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Important Dates:

Please note that these dates and times are an estimate and are subject to change due to the current circumstances of the church and the pandemic. Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation responsibly is an act of love for others, both in our parish and in the greater Raleigh community.

- **The last date to turn in paperwork is August 21. If paperwork (Baptismal Certificate and Sponsor form) is not received by August 21, then the Confirmation candidate will automatically be deferred to celebrate in 2021 and will not be eligible to be confirmed at the Mass of Confirmation this year.**
- **Rehearsal:**
 - **Saturday, September 19th from 11 am - 1 pm**
 - **Candidates and Sponsors should attend.**
 - If a sponsor is unavailable, a parent should attend.
 - If the candidate is unavailable, a second parent or other person should attend.
 - It is important that we have two people present for each candidate.
 - **This rehearsal may be virtual or it may be in person in the main church sanctuary. We will send out a final update in September.**
- **Masses of Confirmation:**
 - **Saturday, September 26th**
 - Candidates and sponsors meet in Ignatius Hall (the gym). Each candidate can have up to two other family members attend. Those family members should go directly to the church sanctuary when they arrive. The Mass will be live-streamed. So any other family members are welcome to watch online at saintraphael.org
 - **Last names that begin with: A-G (Alger-Guillen)**
 - Candidates and sponsors arrive at 8 am.
 - Mass begins in the church at 9:30 am
 - **Last names that begin with: H-Z (Hernández-Youngmans)**
 - Candidates and sponsors arrive at 11 am.
 - Mass begins in the church at 12:30 pm

Due to the complications caused by Covid-19 and the intricacies of preparing these special liturgies of Confirmation, Candidates may not transfer Masses. The assigned Mass time is final.

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Changes due to Covid-19

- We know that many in our parish community are eager for in-person connection at church and for reception of the Sacraments, however, the danger of transmission of COVID-19 in religious gatherings is a reality that we can't ignore.
- Opening responsibly is an act of love for others, both in our parish and in the greater Raleigh community.
- That's why we're taking time to form responsible plans that care for people in soul, mind, and body that balance people's need and desire for Sacraments with minimizing the risk of infection.
- At this time, all people over 2 years who are on the campus of St. Raphael, whether they are in a building or outdoors are expected to wear a mask. So please plan for that reality accordingly.
- Make sure to keep an eye out for further messages from us that include further details about expectations for this special day.

Expected attire for the Mass of Confirmation

- **Everyone should be dressed nicely, like for a wedding or other special occasion that is in a church.** Any color of clothing is acceptable. They can wear white, but do not have to wear white. **Red** is a very appropriate sacramental color for Confirmation.
- **Young men:** Dressed in at least slacks, a dress shirt, and tie. They can wear a sport coat or suit. Wear a belt. **Shoes should be dress shoes, no tennis shoes or flip flops.**
- **Young women:** Wear a dress, a blouse and a skirt, or a blouse and dress pants. **Skirts or dresses should be knee length.** If the skirt is too short, she can wear opaque tights or leggings underneath. Tops should have at least a cap sleeve and should modestly cover the stomach, back, shoulders, and chest. **If the blouse or dress doesn't do so, she can wear a sweater or shawl on top.**

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