**Confirmation Rehearsal with Candidates**

**Confirmation Date: Saturday, May 10th, 2014 6:30pm St. Pats Church**

1. Be in the social hall at 5:30pm-get your name tag and put it on.
   1. Leave your certificate in the social hall until after the ceremony. DO NOT CARRY IT DOWN THE AISLE WITH YOU.
2. The Bishop will speak to us as a group before Mass begins.
3. We will line up by Confirmation Candidates last name, alphabetically. When it’s time, we will walk to main church doors. Please wait quietly.
4. Candidate & sponsor/proxy will stand side by side.
5. Procession:
   1. Knights of Columbus & Cross & Candle Bearers
   2. Confirmandi & Sponsors
   3. Readers, Deacon, Concelebrating Priests, Altar Servers
   4. Bishop
6. Each Candidate & sponsor will walk up main aisle and bow. Then they will turn and enter their pew together, sitting next to each other.
7. Watch the candidate/sponsor in front of you and go the opposite side. (Except for siblings, they stay together.)
8. Following the proclamation of the Gospel, Fr. Rudy will call the names of the candidates. Please stand as your name is called, respond loudly and clearly with the word “**PRESENT,**” and remain standing until the bishop indicates for you to sit down.
9. Then Bishop Amos will give the homily.
10. Then it will be time for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. **Only the candidates stand**. Respond to each question by saying loudly and clearly “**I DO**!”
11. For the Laying on of Hands, Bishop will extend hands over the candidates as a whole group, while he says the following prayer:

*All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.*

*Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.*

*Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.*

*Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

1. Finally, it will be time to be confirmed!
   1. The Candidate & Sponsor leave the pew by way of the SIDE aisle and stand directly in front of the Bishop.
   2. The SPONSOR puts his/her hand on candidates shoulder and says, “Bishop, I present to you **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Confirmation name.)**”
   3. The BISHOP says: “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The CANDIDATE says: “**AMEN**.”
   4. Bishop reaches out his hand & says, “**Peace be with you**.” The newly confirmed says: “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**.”
2. The newly Confirmed and sponsors return to their places in the pew by going down CENTER aisle.
3. Bishop will confirm those on the left side first, followed by the right side.
4. As the first pew of candidates comes to the Bishop, all other candidates sit down. Only the pew of candidates coming forward is standing.
5. When Mass is ended, Bishop Amos, Father Rudy and the altar servers will recess out. STAY IN YOUR PEW.
6. We will take a group photo immediately after mass so be ready to take your place on the altar quickly.
7. Individual photos with the Bishop, you and your sponsor will also be available.
8. Return to Social Hall before leaving to pick up your Certificate.
9. There will not be a reception following Confirmation so that you may celebrate this special day with your families.