

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY NOTES

Saturday, February 8, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.

REHEARSAL - FRIDAY

- * The rehearsal is scheduled **in the Wooldridge Center/Church on Friday, February 7, 6:30p.m.**
- * Candidate and Sponsor (or if Sponsor cannot attend, at least One Parent) MUST attend.
- * Please be thoughtful of others and plan on **arriving at the Wooldridge Center no later than 6:18p.m.** so that we can begin promptly at 6:30p.m.
- * Rehearsal should not last any longer than one hour. We will be as efficient as possible and will wrap up early if possible.

CEREMONY - SATURDAY

- * Sponsors and Candidates should **arrive at the Wooldridge Center no later than 10:00a.m., Saturday,**

FEBRUARY 8 so there is sufficient time to check in and receive name tags.

- * Bishop Johnston's will be personally meeting with the Candidates and Sponsors for about an hour. 10:30-11:45a.m. Robes, restroom break, and line-up will take place afterward from 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- * The Rite is celebrated within Holy Mass. The ceremony will be long, so be prepared.
- * **Reserved seating is provided for candidates and sponsors only.** Family members and guests must seat themselves.
- * **PLEASE RECALL AND REMIND YOUR GUESTS THAT WHILE WE ARE IN THE CHURCH (whether before Mass or during) WE ARE IN A SACRED SPACE.** The occasion of such an important celebration often carries us away, but we need to be mindful and respectful of the Lord's presence, the place, and others present as well.
- * After Mass please return your name tag and pick up your Certificate of Confirmation and gift.

LAY MINISTERS

- * We are in need of **welcome people, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers.**
- * If a parent or sibling regularly serves in one of those capacities at St. Therese and would like to be involved in the Confirmation Mass, we would be happy to include you (them). Please use the Confirmation Mass Ministry Sign-up at www.sttheresenorth.org/confirmation or email Tim Volk at tvolk@sttheresenorth.org.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Bishop Johnson does allow photos to be taken during the Confirmation Ceremony. Please be respectful of others and our worship space. Please keep the center aisle free from taking pictures and only take pictures on the wings, behind those receiving the Sacrament and their Sponsors so they can stay focus on the Sacrament.

- * As in previous years, a place will be set up for persons wishing to take individual photographs with Bishop Johnston following the Mass. The location will be in the Wooldridge Center so that families and candidates are not delayed in being able to attend the reception.

DRESS CODE

- * The code applies to both candidates and sponsors. Candidates again this year will have an outer **Red Robe**. Please dress appropriate for Church.

* Gentlemen:

- Dress slacks (NO JEANS).
- Dress shirt, tucked in, with collar (NO T-SHIRTS).
- Tie is preferred, but optional.
- Dress shoes with socks (NO SNEAKERS).

* Ladies:

- Dress, skirt and blouse, nice pant suit/outfit (NO NECKLINES THAT SHOW CLEAVAGE).
- Dress/skirt must be to the knee or longer (NO SHORT SKIRTS).
- Tops/dresses must have sleeves (NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS. IF YOU WEAR A SLEEVELESS DRESS OR BLOUSE, you must wear a SWEATER/JACKET OVER IT, BEFORE and AFTER CEREMONY).
- Dress shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS).

- * **If in doubt, don't wear it. We will send a candidate home to change if he/she is dressed inappropriately.**

RECEPTION

- * Reception in Wooldridge Center following the Mass. **ALL ARE INVITED!**
- * **The Certificate of Confirmation and a gift will be handed out after Confirmation.**