



March 15, 2022

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

Throughout the time of preparation we have introduced you, our Confirmation candidates, to the life of our faith community. Now we enter into the sacrament of Confirmation; the completion of your initiation into the Christian community. May you be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Just a few reminders. In just 3 weeks we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Amos. The Bishop will join us on *Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.* in the Chapel. We ask that **confirmandi and sponsors** assemble in the Chapel by **6: 40 P.M.**

Practice will be held **Sunday, March 27th, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 12:35 p.m.)**. Confirmandi and sponsors are asked to attend practice. Please assemble in the Chapel at 12:35 p.m. If a sponsor is unable to be present, a parent may sit in for the practice. Seat assignments, the order of Confirmation, and the sponsor's role will be covered during this practice. Plan for 45-60 minutes.

Regarding COVID, there is presently no mask mandate in our parish. If you have serious health issues or are not fully vaccinated please follow your doctor's advice on mask wearing to protect yourself and others. With that in mind, I remind you that Holy Family Chapel is where we will be gathering. Seating is individual chairs, not pews.

It is my recommendation that you try to limit your guests to immediate family, that is parents and siblings. There may be cases where a Sponsor's spouse will be joining your family. Chapel capacity is around 160 and if we fill every chair, it would not allow for any social distancing. If each family has a total of 5 guests (not including Confirmandi and Sponsors) there will be very few empty chairs. Thank you for your help in keeping your families and our entire community safe and healthy.

The Confirmation Mass will be Livestreamed and available on our Parish website: www.holyfamparma.org for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please NO pictures or videos during Mass. This is a distraction from our full participation and the students' attention and participation in the Mass. You are welcome to take family pictures in the Chapel following Mass.

Some pointers regarding dress. The clothing worn by the candidates should be in good taste and in keeping with the solemnity of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Girls are asked to wear skirts or dresses of modest length and style. Skirts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Tops should have sleeves, *no bare shoulders, please*. If a dress or top has bare shoulders, a jacket or sweater should be worn. Girls are asked to wear dress shoes, no flip flops.

Boys should wear dress pants, a dress shirt and tie. Dress shoes should be worn. Suits or sport coats are optional.

We look forward to this joyful celebration of God's love in the Holy Spirit. May you be immersed in the Spirit in this moment and for the rest of your life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Yvonne Spenoso, I.H.M.