

Confirmation Checklist

Pastor should make sure someone from the parish is responsible for each item listed below.

Candidates

- The candidates should be dressed in the following manner: Young men should wear a collared shirt, slacks, and tie. Girls should wear a modest dress. They should be responsible for making their forehead available for the anointing. This means they should have a hair style that leaves the forehead uncovered. Otherwise they are responsible for pushing their hair aside at the time of Confirmation.
- The candidates should wear name tags with their Confirmation name printed first in a large, visible font, followed by their given name in smaller type below.
- Confirmation stoles are not to be used.
- Only the sponsor comes forward with the candidate.
- The sponsor will stand directly behind the candidate and place his or her right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.
- Candidates should stand close to the Bishop so that he can reach them easily with the chrism.

Liturgy

- If the Church or sanctuary tends to be particularly warm, please make provisions for adequate ventilation in the sanctuary, including even a small, quiet fan if necessary.
- Please provide a bottle of drinking water for the Bishop.
- Items for Confirmation:
 - A large pitcher of water
 - A basin large enough for the Bishop to wash his hands thoroughly after administering Confirmation
 - A lemon cut in half (lemon only – no substitutes please)
 - A thick white towel to cover Bishop's lap
 - Two additional towels for washing the Sacred Chrism off the Bishop's hands after the anointing.
- Only the bread and wine are to be brought up in the offertory procession.
- If there is a collection, the Offertory procession should start as soon as the ushers have finished the collection from the congregation. This procession is not to wait until the collection has been bagged, sealed and put into a basket.
- If announcements must be made, they should be made after the Prayer after Communion by the pastor.

Pictures

- The newly Confirmed are not to process out after the Mass. They should remain in their pews and be ready for an immediate group photo with the Bishop before greeting family and guests.
- The Bishop will be available for the group picture and one picture with each person confirmed.