

Confirmation FAQs 2024 – From Tony Cardinale / Sr. Karen Update: April 13th, 2024

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

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 will receive the Sacrament at the last class on 4/14 satisfying the requirement. But if missed, 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: What is the date, time, & place of Confirmation Ceremony?

A: Confirmation Date: Sunday, April 21st

Time: Ceremony starts at 2pm. Teens & sponsors need to be there between 1 and 1:15pm for rehearsal!

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

Expect the ceremony to end in approximately 1.5 hours. Archbishop will be available for Photos after ceremony. Expect with pictures to head to parking lots no later than 3:30. Note there is a ceremony before ours so do not arrive much earlier than One.

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. There is PLENTY of parking.

Handicap entrance: When the wheelchair attendee comes to park at the Cathedral, have them go to the back side of the Cathedral – Asylum Avenue entrance to the lot and tell one of the Knights of Columbus volunteers they have special needs with wheelchair drop off. They would then be told to stay along the right side of the lot to drive straight to a circle to be let off by the elevators that would take them up to the church level. Restrooms are accessible on that side as well.

Cathedral Main Lot (handicapped accessibility) - 829 Asylum Avenue

Farmington Avenue & Chancery Lot - 134 Farmington Avenue

Webster Bank Lot - 108 Farmington Avenue

Ahern Funeral Home Lot - 180 Farmington Avenue

Asylum Avenue Lot

Lot parking is limited to the following locations: use this website [https://www.scribblemaps.com/maps/view/CathedralParkingMap\(Sunday\)/SundayConfirmation](https://www.scribblemaps.com/maps/view/CathedralParkingMap(Sunday)/SundayConfirmation)

Q: Are there restrictions on guests and where do we sit?

A: YES. Each teen can only have 9 guests (this includes the teen and the sponsor)
Teen + Sponsor + 7 Guests

Candidates and sponsors will sit next to one another in designated reserved seating. Seating charts will be posted in the Cathedral entrances. Guests of candidates may sit in any pews not marked *reserved*. Reserved seating is for candidates and sponsors only (see attached seating chart).

Please remember to advise us if any Confirmation candidates and/or sponsors have mobility issues so that we may accommodate them appropriately.

Q: Will the Confirmation Ceremony be Livestreamed?

A: YES. The Confirmation ceremony will be livestreamed on the Cathedral of Saint Joseph website: <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org/cathedral-confirmations.html>
You are invited to share this link with your family & friends who cannot be in attendance. The video recording will also be available at this web location well after Confirmation.

Link for Cathedral Website: <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org/livestream.html>

Link for Cathedral Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralOfSaintJoseph>

Link for Cathedral ouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@cathedralofst.josephhartfo8576/streams>

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.

Shoulders should be covered

Note: There needs to be a space to place nametag which will be provided (with your Confirmation name).

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!