

## 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. We apply the same consideration to our outward appearance during the Sacrament of Confirmation.

While the church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each person, 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 sanctity of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we set forth a dress code consistent with our culture's view of modesty. Semi-formal, modest attire is appropriate to the solemn beauty of this occasion. The main thing is to present your best to meet Jesus in the Sacrament.

***Per the Diocese Confirmation standards, the confirmandi and sponsors are to be in proper Sunday dress. Please no denim, sweatpants, leggings, spaghetti straps, or skirts shorter than one inch above the knee or above fingertip length.***

***Name tags should be placed on the confirmandi's left shoulder and hair should be pulled off of the student's forehead.***

It is not a requirement, but dressing in the Liturgical colors for the event is highly encouraged. The liturgical color for Confirmation is red, to signify the Holy Spirit (courage and fire) who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms us during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives us the same gifts. Therefore, it is suggested your son/daughter wear some red on this special day. White is also an acceptable liturgical color to wear. White is a symbol of Christ and the new life after baptism, the divine glory of God and the saints as well as the joy and victory associated with the Resurrection of Christ.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the religious education office.