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**In this you'll find all the details regarding Confirmation Mass, August 11th @ 5PM. Please have both the candidate and sponsor read this email! There will not be a rehearsal prior to August 11th.**

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## **Where you need to be and at what time!**

- Candidates and Sponsors arrive in the Basement by 3:30PM sharp to line-up and ensure you're in the proper order.
- Enter the Johnson Activity Center and follow the signs leading you downstairs.
- Parents and family may proceed to the Church.

## **The order you'll be in**

- Once downstairs you'll check-in with someone and will be given a number along with a few letters. (For example: the candidates number will read "14CL Pew 2" and the sponsor's will read "14SL Pew 2". There will also be an "L" or "R" indicating which side of the church you'll be seated. The sponsors will also receive a card with their line "Bishop Olson, I am pleased to present Robert Paul Stephens."
- Take your number, Sponsors take your card and find your place in line.
- Once everyone arrives we will do a small practice in the Basement.

## **How we'll process into the Church**

- We'll then all transition to the Church while remaining in the established order.
- We'll enter the Church and process in and down the center isle and break off into our respective pews.
- After the Homily, Bishop Olson will be ready to begin administering Confirmation.

## **No photography during the Liturgy**

- We will have a professional photographer present taking pictures while the Bishop is administering the Sacrament.
- You may take personal pictures after our group photo immediately following the closing hymn.

## **During the Liturgy**

- An usher will prompt the entire first row to rise and begin exiting the pew starting from the outsides and wrapping around the front of the pews.
- The usher will then prompt each pair of Candidate/Sponsor to the Bishop by alternating between the Left and Right sides.
- Once the Candidate/Sponsor meet the Bishop, the one who presents the candidate places his right hand on the latter's shoulder and gives the candidate's full baptismal name to the bishop .

**SPONSOR** : *"Bishop Olson, I am pleased to present Robert Paul" or "Mary Frances Elizabeth"*. (We will have a small card for this. However the card has no special significance and should not be used if not needed.)

The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

**BISHOP** : N., *be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*

**The newly confirmed responds:** *Amen!*

**The bishop says** : *Peace be with you.*

**The newly confirmed responds:** *And with your spirit!*

- Once finished, the Candidate/Sponsor both return up the center isle and back to their respective pew.

## Dress Code

- Confirmation is an important event in their life and candidates and sponsors should dress appropriately. (At some Confirmation candidates have appeared in T-shirts and jeans and have been embarrassed because they did not seem to realize ahead of time that everyone else would be dressed more formally.)
- Men: Slacks and a Button up shirt at minimum, additionally a Jacket and Tie are certainly preferred. Sneakers are prohibited.
- Ladies: Please wear whatever is appropriate when a man wears a tie. (Please no super short dresses, and refrain from dresses with extremely low neck lines.
- **I will not hesitate sending someone home, supplying a sweater, or perhaps delay the reception of Confirmation if the attire is not Mass appropriate.**