

# 2023 Confirmation FAQ's

- 1. Where & when should we arrive at practice?** Practice is held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and begins at 7:00 in the church. Please arrive about 10 min early so you can find your seat. Comfortable clothes can be worn. Please be prompt, we start on time and would like to keep practice to under an hour.
- 2. Do we need to attend practice if we had a child confirmed at OLG in the past?** YES. The practice is for this candidate and sponsor so they feel comfortable and confident the day of the Mass. As such, it is important for your child to attend practice with one adult (parent/guardian or sponsor). Also, some elements of the ceremony change year to year, so being up to speed is important.
- 3. When should I arrive at the Mass?** The Confirmation Mass is on May 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00p.m. Please arrive no later than 12:30p.m.
- 4. Does the Confirmation Mass count toward our Sunday obligation?** No. Since the Mass is before 4 p.m. on a Saturday, the Confirmation Mass does not count toward your Sunday obligation.
- 5. How many guests per family?** We ask that families aim for 15 people or less (including Candidate and Sponsor).
- 6. How long will the Mass (and everything else) take?** Plan on about 2-2 1/2 hours. This allows for Mass and pictures following.
- 7. Is there a reception following the Mass?** No. Hopefully the early Confirmation Mass will allow you to enjoy time with your family and friends after the Mass.
- 8. Where do I pick up the Confirmation certificate?** The certificate and a gift for the candidates will be on a table by the main entrance. They may be picked up on your way out after Mass.
- 9. Who decides the date for the Confirmation Mass?** OLG's religious formation office submits date preferences to the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD). The final decision is made by the AOD Bishop's office and is based on the availability of the Bishop.
- 10. Where do the candidates and sponsors sit?** Candidates and sponsors will have reserved seating in the front of the church. A seating chart will be emailed prior to the Mass.
- 11. How were seat assignments made?** Primarily alphabetical order. Exceptions were made for special circumstances.
- 12. Is there reserved seating for families?** No. Family members and guests sit in unreserved pews.
- 13. Can we save seats ahead of time?** No. Any coats, signs, etc... put out to reserve pews will be removed by staff or volunteers. To hold spots for family and guests, they must be present in the church.

**14. How should my candidate dress?**

- a. **Boys:** Any combination of suit, sport coat, vest, dress shirt, dress pants, tie, dress shirt, dress shoes. A jacket and/or tie is not required, but is appropriate and common. Also, no low-riding, overly baggy pants and no denim or tennis shoes.
- b. **Girls:** Nice dress, skirt/top, or dress pants/blouse of any color. No overly tight, low riding, or short skirts/pants; no low-cut, sheer, or crop tops (showing mid-drift). Shoulders should be covered by a shrug or sweater if spaghetti straps are worn. Sleeveless dresses are fine, as long as the material is about the width of a hand.
- c. **No particular color needs to be worn for the Mass.**

**15. What is the policy for taking pictures or videos?** Absolutely no pictures or videos may be taken during Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed and recorded for those family members not able to attend.

**16. When/Where can we take pictures?**

- **Before and After Mass:** By the Grotto, the Mosaic Tile, the Garden of Gethsemane, in front of the Altar/Sanctuary, etc.
- **Taking Pictures in front of the Altar/Sanctuary:** Remember that a sacred place and Jesus is present in the tabernacle. As such, you may not go beyond the steps of the sanctuary.

**17. Can we have pictures taken with the bishop and priests?** Yes. A picture line for the Bishop will be arranged immediately following Mass. Priests will make themselves available for pictures after Mass, as well. We will discuss this more during the practice.