

Confirmation FAQs 2023 – From Tony Cardinale / Sr. Karen Update: March 20th, 2023

Q: Does my child need to go to Confession to receive the Sacrament of Confession?

A: YES! It is Mandatory that your teen receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation Prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! And teens must go within the months of March or April to prepare adequately for Confirmation.

Confession is a very important part of our life as Catholics. I tell the teens this each class. This is a Sacrament of healing that helps us to accept more of the Graces that God wishes to give to us and helps us to live a more virtuous life.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We have many opportunities for confession coming up:

Most teens received the Sacrament at the Retreat satisfying the requirement. But if missed or feel the need to go again, there are a few options:

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6pm @ St. Margaret Mary Church – Reconciliation Service

Confession is always available Monday Nights from 6-7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church and also by appointment as well. Just contact Father Castro to set up a time.

Q: Does my teen need to attend the Confirmation Retreat to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

A: YES! March 5th we will be having our Confirmation Retreat.

This is MANDATORY per the Archdiocese in order to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

We will all be at the 11am Holy Mass at St. Margaret Mary.

Immediately after Holy Mass, there will be a pizza lunch in the church hall for Confirmation 2 teens.

The Retreat Hosts will start with introductions right before 1pm.

The retreat will end with Adoration, praise & worship

Pick up will be at 5pm at St. Margaret Mary.

Q: What is the date, time, & place of Confirmation Ceremony?

A: Confirmation Date: Saturday, May 6th

Time: Ceremony starts at 1pm. Teens & sponsors need to be there by 12pm for rehearsal!

Place: St. Joseph's Cathedral 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105

Expect ceremony to end at approximately 2:30pm (this is NOT a full mass with Eucharist but there are several parishes present). Archbishop will be available for Photos after ceremony.

Note there is a ceremony before ours so do not arrive much earlier than noon.

Q: Where should my guests and I park for the ceremony?

A: The main parking lot to be used is located off Asylum Avenue at the back side of the Cathedral. The Knights of Columbus will be directing cars to parking areas.

Additional parking can be found on the street and in smaller lots near the Cathedral, if needed.

Those coming to the Confirmation ceremony should enter either through the glass door/elevator entrance accessible from the Asylum Avenue parking lot or the doors at the front of the Cathedral.

Q: Are there restrictions on guests?

A: YES! Each teen can only have 9 guests (this includes the teen and the sponsor)

Teen + Sponsor + 7 Guests

Q: Will the Confirmation Ceremony be Livestreamed?

A: YES. The Confirmation ceremony will be livestreamed on the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CathedralOfSaintJoseph>).

You are invited to share this link with your family & friends who cannot be in attendance.

Q: Can I take pictures during the ceremony?

A: NO. There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony that will take pictures and send a link to the pictures after the ceremony. There will also be opportunities to take your own pictures after the ceremony as well.

Q: Does my teen need a gown or robe for Confirmation?

A: NO.

Q: Is there a dress code for the Confirmation Ceremony?

A: YES!

Confirmation Dress Code:

The Sacrament of Confession requires dress attire.

This is a VERY important and reverent occasion, and how you dress needs to reflect that!

For Young Men: a button up shirt, jacket, tie, nice pants or a suit, dress shoes

For Young Ladies: a nice shirt & nice pants or skirt, a dress, dress shoes/dress sandals

NO:

Sneakers,

flip flops,

jeans,

sweatpants/sweatshirts,

tight fitting clothes,

ripped clothing,

dresses or skirts above the knee,

dresses or shirts showing cleavage,

bare midriffs,

exposed shoulders

Please feel free to ask Sr. Karen if something is appropriate to wear!