



CONFIRMATION

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, September 8 Now due September 29	Confirmation Meeting in Paulding Information Form due Commitment Form due
Wednesday, November 3	Sponsor Form due
Wednesday, March 23	Confirmation Name due Works of Mercy due Memorization due
Sunday, March 27	Confirmation Retreat in Paulding
Wednesday, April 6 and April 20	Confirmation Interviews during class time
Sunday, April 24	Confirmation in Toledo

The **Confirmation Retreat** will be held on Sunday, March 27 from 11:30 AM until 4 PM. This retreat is **mandatory** for Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent or grandparent can come in their place. Please get this date on your calendar now!

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, April 24 at 3 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo, OH**. We have such a large Confirmation class this year that we would not be able to fit in any of our church locations. There will be students from other parishes celebrating Confirmation at this same Mass. Candidates and sponsors will have reserved seating for the Mass and are normally asked to be in their seats 45 min prior to the beginning of Mass for instructions and practice. With the Confirmation Mass and pictures with the Bishop, plan to be at the Cathedral until about 5 PM.

SPONSOR INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

To most Catholics, being asked to serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a real honor! Please do not feel like you are asking too much of a person by asking them to take on this important role. In selecting your sponsor, please consider the following guidelines:

- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor **MUST** be a fully initiated Catholic who has celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and who practices their faith.
- If the sponsor is married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church or have had their marriage validated by the Church.
- If the sponsor is not married, they cannot be cohabiting.
- Whenever possible, a baptismal godparent serves as sponsor to the Confirmation candidate.
- A sponsor may not be the mother or father of the candidate.
- A sponsor must demonstrate a willingness and capacity to engage in the Confirmation process as a means of enhancing his or her own growth as a Catholic adult.
- A sponsor will be willing to provide spiritual guidance and prayerful support. He or she serves as a companion and mentor to the candidate and will be expected to communicate openly with the candidate, helping the candidate with questions and concerns that may arise as a result of the Confirmation process.
- It is important that sponsors be active, participating members of their parishes in order to model the expectations we have of the candidates. Therefore, we require each sponsor to turn in a “Sponsor Eligibility Form” to verify active membership.



DRESS CODE FOR THE CONFIRMATION MASS

The following guidelines for appropriate attire come from the document “Sacramental and Liturgical Planning” from the Diocese of Toledo.



For the Liturgy of Confirmation the candidates and their sponsors should wear “appropriate attire.” Contemporary society does not provide much guidance as to what is truly “appropriate,” so some specific direction needs to be given.

The U. S. Bishops state that “as Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another” (Happy Are Those Who are Called to His Supper, p 15).

Jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, and flip-flops are not appropriate.

Boys must wear a dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes. A suit jacket is optional.

Girls’ shoulders should be covered. If they wear sleeveless, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses, then they are to wear a sweater or shawl as well. Care should be taken that skirt and dress lengths are not too short. Girls are allowed to wear dress pants if they wish.