

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church**  
**Confirmation Preparation**

**Final Reminders before Confirmation Mass**

Mass Reminders

- Each presider does things differently; in fact the same presider may change things from one Confirmation Mass to another. So, listen and respond as requested. For example, candidates may be asked to stand and answer questions or to renew Baptismal Vows. Sometimes sponsors are asked to stand too.
- All masses have the same elements and the order of the elements does not change.
  - † Opening Hymn – Candidates and Sponsors will process in from the gym with your worship aid.
  - † Greeting
  - † Penitential Rite
  - † Gloria
  - † Liturgy of the Word
  - † Homily – this is where the standing and questions could happen
  - † Rite of Confirmation – Presentation of Candidates, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Laying on of Hands
  - † General Intercessions
  - † Procession of Gifts
  - † Eucharistic Prayer
  - † Sign of Peace
  - † Communion
  - † Concluding Rite
  - † Closing Hymn – Candidates and Sponsors will process back down to the gym,
    - 1) There will be a basket at the bottom of the ramp to collect tissues used to wipe Holy Chrism
    - 2) There will be someone collecting name tags before entering the gym
    - 3) Albs should be returned to the tables in the gym under the scoreboard
    - 4) Please pick up Confirmation Certificate and Sponsor Card before you leave the gym

Procession for Rite of Confirmation

- The candidate's will be wearing white albs that reach below their knees
- Each candidate will have a name tag with their Confirmation name on it (you will not need to say anything)
- Ushers will release one row at a time
- Please remain seated until the usher signals that your row should stand and step out
- Sponsors follow their candidate to the bishop near the altar stairs
- If necessary, Sponsor can place hands on the candidate's shoulders to guide them up close to the bishop
- During the Rite, Sponsor places right hand on the candidate's right shoulder
- Sponsor of more than one candidate – 1<sup>st</sup> Candidate will be Confirmed and then step to the side, the next candidate will then step in front of the bishop, you will all walk away together
- The Bishop will say 'CONFIRMATION NAME be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'
  - † Candidate responds 'Amen'
- The Bishop will extend his hand for a hand shake and wish the candidate 'Peace be with you'
  - † The candidate responds by looking the bishop in the eye
  - † Firmly shaking his hand
  - † Loudly responding 'And with your spirit'
  - † Please remind your candidate, rehearse with your candidate, do test runs...you get the idea. This is a bit intimidating and especially for a 13-14 year old.

## Confirmation Day

### Appropriate dress for young men candidates

- † Dress shoes (not tennis shoes or noisy flip flops). If the shoes are new, please break them in as we have a bit of walking to do on Confirmation Day.
- † Nice pants (no jeans or ragged hems)
- † Light colored shirt with a collar. Please avoid dark colors and stripes as they show through the white albs. Many candidates arrive in a suit jacket. We request that the suit jacket be removed before the alb is put on so no one overheats during mass. A suit jacket can be left on the alb hanger during the Mass.

### Appropriate dress for young women candidates

- † Dress shoes (not tennis shoes or noisy flip flops). High heels are not required. If the shoes are new, please break them in as we have a bit of walking to do on Confirmation Day.
- † Light colored dress, skirt and top or dress pants and top. Please avoid dark colors and stripes as they show through the white albs.

### Appropriate dress for men sponsors

- † Dress shirt and pants, no jeans or tennis shoes.
- † Many choose to wear suit jackets, and some wear ties.

### Appropriate dress for women sponsors

- † Please leave your purse with a family member before you go down to the gym to line up. Please do not carry a purse during the procession.
- † Please choose comfortable shoes for processing and recessing.
- † Please check your outfit as you will be face to face with the bishop who may choose to stand up on a stair. If cleavage is visible, please choose another outfit. Also, check that you can modestly pick something off the ground with straight legs if someone is standing behind you. If you cannot do this, please choose another outfit.

### Arrival

- † Please arrive 45 minutes before the start of Mass.

### Mass

- † A Confirmation Mass usually lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes.