Frequently Asked Questions - Confirmation 2020

### When are our rescheduled Confirmation dates?

The dates for our 2020 Confirmation Masses are August 26<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup>. All Masses will begin at 6 pm.

# Which Mass will my candidate be attending?

You can choose which Mass your candidate and family will be attending by going to out Sign-Up Genius <u>here</u>. Please make sure when you sign up that your candidate's name is listed as the "participant".

### What if I have 2 or more candidates receiving their Confirmation this year?

When you sign up for a Mass, please list both candidates names in the comment section. Please do not sign up for two separate spots as families will be seated together in the same pew. This includes separated, divorced, and blended families.

### Who will be allowed to attend my candidate's Confirmation Mass?

Your reservation at a Mass will reserve space for the candidate, their sponsor or proxy, and up to four (4) additional family members. *Exceptions to this will only be made if more than this number live in the same household, or it is a separated, divorced, or blended family situation.* 

### What time does my candidate need to arrive?

The doors to the church will open at 5:15 pm. All family members need to be seated by 5:40 pm. The Mass will begin promptly at 6 pm.

### Will there be social distancing/mask guidelines for Mass?

As of now, the expectation is that all gathered for the Mass will wear masks and the pews will be marked off with at least 6 feet between families. This may change depending upon state, local, diocesan and parish guidelines at the end of August.

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## What if my candidate's sponsor is unable to attend the Confirmation Mass?

In this situation, a proxy may stand in place at the Mass to present the candidate to the celebrating bishop or priest, while the chosen sponsor remains the official sponsor on record. A proxy must meet similar requirements as a sponsor (16 years of age or older, fully initiated and practicing Catholic). Due to the unique situation this year, we will allow for parents to stand in as a proxy, if you cannot find another suitable proxy.

# My candidate may still be missing paperwork. What should we do?

If your candidate is missing any requirement, Avery Utz will be in communication with you individually via email or by phone. All necessary paperwork must be turned in before your candidate receives their Confirmation.

### What is the attire for the Confirmation Mass?

In past years, we have provided red Confirmation robes for candidates to wear over their outfits. This year, however, we will not be providing them so as to eliminate the risk of spreading germs through the shared robes. We have outlined our dress guidelines here. Please note that these guidelines should be followed by all in attendance at the Confirmation Mass, including family and sponsors/proxies.