

Ceremony Dress Code for Candidates and Sponsors

At the Sacrament of Baptism we wear special gowns, the Sacrament of First Communion we wear white dresses or suit, at our Marriage we wear formal gowns or tuxedos. It is fitting to dress in celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation as well.

While the church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each of its members, it holds that modesty is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that "Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 25234)

It is in this spirit of fostering respect for each other and for sanctity of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we set forth a code of dress consistent with our culture's view of modesty.

Semi-formal, modest attire is appropriate to the solemn beauty of this occasion.

Young Men

Attire: Suit or sports coat and dress pants with tie and dress shirt

The following are *not* appropriate:

Tennis shoes / sneakers

Novelty neckties (e.g., cartoon characters, logos, etc.)

Jeans, Khakis or baggy pants

Formal Tuxedos

Tee shirts or Polo Shirts

Young Women

Attire: Modest dress, skirt and blouse, pant suit or dress pants and blouse (dress or skirt must be knee length or longer; chest, back and shoulders must be covered); dress shoes. Also, when fixing your hair, your forehead must be uncovered for anointing from the Bishop. If nail polish is worn, it should be a subdued or pastel color

The following are *not* appropriate:

Strapless dresses

Tight, backless, or low cut dresses

Mini-skirts

Exposing the abdomen

Jeans skirt, casual or Khaki skirts

Formal evening gowns

Did you know . . . St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City maintains a strict dress code. Even in the summer, shoulders must be covered at all times, shorts, short dresses, tank tops, and any revealing clothing are not permitted inside.