

Form D
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Diocese of Dallas
Guidelines for Photography



Please read carefully: REVISED

Candidates should dress as for a special occasion: shirts (ties possibly) and dress pants for the boys and modest, dressy clothing for the girls. This is a religious occasion, and adult leaders and parents should actively guide decisions about what to wear. It is not sufficient to ask for “Sunday best” without providing examples for the youth. Please do not rent robes or have stoles for the Confirmandi.

If Bishop Burns is presiding



All candidates should be ready and waiting for Bishop Burns: he will meet with the entire group 20 minutes BEFORE the Confirmation Mass (in an area other than the church.) Have the group picture organized and ready to photograph when he arrives. After Bishop Burns meets with the candidates as a group, he will also pray with them. Bishop Burns may typically bring a Master of Cermonies (seminarian on Pastoral Year, who will train the servers briefly and answer any questions in the sacristy!) There is no need for any other Master of Ceremonies.

Bishop Kelly



will arrive and be vested 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. He will be available (to go where you escort him to) for a **group photo** at that time. It is possible that there will be time for individual photos **if the group photo is organized and is on time**, but this depends on the size of the group. He will **not** be available for photos following the Confirmation Mass. Plan on having someone meet him after he’s vested, and take him to the place where group photo will be taken. Organize the Confirmandi so that this can be done easily by all. (Parents might want to take their phone-photos of the group at this time.)



These guidelines are intended to assist in planning and implementing the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass. Please call or email the Office of Worship if you have questions or need more information. In general, **please refrain from photography during the Mass, especially as each person is anointed.** It is distracting to the liturgy. The Mass, however, could be *professionally* videotaped, if the videographer remains *stationary* during the Mass.

Please phone or email the Office of Worship (see below) if you have questions, or if you are unsure about the photos with the bishop or the delegated presider.

Please note that Abbot Verhalen is the equivalent of a bishop, and serves his local religious community and their bishop.