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CONFIRMATION PACKET

Cathedral of Saint Paul

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Please note: If you have any questions or concerns about this material, please contact the Office of Worship at 651-251-7727 or by email at irwinl@archspm.org

Come, Holy Spirit

fill the hearts of Your faithful.

Enkindle in them the fire of Your divine love.

Send forth Your Spirit

and they shall be recreated

and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen

PAGE A: Preparing for the Confirmation Mass

Name tags:

After reviewing feedback on the new seating chart, we will need to have name tags made for each Candidate. The reason for this is it assures that the anointing minister can be sure of the correct Confirmation name. There were a number of Sponsors that did not speak loud enough. Please encourage them to speak a little louder.

The Sponsor will be presenting the Candidate to the anointing minister. Please be sure that the Sponsor knows the Confirmation name of the Candidate. The Sponsor can use a cheat sheet if necessary or if they are nervous. The Sponsor will say:

**“Archbishop/Bishop/Father,
I would like to present John/Anne (use the Confirmation
Name) for Confirmation.**

Stoles:

The use of the stole is reserved for those who are ordained. Therefore, we ask that stoles not be worn by the Candidates at the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Mass Preparation:

Please practice the Confirmation ritual responses found on Page D of this packet.

Communion is distributed under both forms. If you need low gluten host please let your Confirmation Coordinator know and he/she will contact the Office of Worship with the request.

Parish Sending/Receiving Ceremony:

Your parish is strongly encouraged to have a Sending/Receiving Ceremony a week or two before/after the Confirmation Mass. A copy of the ceremony is included in this packet.

Page B: Family Page

Parking:

Parking can be difficult; some advanced planning can greatly assist the process.

Please consider car-pooling with family members or even renting a bus for members of your parish.

It might be helpful if you drop off passengers first, and then park.

Please consult **Page C** for instructions.

When to arrive:

Please plan to arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the Confirmation Mass.

Because other events could be scheduled earlier on the day of Confirmation, please do not arrive more than one hour before Mass begins.

Where to sit:

The Confirmation Coordinator at your parish will have your seats pre-assigned.

Effective, February, 2017. At the request of Archbishop Hebda, reserved seating is for the Candidate and Sponsor. All other family members and guests may sit in open seating.

When you arrive at the church, you will find maps posted at the entrances, indicating where the Candidates are seated.

Appropriate attire:

This is a sacred occasion – please dress in your “Sunday best.” It is strongly suggested that male candidates wear at least a tie along with a collared shirt, dress pants and formal shoes. Female candidates should be dressed in a respectful manner.

There should be NO gum chewing during Mass.

Those serving in liturgical roles, i.e., Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Greeters, should also dress in their Sunday best.

Photographs:

Photographs and/or videotaping of any kind is not permitted during the Confirmation Mass.

Family and friends will have an opportunity to take a parish group Photo immediately following the Confirmation Mass.

Due to the relatively short time available after the Mass, it is not possible to stage a professional photograph.

Page C: Parking Instructions

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
239 Selby Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-228-1766**

General Parking:

Cathedral Main lot at Summit and Selby: enter from Summit Ave or Selby Ave

Cathedral small lot: enter from Selby Ave

As of February, 2017 the former Hayden Building is now owned by the Minnesota History Center. There is a fee to park in their lot.

It is not recommended to park at 226 Summit Ave, the former Chancery.

Parking is also available on local streets in the neighborhood within walking distance of the Cathedral.

Handicapped Parking:

Several handicapped parking spots are available in the large and small Cathedral parking lots and on Selby Ave.

Saint Paul College:

There is a \$3.00 fee to park in the lots. Please note: the fee is subject to change without notice.

The lot can be accessed west of the college.

Words of Caution

Many residential parking lots in the Cathedral neighborhood require parking stickers. Signs are posted at the parking lot entrance to that effect.

Cars that park in these areas without the proper parking sticker are towed at the owner's expense.

There have incidents of valuables stolen from cars during Masses at the Cathedral. Please lock your car, and keep valuables out of sight.

