

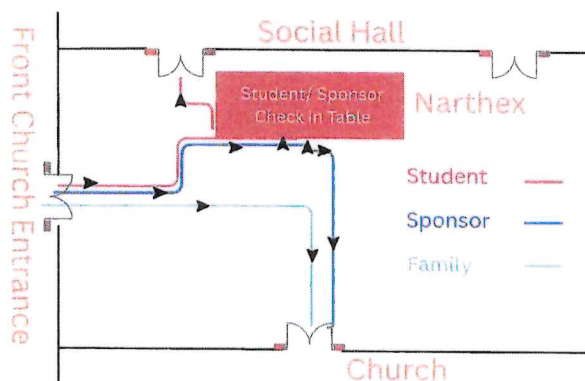
Confirmation Rehearsal Notes

Note: The date, day, and time of Confirmation is given to us by the Diocese based on the schedule of the Bishop. With Confirmation being on a Wednesday this year, at 5PM, Saint John Neumann understands the challenge this can present for families and sponsors, both in terms of attending Confirmation and practice. To try and ease that burden Father Dan, in conjunction with Nate and Erin, have decided to provide you with these notes about how the day will work and how everyone's movement will occur in lieu of a practice. For this to work, it means that IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU read this and go over it with your Confirmation student, preferably more than once, and their sponsor. Thank you for your cooperation.

Checking in for Confirmation

Tentative arrival for students on the day of Confirmation is no later than 4PM. Sponsors should arrive no later than 4:30PM. Upon your arrival for Confirmation, as seen in the diagram below, the following will happen:

- Students check in at the check in table, then proceed to the Social Hall.
- Sponsors check in at the check in table, then proceed to the Church.
- Other family members can proceed directly to the Church.

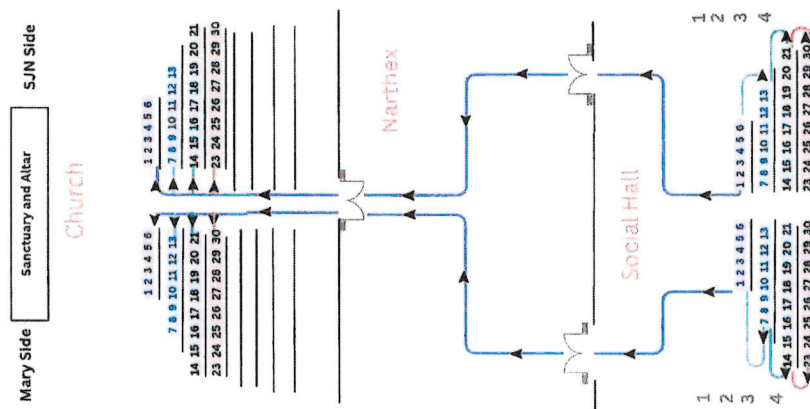


Meeting with Bishop Senior

Confirmation Students will have their meeting with Bishop Senior in the Social Hall. When it is time to start Confirmation, students will need to proceed from the Social Hall to the Church in the following manner:

- Saint James Students
 - The person in seat 1 in row 1 proceeds through the social hall door, and up to the Church door entrance.
 - The person in seat 7 in row 2 follows behind the end of row 1.
 - The person in seat 14 in row 3 follows behind the end of row 2

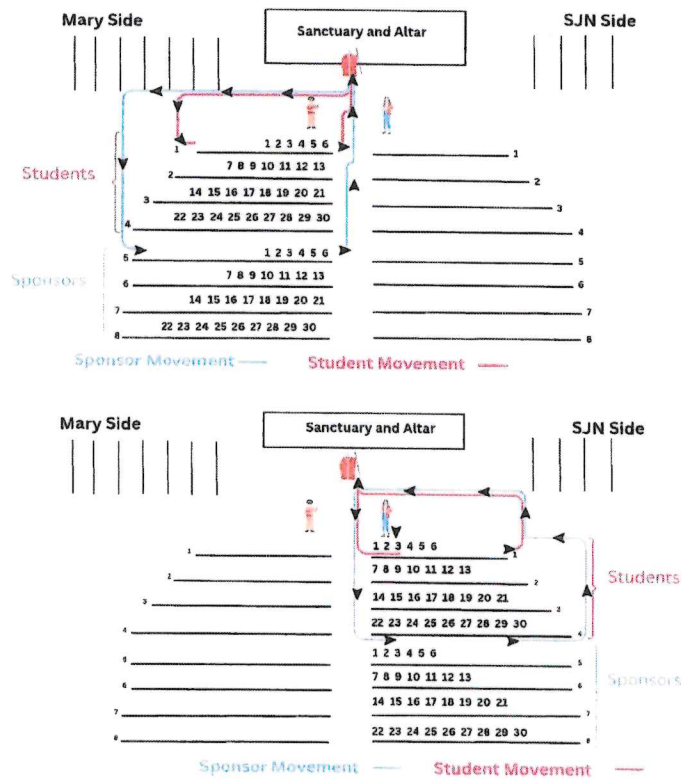
- o The person in seat 22 in row 4 follows behind the end of row 3.
- SJN Students
 - o The person in seat 6 in row 1 proceeds through the social hall door, and up to the Church door entrance.
 - o The person in seat 13 in row 2 follows behind the end of row 1.
 - o The person in seat 21 in row 3 follows behind the end of row 2.
 - o The person in seat 30 in row 4 follows behind the end of row 3.
- SJN and St. James Students
 - o Once both sets of students are lined up at the Church door, they will process side by side down the main isle.
 - o Students will enter the first pew, so that the student in seat 1 in the Social Hall will be in seat 1 in the Church.
 - o All other seats and rows mimic the Social Hall set up.



How to Approach Bishop to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will start with the St. James students on the Mary side of the Church, with the first person in row 1. (Seat 6). Here is how it will flow:

- All students in row 1 stand up. Students are dismissed to Confirmation one at a time.
 - o At the same time, all the sponsors in row five will be dismissed together, so they can proceed down the isle and one by one meet up with their student.
 - o Once sponsors meet up with their student, they place their right hand on the students right shoulder.
- Students approach bishop, receive confirmation, then go to the other end of their pew to return to their seat.
- As the last student from the row 1 is dismissed all the students in row 2 stand up.
- The process continues as stated above.
- The process is the same for the SJN side of the Church, mirrored as seen in the image below.



The Rite of Confirmation

Once a student and sponsor approaches the bishop for Confirmation, the Rite occurs in the following manner:

- Each candidate, with sponsor, goes to the celebrant.
- The sponsor starts the rite by saying the Confirmation name of the student. (Loudly)
- The Bishop will say: **N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**
- The newly confirmed replies: **"Amen"**
- Bishop will say: **"Peace be with you"**
- Newly Confirmed replies: **"and with your spirit"**
- The rite is complete and both can return to their seats.

Sponsor puts their right hand on the right shoulder of student receiving Confirmation

The Rite of Confirmation



Sponsor starts the rite by saying the student's Confirmation name

Sponsor: Says Confirmation Name

Bishop: "Name" Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

Student: Amen

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Student: And with your spirit.