



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

2015-2016 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEMORIZING THE RESPONSES

These responses occur at the time of anointing, during the Rite of Confirmation.

Please make sure the Candidates have memorized and have rehearsed the response. A good way to do that is to talk about them not only at the end of the Catechetical preparation but several times during the process.

- During the ***Renewal of Baptismal Promises***, the Bishop or Priest will ask you a series of questions regarding your faith. You respond: "**I do**". At the end of these questions, after the Bishop/Priest says "...in Christ Jesus our Lord", you respond: "**Amen**".
- The answers in Spanish are a little bit different. If the celebration will be in Spanish, please make sure the Candidates understand them clearly and are able to respond in Spanish.
- During the anointing, while tracing a cross on your forehead with the Sacred Chrism, the Bishop/Priest, will say "(Your confirmation or baptismal name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit". You respond: "**Amen**". The Bishop/Priest will then say "Peace be with you", and you respond: "**And with your spirit.**"
- The candidates should also know all the responses for the different parts of the Mass.

DRESS CODE

Dress should always be appropriate when we are in church. We are in the presence of God and in his house. A dress code should apply to all candidates, sponsors, and liturgical ministers (lectors, servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion). They should wear proper attire similar to clothing for other important life events.

You are NOT expected to go out and purchase/rent clothes for your Confirmation. Please use your best judgment and wear the most appropriate clothes that you already own. Please dress for Church, and not for a night club.

Please note: The wearing of stoles is reserved for bishops, priests, and deacons. The practice of Confirmandi wearing "confirmation stoles" is discouraged.

MALES: Dress shirt hems should be tucked in, not hanging out. T-shirts, hoodies, and shirts with large logos, advertisements or inappropriate slogans should be avoided.

Please do not wear saggy pants: pants should come to your waist and over your hips. Denim (jeans) should be avoided. Formal ethnic or cultural vesture is also appropriate.

Please refrain from wearing flip flops, sandals or tennis shoes.

FEMALES: The knees and shoulders should be covered. Tops must completely cover the stomach. T-shirts, hoodies, and shirts with large logos, advertisements or inappropriate slogans should be avoided. Denim (jeans) should be avoided. Formal ethnic or cultural vesture is also appropriate. Please wear dress shoes that allow you to walk around safely and comfortably.

Please refrain from wearing flip flops, sandals or tennis shoes.