Page D: Confirmation Ritual Responses

Please be sure to review these responses with the Candidates,
ensuring that they are prepared to respond during the Rite of Confirmation.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Arch/Bishop questions the candidates:

Arch/Bishop: Do you renounce Satan,
and all his works and empty promises?

I do

Arch/Bishop: Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?

I do

Arch/Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do

Arch/Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of
Confirmation
is given to you in a special way
just as he was given to the Apostles
on the day of Pentecost?

I do

Arch/Bishop: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting?

I do

Arch/Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it through Christ our
Lord.

Amen

The Anointing with Chrism

Sponsor: Archbishop, Bishop, Father I would like to present _____ (Use
the Confirmation name) for Confirmation.

Arch/Bishop: _____, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen

Arch/Bishop: Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your Spirit.

Please remember that you are in a conversation with the Arch/Bishop at the time of the anointing. Please look him in the eye during this most important time when he speaks to you and you respond to him.

Page E: Frequently Asked Questions

Whom can I contact with changes/questions?

For Confirmation Coordinators you can call the Office of Worship 651-251-7727 or email irwinl@archspm.org

If you are leaving a message be sure to leave your parish name, the date of the Confirmation and Confirmation site.

For families, your main contact will be your parish Confirmation Coordinator at your parish. If they do not have the answer they will contact the Office of Worship and get back to you.

I have a candidate who cannot make our assigned date. What do I do?

These arrangements are to be made at the parish level, by the Confirmation Coordinator. A Master Confirmation List is sent to each Coordinator in late summer or early fall. In the event a Candidate is unable to attend your assigned date, please talk with the family to find a date that would be good for their family.

Once a date has been determined, the Confirmation Coordinator will contact a parish on the chosen date and ask if your Candidate can sit with them at their Confirmation. It is very important to remember that **ONLY** the Confirmation Coordinator can make these arrangements.

The Candidate should be instructed to stand with the parish he/she has joined for the Confirmation Mass during the "Presentation of Candidates."

Where should the sacramental record of the Confirmation be recorded?

Once a person is baptized, the record of all other sacraments must be recorded in the Church where the person was baptized.

If your parish has a Confirmation Register, you should record the Confirmation of anyone prepared through the parish, noting the location where the Sacrament was conferred (i.e. Cathedral of Saint Paul).

In addition, if the Candidate was baptized in your parish, the Confirmation is recorded in the Baptismal register held at your parish.

If the Candidate was baptized at another parish, your parish issues a "Notice of Confirmation" to the parish of Baptism.

I am making Confirmation Certificates for my Candidates, how do I identify the confirming Bishop?

You can call the Office of Worship, no more than two weeks before Confirmation, to get the name of the confirming Bishop.

I have a family with gluten intolerance. What do I do?

Contact the Office of Worship to discuss the procedure.

Baptismal Certificates

Baptismal certificates for Confirmation must be current within 6 months of the date of Confirmation. No original certificates or copies are allowed. See Page G for further information.

Lost and Found

Contact the Cathedral directly at 651-228-1766.

Page F: Parish Sending/Receiving Ceremony

Presider:

After the homily, the Presider addresses the congregation in these or similar words.

Our Candidates (will be/have been) confirmed at the Cathedral of Saint Paul by our Arch/Bishop. Joining with them (are/were) many of the young people of the Archdiocese. We do not want them to forget, however, that this sacrament connects them more closely with our own parish, and that they receive it surrounded by our prayers. We wish to recognize them today, and ask God's blessings for them.

Will the Parents please stand?

Dear parents: (Today you present your child/You have presented your child) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your Christ like life is the first witness they have encountered. We thank you for your love and patience as your son or daughter has grown in their faith. During your child's Confirmation preparation, they selected a Sponsor to walk with them during their faith journey, to continue the work you have begun. This is a special time, when you hand your child over to another to walk with them in faith. We thank you for that trust.

Will the Sponsors please stand with the Parents?

