

Proper Attire for Confirmation

As every candidate knows, a Sacrament is an outward (visible) sign instituted by Christ to give grace. Therefore, it is important we focus on both the outside appearance and the internal conversion during all our Sacramental ceremonies. At the Sacrament of Baptism, we wear special gowns, the Sacrament of First Communion we wear white dresses or suits, at our Marriage we wear formal gowns or tuxedos. It is with this same consideration that we consider our outward appearance during the Sacrament of Confirmation.

While the church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each of its members, it holds that modesty is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that “Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2524)

It is in this spirit of fostering respect for each other and for sanctity of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we set forth a code of dress consistent with our culture’s view of modesty. Semi-formal, modest attire is appropriate to the solemn beauty of this occasion.

Recommended Young Men Attire:

- Black dress pants
- Long sleeve white dress shirt
- Long Black Tie
- Dress shoes (not sneakers)

Recommended Young Women Attire:

- Modest white dress, (white skirt and blouse are also acceptable) Dress or skirt must be no shorter than one inch above the knee
- Chest, back and shoulders must be covered
- Dress may not be too tight nor see through
- Dress shoes

