

## 2021 Confirmation FAQ's

1. **Can I change my confirmation date?** To ensure we are able to process all necessary information and prepare for the Masses, we ask that no further changes be made. Thank you.
2. **Where & When should we arrive at practice?** Practices begin at 7:15 and are held in the church on the below dates. Comfortable clothes can be worn. Please be prompt, we start on time and would like to keep practice to under an hour.
  - a. May 20<sup>th</sup> for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Mass.
  - b. June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass.
3. **Do we need to attend practice if we had a child confirmed at OLGC in the past?** YES. The practice is for the 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.
4. **Does the Confirmation Mass count toward our Sunday obligation?** NO. Since the confirmation Mass is not on a Sunday it will not count toward your Sunday obligation.
5. **When should I arrive at the ceremony?** 30 minutes before Mass begins—5:30. Both Masses begin at 6:00.
6. **How many guests per family?** In accordance with AOD and Covid guidelines, **we ask families to keep the number of people to 9**, including the candidate and sponsor. Please note that extra seating is limited, especially during the May confirmation Mass.
7. **How long will the Mass (and everything else) take?** Plan on about 2 hours. This allows for Mass and pictures following.
8. **Is there a reception following the Mass?** No. We are not able to have a reception this year. Enjoy time with your family and friends at home.
9. **Where do I pick up the Confirmation certificate?** The certificate and a gift for the candidates will be in your pew when you arrive at Mass, along with the candidate's name tag and a few programs.
10. **Who decided on the dates for the Confirmation Masses?** OLGC'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.
11. **Where does my family and sponsor sit?** Every family is assigned a pew this year. A seating chart will be emailed prior to your Mass date. Sponsors sit with the candidate and sponsor.
12. **How were seat assignments made?** Primarily alphabetical order. Exceptions were made for special circumstances.

**13. Can we save seats ahead of time?** No. Any coats, signs, etc... put out for additional guests that do not fit in your pew will be removed. Please note that there will be limited open seating, as the bulk of the pews will be reserved for confirmation families.

**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?** We are still discussing logistics. If it is deemed safe to take pictures with the Bishop and priests at this time, we will let you know during practice.