

RESURRECTION PARISH FORMATION MINISTRY
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
To Be Celebrated on May 15, 2010 at 5:00 PM Saturday Mass
INFORMATION SHEET
Revised January 13, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please become familiar with this information as we prepare your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday May 15, 2010 at the 5:00 PM Mass. Contact me if you have questions.

A person can receive Confirmation only once. If you know your child has received Confirmation, (or Crismation as it is termed in the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches), or if your child went through RCIA/RCIC, or if your child was baptized in an Eastern Catholic rite church, ***contact me right away.***

Baptismal Certificates: *Candidates not baptized at Resurrection are required to obtain a completed original copy of their baptismal certificate from the Church where baptized. This will have the parish seal embossed on it, it will indicate sacraments received on the back, and be dated within the last twelve (12) months. Please submit by March 31, 2010. This must be on file for your child to receive Confirmation on May 15.*

Confirmation Materials Fee: \$30.00, and due by March 31. This is for Robes and the retreat. Please make your check payable to Resurrection Parish.

****Confirmation Retreat **(REVISED DATE)**:** The retreat is *Saturday February 20 from 8:30 AM through the conclusion of the Saturday evening Mass.* Please see the separate information sheet for details. Candidates who cannot participate in Resurrection's retreat will be required to participate in a retreat at one of the other parishes in the Diocese.

Retreat Volunteers: We need volunteers for the day of the retreat and set-up the Friday night before.

****Confirmation Rehearsal **(REVISED DATE)**:** *Saturday May 15 at 10:00 AM.* (This is the morning of the day of Confirmation.) Attendance is mandatory for candidates and sponsors.

Confirmation Names: This is no longer necessary as the revised rite (1971) emphasizes the connection between Baptism and Confirmation—using the baptismal name for Confirmation ensures that connection.

Letter to the Bishop: Each candidate must write a letter to the Bishop. Teachers will provide details on form and content. The date for submission of the letters to teachers is *March 31.*

Photography and Video: *Photography and Video are inappropriate during the Liturgy (from the opening song until the closing song).* Professional videos and still pictures of Confirmation will be available for purchase at rehearsal and on the day of Confirmation. The Bishop attends the reception following Confirmation fully vested to afford the opportunity for personal photographs.

Service Hours: Resurrection Parish asks that each child sets aside time to experience serving others as Jesus did. *Candidates are to serve others for at least twenty (20) hours before Confirmation.* Distribution of forms has taken place. Contact me if you need more.

Sponsors: Each candidate must choose one Catholic sponsor who must meet certain fitting requirements for that important spiritual role. The form explains the requirements. Prayerfully collaborate with your candidate and consider only those potential sponsors who meet all requirements. **Sponsors not registered at Resurrection Parish must have a second form completed by the Pastor of the sponsor's home parish.** Turn form(s) in to the rectory by *March 31.*

Parental Commitment to Growth of Children's Faith: *You are the most important person in your child's formation as a disciple of Christ.* This is an excellent time to nurture your own and your family's faith, so I urge you to seize this faith moment. Diocesan policy is to encourage parents and other role

models to act as witnesses by their regular participation in church life within the parish. Here are some ways to make all that happen:

1. Actively participate in Mass each Sunday and Holyday; discuss the readings as a family.
2. Pray; both individually and as a family:
 - a. Pray as a family, e.g., grace before meals, rosary, etc.
 - b. Prayerfully Read scripture.
 - c. Use a daily prayer guide such as “The Word Among Us” or “Magnificat” for daily readings.
 - d. *Be sure your children see you pray.*
3. Set an example by what you say and do; set an example by what you *do not* say and *do not* do.
4. Attend an Adult Formation Session/Bible Study; participate in church social/spiritual activities.
5. Want to be a Eucharistic Minister or Lector? This is an excellent time to pursue that call.
6. Actively seek the opportunity to discuss your faith questions with someone knowledgeable of the faith.
7. Attend all Confirmation Parent/Guardian meetings.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bible: Acts 8:14, 2 Cor 1:21-22, Matt 5-7, Titus 3:3-8
2. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraphs 1212, 1285-1321
3. *A Guide for Parents, Confirmation Preparation in the Diocese of St. Augustine* (included).

Dress For Confirmation: *Keep in mind that this is a formal Mass celebrated by the Bishop in the presence of the Lord. Candidates and Sponsors dress is to be appropriately respectful of this solemn, joyful religious occasion.* The Bishop’s office has issued guidelines (attached). The Bishop’s requirements leave many dress options are available, but does rule out things such as, sneakers, spike heels, T-shirts, shorts, jeans, hoodies, low-cut tops, spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, bare backs, Hawaiian shirts, ball caps and mini-skirts, tank-tops, sandals, bare feet...you get the picture.

Sponsors are participants in this formal liturgy, so while keeping the above “ruled out” things in mind, men are encouraged to wear coat and tie, and women are encouraged to wear a dress, or skirt/pants and top. Expect it to be cool in the church.

The **candidates** will wear robes, but robes don’t cover the feet and lower legs, so dress slacks, shoes and socks for the young men and dress shoes for the young women are appropriate. (Keep in mind the “ruled out” items above.)

Robes: Distribution will be at the rehearsal. Turn robes in as instructed before leaving the parish campus. Do not leave Resurrection with your robe.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Blessings,

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