

Talking with the Bishop

It is customary that the bishop will spend some time talking with Confirmandi during his homily on the day of Confirmation. To alleviate any nervousness about this, here are some potentially good things to review:

1. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (See Isaiah 11:2-3)

Wisdom	Knowledge
Understanding	Piety/Reverence
Counsel/Right Judgment	Wonder and Awe/Fear of the Lord
Fortitude/Courage	

2. The events surrounding Pentecost (See Acts of the Apostles, chapters 1 and 2)

3. **The fruits of the Holy Spirit** (See Galatians 5:22-23)

Charity	Generosity
Joy	Gentleness
Peace	Faithfulness
Patience	Modesty
Kindness	Self-Control
Goodness	Chastity

4. The ways in which the Holy Spirit helps us now to live our faith

5. The readings for that Sunday: TBD

6. The nature of the Sacrament of Confirmation and its effects (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1285-1321- also available online)

Decorum and Dress Code for Confirmation:

As with any Mass, we ask that Confirmandi and families approach the day with reverence, including no mobile phones or chewing gum. Please participate in the spoken responses and the singing of the Mass. Also, the diocese requests the following dress code for **Confirmandi and sponsors**:

- a. Blue jeans, shorts, Capri pants, sweatpants, and sweatshirts are not appropriate.
- b. Young women should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks.
- c. Dresses and tops may not be strapless, have bare midriffs, bare backs, spaghetti straps, or be low-cut. Sleeveless dresses are permitted.
- d. Skirts and dresses must not be much shorter than knee-length.
- e. Young men should wear long-sleeved dress shirts and dress slacks.
- f. Suit coats, suits, or ties for young men are optional but encouraged.
- g. Shoes must be neat and clean. No flip flops, gym shoes, or tennis shoes are permitted.
- h. Please avoid makeup on foreheads (foundation, etc) – this mixes with the Chrism and creates a sticky paste that spoils the Chrism for subsequent candidates.**