

Rite of Welcome for Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 5:30 PM Mass

I will be standing in the Narthex before Mass, beginning at 5:00. Please check in with me as you enter. There is not an assigned section to sit in; sit with your child where you please.

After the Entrance Hymn, Father David will invite the Confirmation Candidates to stand in the nearest aisle accompanied by their parents.

He will ask 2 questions the Candidates to which they respond loudly, **"Yes"**:

1. Do you want to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation?
2. Are you willing to pray each day, to attend Mass with each Sunday, to draw closer to Christ and His Church and to do your best to follow the way of Christ?

He will then ask you 2 questions, to which you respond, **"I do!"**

1. Dear parents, when they were young, you brought your child to the Church and asked for the gift of Baptism. Now you stand next them as they ask to complete their initiation into the Church through Confirmation. Do you support their request?
2. Do you promise to encourage your child in preparing for Confirmation? To pray with and for your child and give them an example of faith for your child to imitate?

A few moments later, Father will ask you **to make the sign of the cross** on your child's forehead, ears, eyes, lips, heart, shoulders, hands, and feet. The assembly will sing a refrain between each signing.

For example: Father says: Receive the cross on your lips; that you may respond to the word of God.

All sing: *Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow Him!*

After a concluding prayer, Father will ask you to be seated.