

FIRST COMMUNION GUIDELINES 2016-2017

GIRLS' ATTIRE

- A white dress WITH sleeves
- Dress must be mid-calf in length
- Closed shoes and white socks or tights

GIRLS' ATTIRE to Avoid

- Sleeveless, backless, thin strapped, or halter-style dresses
- Off the shoulder or hooped dresses
- Makeup of any kind, or bleached hair
- Gloves, purses, candles, missalettes, or rosaries to hold, as hands should be free from distractions

BOYS' ATTIRE

- A white shirt with sleeves
- Dress pants - dark colors only
- Tie - dark color
- Dress shoes or neat, clean-looking casual shoes

BOYS' ATTIRE to Avoid

- Sleeveless shirts
- Jeans, baggy pants, or shorts
- Bleached hair
- Candles, missalettes, or rosaries to hold, as hands should be free from distractions

PROCESSION: Each communicant can be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) adults (preferably the parents) who will process in and sit with the child. Siblings will need to sit with other family members or guests. Please remember that while some of you have chosen to have sponsors, this is your personal preference. **The sacrament of Eucharist, does not require them.**

PHOTOGRAPHY: In order for us to maintain the dignity and solemnity of this liturgy, ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOGRAPHY will be allowed once the Mass has begun. You must remain in your pew at all times. NO standing in the aisles. **Absolutely no outside photographers are allowed.** The Parish will have photographers taking pictures of children receiving Communion which will be free of charge to you.

ARRIVAL TIME: All candidates with their parents or sponsors will check in and line up in Coleman Center **45 minutes** prior to their First Communion celebration. We encourage siblings and all other family members to go to the church to be seated as there will not be any reserved seating for families. We encourage families with infants or small children to make use of the crying room.

FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE: Please make sure you see a Faith Formation staff member on Jason's Plaza immediately after the celebration to retrieve your child's certificate. Certificates **will not** be mailed!

FOR QUESTIONS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OUR PARISH OFFICE, OR ASK TO SPEAK TO A FAITH FORMATION STAFF MEMBER ON ANY DAY YOU BRING YOUR CHILD(REN) TO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.