



**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 • 4:00 PM**

***Most Reverend Edward M. Deliman***

***Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus to the Archbishop of Philadelphia***

### ***The Celebration of Confirmation***

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 4:00 pm**. Bishop Deliman will be the presider and homilist.

Candidates and their sponsors should plan to arrive no later than 3:30 pm that afternoon. Sponsors will report directly to their places in Church, candidates will be told where to meet closer to the date of Confirmation. Bishop Deliman will meet and interact with the candidates before Mass.

Candidates will then process into Church, and be seated together as a group for Mass, with their sponsors seated as a group behind them. Family, friends, and guests will be able to sit anywhere else in the Church. A seating chart will be provided closer to the date of Confirmation. The Mass will be livestreamed for all others who wish to participate virtually in this celebration.

### ***Confirmation Names***

Each candidate is permitted to select a new name, or they may take their Baptismal name to be used during the anointing within the Rite of Confirmation. The choice should reflect a candidate's desire to have an intercessor in heaven to assist them in living out their faith and should not be foreign to Christian sentiment.

### ***Sponsor***

Candidates, with the assistance of their families, are responsible for choosing a sponsor for Confirmation. The sponsor may be one of the candidate's godparents, but **may NOT** be one of the candidate's parents/step-parents. A sponsor should be a practicing, fully initiated Catholic, in good standing, age 16 and above.

Sponsors are asked to obtain a **letter of eligibility** from his/her current parish. This is a common request that can be completed by contacting their current parish. Please note: a letter of eligibility is not the same thing as a Sacramental record; we do not need sponsors' Sacramental information. **Sponsors who are parishioners of St. Pius X do not need to obtain a letter of eligibility from our rectory.**

If a sponsor is unable to obtain a letter at this time, please have them contact Jim Malinowski. Letters of eligibility should be returned to the Religious Education Office no **later than Friday, March 21, 2025**. Scanned letters can be accepted and emailed to [stpisureled@gmail.com](mailto:stpisureled@gmail.com).

In the event a sponsor is unable to participate in the Confirmation Liturgy for any reason a proxy may serve as sponsor. Please contact Jim Malinowski with any questions.

### ***Attire***

On the day of Confirmation all candidates will wear **a white robe with a red image of a dove**. Boys are asked to wear a white dress shirt, tie, dress pants and dress shoes. Girls are asked to wear a light-colored dress, stockings, and dress shoes. Girls will also wear a floral headpiece. Ties and headpieces will be provided for all candidates. If a family already has a robe, they do not need to obtain a new one. Please complete the Confirmation Robe and T-Shirt form online, by Tuesday, February 18. The form is available at: [www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation](http://www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation).

### ***Sacramental Record Form***

A Google Form is also available for all families to collect the necessary information that is recorded in the Confirmation registry after the celebration of Confirmation. Please complete this form as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, March 7. The form is available at: [www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation](http://www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation).

### ***Retreat***

As part of the candidates' final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will offer a retreat experience. Those who attend CCD, SPIRE and private Catholic Schools will have their retreat on Wednesday, March 26, from 4:45 to 7:30pm. Students in St. Pius X School will have their retreat on Friday, March 28.

Both retreats will include pizza and snacks, as well as activities and time for prayer and reflection. More information will be sent prior to those dates.

### ***Support Materials Fee***

Each candidate is asked to pay a support materials fee of \$40. If a family needs a Confirmation robe, the cost is \$60. This fee helps cover the costs associated with the celebration of Confirmation, including the robe, ties, floral headpiece, a t-shirt for each candidates, retreat food and activities, certificates and other materials. Families may remit payment electronically at: [www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation](http://www.SaintPius.net/Confirmation), or by returning cash or check to your child's teacher.

### ***Practice***

A practice will be held in Church on Thursday, April 3, at 6:00 pm. This will ensure that candidates and sponsors are familiar with the Confirmation liturgy, and the various movements that will take place. All candidates are asked to be accompanied by an adult (does not have to be their sponsor; an instruction sheet will be provided at that time to be shared with the sponsor). More information will be provided closer to the date.

### ***Questions***

Please contact Jim Malinowski at 610-353-6950, or [stpiusreled@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusreled@gmail.com), with any questions.