Dear Sponsors: (Soon you will journey/You have journeyed) to the Cathedral of Saint Paul to present your Candidate to be Confirmed. You have assumed the role of Spiritual Friend as they have prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You were chosen because of the way you have modeled the Christian life. The parents have entrusted their child to you and our parish supports you and your Candidate with our love and prayers. Thank you for your witness to the Christian life.

Let us show these Parents and Sponsors a sign of our gratitude.

Applause

Parents and Sponsors are seated.

Deacon/Confirmation Coordinator:

Let those who (will be/have been) Confirmed stand when their name is called.

The names are called individually.

Presider:

You (are about to be/have just been) Confirmed. That sacrament binds you more closely to the whole Church, symbolized both by the confirming bishop and the place of the life of the sacrament. It also binds you more closely to our own parish, where the life of the whole Church is shown forth to our neighbors and friends. As you (go to/return from) the celebration of the Sacrament, know that our prayers and hopes accompany you. We ask God to join you more fully to our shared Gospel work.

Bear witness now to the faith which this sacrament deepens by professing your faith. Please respond to each question by saying, "I, do."

Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?
I do

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?
I do

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
I do

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who came upon the apostles at Pentecost
and (will be given/was given) to you
sacramentally in Confirmation?

I do

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sin,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

I do

The Presider confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.
This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AMEN

Presider:

Your parish prays that God's grace accompany you in all things. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessings:

God of heaven and earth, complete the work you have begun and keep the gift of your Holy Spirit alive in the hearts of your people. May they become Christ's witnesses in the world, spreading and defending the faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

The Presider then invites the congregation to show their support for the candidates with their applause...

The following may be added to the Universal Prayer

For these sons and daughters of God who (are to be/will be) Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love, we pray to the Lord....

For their parents and sponsors who led them in faith, that by work and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord....

Page G: Baptismal Certificates

Below is information from Susan Mulheron, Canonical Chancellor, regarding Baptismal Certificates needed for Confirmation.

“First, there is the necessary verification that a person is baptized before they can be admitted to any other sacrament, which is properly done by presenting an authentic baptismal certificate. A sacramental certificate does more, however, than just verifying that a person has been baptized. It is a legal document verifying the person’s official status in the Church. After it is issued at the time of baptism, a person’s record may be updated to reflect changes in status, including changes in name, parents, ascription, etc. A person may not remember or may not be aware of some updates that have been made to their own or their child’s record. It would not be unheard of for a child to be fully initiated, including Confirmation, such as at the age of reason in another diocese or in danger of death, and then being presented for initiation again along with their peers. There could be a situation where, especially when the parents are divorced, that a family may not be communicating well with each other in terms of developments in a child’s personal status or sacramental initiation. Requiring a recent certificate prior to sacramental milestones helps ensure:

1. The person’s current juridic/sacramental status is verified prior to further initiation taking place.
2. Appropriate updating and maintenance of the person’s sacramental records.
3. Correct information being recorded at the time the sacrament is received.

The person has a right to sacramental records that are accurately recorded and maintained. More frequent requests for certificates also help to identify missing or incorrect information sooner, which makes it easier to re-create records or fill in the gaps while memories are fresher and more witnesses are available to provide testimony if necessary.”

Page H: Confirmation Readings

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
 my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my Spirit;
 he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting,
 not making his voice heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not break,
 and a smoldering wick he shall not quench.

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came it found the brethren gathered in one place. Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make gold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

Staying in Jerusalem at the time were devout Jews of every nation under heaven. These heard the sound, and assembled in a large crowd. They were much confused because each one heard these men speaking his own language. The whole occurrence astonished them. They asked in utter amazement, "Are not all of these men who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us hears them in his native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites. We live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the regions of Libya around Cyrene. There are even visitors from Rome – all Jews, or those who have come over to Judaism; Cretan and Arabs too. Yet each of us hears them speaking in his own tongue about the marvels God has accomplished."

The Word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Now I am going to the one who sent me,
and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.
But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go.
For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you.
But if I go, I will send him to you.”

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.
But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth,
he will guide you to all truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

John 16:5-7, 12-13a