

St. Pius V Church

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CONFIRMATION DRESS CODE

Why have a Dress Code?

At the Sacrament of Baptism, the baptized person receives a white garment, symbolizing that he or she has “put on Christ.” The reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of baptismal grace and an anointing to share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. This is a moment of joy and celebration. It makes sense to dress in a way that reflects this attitude.

While the Church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality of 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* 2523-2524).

It is in this spirit of fostering respect for each other and for the sanctity of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we set forth a code of dress consistent with a sense of modesty. **This dress code applies to sponsors and proxies, as well.** Semi-formal, modest attire is appropriate to the beauty of this occasion.

For the young men:

Semi-Formal attire means a suit-jacket or vest, a dress shirt and tie, and dress shoes.

The following are not appropriate: tennis shoes/sneakers, jeans or baggy pants, joke ties (ex. with cartoon characters, logos, etc.), formal tuxedos, and visible body piercing jewelry.

For the young women:

Semi-Formal attire means a semi-formal, modest dress or suit.

The following are not appropriate: tennis shoes/sneakers, jeans, casual skirts, mini-skirts, strapless or spaghetti strap dresses, formal evening gowns, and visible body piercings except for earrings. Some general guidelines: Straps must be four fingers wide; skirts should be just above the knee or longer; and avoid tight, backless, or low cut dresses. Please consider wearing nylons.

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. Those wearing shorts, short dresses, tank tops, and any revealing clothing are not permitted inside.