



# GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION IN MAY 2024

## INTRODUCTORY NOTES

We thank families for all that you do in trying to raise the young people in our Catholic Faith. We especially thank parents, sponsors, and guardians who journeyed with them and engaging them with the preparation materials that were provided to you. As we near the celebration of Confirmation, we would like to remind everyone of some important guidelines.

## TIME

The celebration will begin at **7:00 p.m.** It is expected to last the better part of one hour.

The church will open at 6:15 p.m. Please plan to arrive at the church **at least 10 minutes before the celebration.** This will give everyone ample time to find their proper seats in the church.

## SEATING

**As much as is possible, each family will have one pew (roughly 7 seats) assigned for them in the church.** These will be for the Candidate(s), their Sponsor(s), and their family. You may invite additional guests but we cannot guarantee seating space for them in the church.

## COLLECTION

A collection will be taken up during the celebration for the needs of the parish. We invite everyone to consider making a contribution for the needs of the church on the day of the Confirmation. We thank everyone in advance for your generous support of our parish.

## ATTIRE

Everyone is advised to wear something appropriate for church. It has been common practice for boys to wear suits and girls to wear dresses for Confirmation. There is no requirement with regards to the colour of the attire of those to be Confirmed. In some places, red robes are worn for Confirmation. **This will not be the case for our parish at this time.**

## CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION

The Certificate of Confirmation, as a remembrance of the day, will be issued at the end of the celebration. Please note that Confirmation Certificates do not replace Baptism Certificates. In addition, please note that, in case of loss or damage, the church will only be able to re-issue a certified record of Confirmation that will not be as elaborate as the one issued on the day of the celebration.

## PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

**Please avoid taking photos or videos in the church *before and during* the celebration.**

As time allows, you may take pictures *outside* the church (on the grounds, in the parking lot, etc.) as you arrive *before* the celebration.

**You will also be given some time *after* the celebration to take photographs *inside* the church.** Due to the number of families and the small size of our church, however, we ask that everyone please be mindful of other families that may wish to take photos as well.

## CONCLUDING NOTES

Please remember that the journey of our Catholic Faith continues well beyond Confirmation. We hope that the young people will continue to be nourished in the love of God as expressed by our community worship especially on Sundays. Do not let this be the end of something. May Confirmation truly be an *Initiation* – a new beginning in the life of Faith.