

January 3, 2024

Dear Parents:

Your child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Thank you for your involvement in the process, and we encourage you to bring your family to church each week to deepen their faith experience.

The **GIFT IV meeting and Confirmation Practice** for your child and their sponsor will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, from 6:00 to 9:00PM** in the parish gym/church. If your child's sponsor cannot attend this evening, please have a parent attend instead.

Bishop Hicks will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, January 27, at 11:00AM. Candidates and sponsors should arrive in the gym no later than 10:15AM.** The procession of candidates and sponsors will begin at **10:40AM sharp**; parents should be in the church and seated by then.

Confirmandi will wear red robes. Girls should wear a dress or dress pants, a blouse and dress shoes with appropriate heels (no flip-flops, please). Boys should wear dress pants, a dress shirt with a tie and dress shoes. A suit or sports coat is optional. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to follow the same dress code.

We anticipate the Liturgy will take about an hour. Bishop Hicks will not stay for photos after the liturgy. Tom Killoran, a professional photographer, will take photos of your child receiving the Sacrament and do a group picture after the ceremony in the gym. Immediately following the Mass, photos will be printed and available for purchase in the gym while your child returns their robe. One 5X7 is \$20.00 and two 5X7 for \$30.00.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 630-543-1754 or email cjaskey@st-phil.org.

Sincerely,

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