

CONFIRMATION – 7 PM, THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 2010
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL, St. Paul, Minnesota

1. **Each family will be assigned ½ a pew in our parish's section.** There is room for approximately five to six people/half a pew. Those people should be candidate, sponsor and parent(s). There is **unlimited** extra seating in **designated areas** throughout the Cathedral.
2. **A SEATING CHART IS ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET OF INFORMATION** which indicates an assigned pew for each candidate in this year's Confirmation class. Assignments were randomly selected to make it as fair and equitable as possible. *Please keep to your ½ pew, out of respect for other families.
3. **Your family should plan on arriving at the Cathedral at least 30 minutes before Mass is to begin at 7 pm.** The Cathedral offers a daily Mass at 5:15pm – if you arrive and Mass is still going on, please be respectful to its attendees.
4. **When you arrive, please follow the enclosed seating chart to your reserved seat. In your seat you will find your Confirmation Name tag, certificate for candidate and sponsor and a boutonniere. The flower should be pinned with the name tag so that the name can be clearly seen. Candidates will be Confirmed in the name provided on your name tag.**
 - **The packet you received tonight has the candidate's chosen CONFIRMATION name noted on it – if this name is incorrect, please notify the Religious Education Office immediately.**
 - **Confirmation Certificates are typed based on the information provided on the candidate's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE and the Candidate Information Form each candidate provided. Please check your candidate's certificate and notify the Religious Education Office if there are errors. Another certificate can be issued after Confirmation.**
5. **Once the celebration has started:**
 - For the most part, the Confirmation proceeds in the way in which you are accustomed. During the Liturgy of Confirmation follow the instructions of the Deacon and the Master of Ceremonies.
 - **After the Bishop's Homily** – Candidates will be asked to STAND by parish name. Sponsors remain seated. At this time the candidates will renew their baptismal promises in response to the questions from the Bishop. (Please review list of questions in this packet and be prepared to respond with a confident, "I Do!" to each question.)
 - **The Imposition of Hands** – Hands are extended over all the candidates at once as the prayer is said.
 - **Anointing with Oil** – Candidates and sponsors ONLY will be called forward row by row for the anointing and sign of peace. Sponsors put a hand on the shoulder of the confirmand during the anointing.
6. **Photographs and videos are not permitted during Mass. You are encouraged to take pictures/videos before OR after the ceremony.**
7. **After Mass**
 - Confirmands and their families are asked to be seated following the closing hymn and await instructions from the pulpit. Each parish group will be called in turn to a specific location for group photographs. You are asked to follow instructions as closely and quickly as possible in order that each parish gets their turn in reasonable time.
 - Please remember to take all belongings with you when Mass is over, including certificates!
8. **Record of confirmation will remain here at our parish, St. John's. Candidates will receive their certificate at the Basilica on January 24th. Remember, to look for your certificate in your assigned pew.**
9. **If the candidate is unable to attend our parish Confirmation, contact Andi Little as soon as possible. Andi's e-mail is alittle@stjohns-savage.org or call (952)890-9434, ext. 249.**
10. **If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at (952)890-9434.**