

The Confirmation Liturgy – Frequently Asked Questions

How is my Candidate's Confirmation date determined?

In the fall, the Diocese of Sacramento assigns each parish a date for confirmation. Due to the small size of our Church, we are assigned two Masses on Confirmation day. Your candidate is assigned a liturgy time based on his or her small group assignment. Thank you in advance for honoring your teen's assigned liturgy time.

How long is the Confirmation Liturgy?

The confirmation liturgy is approximately 1.25 – 1.5 hours in length.

Are photos allowed during the Confirmation Liturgy?

On confirmation day, photography in the Church is **prohibited**. Please share this update with your family and guests. Usually, the Bishop makes himself available for photos after Mass, in the amphitheater located behind the Church. Alternatively, the Bishop may choose to take a group picture in the Church at the end of Mass.

What should my Candidate wear on Confirmation day?

The Confirmation Mass should exemplify the very best we have to offer liturgically and this includes our dress code. It is essential that Candidates dress **modestly** and in a manner consistent with the dignity and decorum of this sacred liturgy.

Young Men's Attire:

Should include dress slacks, shirt, tie and dress shoes.

Young Women's Attire:

Should include dresses with a modest neckline and a dress length that **falls at the knees or covers the knees**. If dress straps are thin, please wear a sweater so the shoulders are covered.

Not allowed: Please do not wear a dress that is strapless or a dress with spaghetti straps or a dress that is short. Please do not wear shoes with excessively high heels. Please do not wear denim or pants that sit low around the waist.

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What responses will my teen candidate need to be familiar with in preparation of the Confirmation Liturgy?

- During the presentation of Candidates, your teen should stand and answer, “**PRESENT**” and remain standing until asked to sit down.
- When your Candidate is anointed with Holy Chrism, the bishop will say, “N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The confirmand immediately answers “**Amen!**”
- The bishop then says, “Peace be with you” and the confirmand responds “**and with your spirit.**” (No handshake please).

Please practice these responses at home with your candidate.

Confirmation Liturgy Reception:

There will be a small reception in the Parish Hall or in the amphitheater behind the Church following the Confirmation Liturgy. All Candidates and their families/friends are welcome to attend the reception.

