



# DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Parents,

We are excited to celebrate your child's upcoming sacrament(s)! What a beautiful blessing to share in the sacraments together as a parish and diocesan family! We hope to provide you some helpful details about the day of activities.

### Arrival

- Reminder Mass begins at 7:00 PM. on Tuesday or 11:00 AM on Saturday.
- Registration begins 90 minutes prior to the start of Mass in the Cathedral Atrium.
- The confirmandi will attend a presentation with Bishop Paprocki at 6:00 PM or 10:00 AM in the Cathedral cafeteria.


### Invitation to Parents

- While Bishop Paprocki is meeting with the confirmandi, there will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession in the church. All are invited to participate.
- Please pray for the confirmandi as they make their final preparations for receiving the sacraments.

### Seating

- The confirmandi and sponsors will have reserved seating in the front pews. A name tag with the assigned pew will be provided at registration.
- Your child will be directed to a row that will be designated for confirmandi and a row that is designated for the child's sponsor. Please have the sponsor sit directly behind the child they are sponsoring.
- Parents may sit along the side aisles of the Cathedral or in the pews not marked reserved.

### Parking

- The Cathedral has parking available directly behind the parish and to the lot north of the parish, follow these signs 

### Hospitality & Photography

- After Mass, Bishop Paprocki and the newly confirmed will return to the front of the altar for a group photo.
- After the group photos, if your family would like a photo with Bishop Paprocki, please join the receiving line to meet with Bishop Paprocki and take a photo.
- The Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass is a public event that will be live streamed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception YouTube and Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/spicathedral>. If you have a substantial concern about your child being shown in the live stream, please contact your pastor or parish catechetical leader so they can notify the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois so accommodations can be explored.
- Light refreshments will be available after the Mass



Lastly, should you have another child who will be in attendance of the Confirmation and would be available to be an altar server, please contact your Parish Catechetical Leader right away, along with any other questions you might have.

*Cathedral Confirmation Committee*