

**THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND
PROCEDURES FOR DIOCESAN CELEBRATIONS
OF CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION**

CLERGY ATTIRE

- The liturgical color for confirmation is RED. Cassock, Surplice and Red Stole.
- In order that all aspects of the ministry are represented at Diocesan Celebrations a Vocational Deacon will be assigned to fulfill the role of deacon in the service.

REGISTERS

- Bring your parish register with you. Please make sure it is identified as yours. A table will be provided where the bishop will sign your register.

CONFIRMANDS

- Present and seated in the Cathedral at least 45 minutes before the service begins. Depending on space and the Minister of Ceremony, each candidate is seated in the pew with his/her presenter, usually the priest, warden or other designee. Only one sponsor and the presenter will come forward with the candidate to the bishop for the appropriate rite.
- Attire should be appropriate for a Sunday service in your own local congregation.

RECORDS, CERTIFICATES and SERVICE BULLETINS

- In order for all necessary paperwork to be finished in time for each scheduled Diocesan Confirmation Service, it is imperative that each member of the clergy, or in the absence of a clergyperson, for the wardens, to file with the Bishop's Office all information by the date specified, usually 10 days prior to the service the confirmands will be attending.
- Please submit certificates to the Bishop's Office for his signature at least ten business days prior to the Confirmation. They will be returned to you by mail.
- Bulletins for all celebrations will be designed and printed by the Commission on Liturgy and Church Music.
- Because the service bulletins contain the names of all participants from your congregation, the bulletin planners need 10 days before the service to get all printing, collating and folding done. In order to facilitate this work, no names will appear in the bulletin if the deadline set by the Bishop's Office is not adhered to.