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Dear Confirmation families,

I know this year has been challenging and I want to commend all of you in all of your hard work in preparing for the sacrament this spring.

To that end I want to once again communicate the date for confirmation and how the day will look and some of the requirements for dress on the day.

Confirmation is scheduled on **May 9th, 2021 at 6:00pm**. The Bishop has requested to meet with all the confirmation students at **5:00pm** before mass. So, confirmation candidates and sponsors will need to arrive prior to 5:00pm. At this time, I do not know what the seating situation will be for the day of confirmation in terms of whether sponsors will be sitting near confirmation students or in another location. More information on this will come later as I have time to talk to Father PJ about this.

About dress code, it is essential that our young people dress appropriately (modestly) as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; for young people's manner of dress should reflect the solemn nature and sacredness of this wonderful, celebrated sacrament. Keep in mind the importance of our young people's recognition and understanding that they are representatives of our church and more importantly representatives of Jesus Christ. This is an important event, and we should all dress as such (this includes families and sponsors as well).

The dress code is as follows:

Sunday best (less than formal but more than casual)

- Modest dress, pant suit, suits, blouse or dress shirt
- For ladies, dresses and skirts need to cover legs down to the top of the knees (leggings can be worn under a dress or skirt that may be too short)
- For gentlemen, dress slacks must be worn
- No jeans, shorts, or casual khakis
- No t-shirts
- Dress shoes or boots, or dress sandals are permitted, no flip flops or sneakers or work or street boots.

Keep in mind the bishop will be present and we want to dress nicely and appropriately.

Parents, please ensure that your teen wears modest attire, which adheres to the above dress code. I will **NOT** be sending students home to change if they arrive out of dress code. They will need to wear a robe from the sacristy for the ceremony.

Please let me know if you have any questions and know of my prayers for you all as you grow closer to the Lord Jesus as the sacrament approaches.

Regards in Christ,

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