



St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish in Aurora

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Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have remained healthy during these unusual times. Know that you have been, and continue to be, in our daily prayers.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding your child's upcoming Confirmation or Confirmation/First Eucharist celebration. Please understand that due to the large number of candidates (200+), as well as limitations and directives by both the Archdiocese of Denver and local government, we will need to adhere to certain restrictions regarding these celebrations. These are addressed below.

You will be receiving a letter indicating the date scheduled for your child's sacramental celebration. Mass is at 6:00 pm, but we ask that you be present at 5:30 in order to be checked in and seated before the celebration begins. We also ask that all present dress modestly and appropriately for Mass. You are not required to wear a specific color.

In accord with the current Archdiocesan and local government directives, we will adhere to the following:

- Only members of the same household may be seated together. Physical distancing will be respected at all times.
- In order not to exceed accepted numbers, we are asking that only parents and candidates be present. Parents will act as "proxies" for the actual sponsors. The ceremonies will be live streamed so that other family members may view them.
- Masks must be worn at all times by all who are present.

We realize that these restrictions are disappointing to all of us, but we also recognize that these sacrifices may be counted as acts of charity toward others within our community. The safety of all is one of our greatest priorities. If, for whatever reason, you feel that this is not the best time for your child to celebrate these sacraments please contact the Religious Education Office so that we might discuss alternatives for a future celebration.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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