More Questions You May Be Asked

1. How would you describe your journey toward Confirmation? What have you enjoyed about the program? What have you found challenging?
2. How have you grown during these months of preparation?
3. Have you experienced any changes in your relationships?
4. Has your relationship with God changed? In what ways?
5. If you were to meet someone who had never heard of Jesus, who would you say He is? How would you describe your relationship with Him?
6. What are some things you like about being Catholic? Are there things about the Church that you find challenging or difficult? Are there things you find inspiring?
7. What is prayer? How do you pray? How has your prayer life changed this year?
8. What is the Bible? What role does Scripture play in your life?
9. What is sin? What are some things you can do to avoid it?
10. Can you name the Sacraments? How do the Sacraments help you live out your faith?
11. What is the Eucharist? Has your understanding of and participation in the Mass changed in any way?
12. What is Confirmation? Why do you want to receive this Sacrament?
13. How will you live out your faith as a Confirmed, full member of the Church? In what Liturgical Ministry did you volunteer to meet your Confirmation requirement? What talents or gifts has God given you that will help to build His kingdom?
14. Can you name the Fruits of the Holy Spirit? Why are they important? Hint: these are different from the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
15. What are some ways you can discern God's will for your life?
16. What are some things you can do to continue to grow in your faith?
17. If someone asked you how to get to heaven, what would you say?
18. How can you use your own faith journey to bring glory to God and share your faith with those around you? What are some obstacles you might have to overcome in order to live and share your faith at school, in your community, and in your family?

## **ON THE DAY OF YOUR INTERVIEW**

Relax!

Our clergy want this for you and are ready to help. If you have any questions or concerns for them, this is your chance to ask!

Be sure to thank the priest for his time.

Try to stay after your interview, or schedule a time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation.

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**If you have any questions or cannot make your appointment, please email, message through the Remind, or call Carlee as soon as possible!**

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# WE'RE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU FULLY AS A CATHOLIC

## The journey that began at your Baptism is about to hit a big milestone!

Confirmation is your chance to seal in the gifts and outpouring of the Holy Spirit that you received at your Baptism.

This year it is more important than ever for you to take responsibility for your personal relationship with Jesus, and to prepare your mind, body, and soul to receive the Sacrament.

Keep reading for a few tips and tricks for what you need to do this month to finish preparing.

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**Reconciliation**  
**Interview**  
**Rehearsal**  
**Celebrate Mass!**