

2018 CONFIRMATION DIGITAL BOOKLET





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Dear Friends,

I write to you today to assure you of my prayers as you make your final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in this, our 30th year as the Diocese of Knoxville.

I am looking forward to welcoming you, your sponsor and family to the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for the celebration of this sacrament of initiation. As is noted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this sacrament "is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285)

Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus as John baptized Him in the Jordan, during the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by grace to go forward, building up God's kingdom on earth, in your homes, classrooms, sports fields and parish.

Pope St. John Paul II once said, "Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are." Confirmation is a gift from God, not something you can earn; a gift freely given that strengthens each one of us. So I say to you now, be firm in your faith, persevere in your commitment to be followers of Jesus Christ!

God bless you and your families!



Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika
Diocese of Knoxville



DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! This is a dynamic, diverse and growing community of faith where we worship, teach and serve. Whether this is your first visit or one of many, we are delighted that you are here with us today. We invite you to explore the beauty of our cathedral and of our Catholic faith.

In the words of Irina Yazykova, a cathedral reveals to us the true image of humanity transfigured and deified; it is the image of the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom that is to come and that will restore the harmony now marred by sin ... If it depicts a saint, its real purpose is to bring us face to face with someone in whom Christ's goodness shines forth."

Five years ago, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, with the encouragement of Bishop Richard F Stika, began a process that would lead to the construction of a cathedral for the Diocese of Knoxville. Building on the faith and sacrifices of the 199 families who formed Sacred Heart Parish in 1956, this cathedral church is a work of faith, hope and love. It is intended to be a "house of prayer for all the nations." (Mark 11:17)

The art and architecture of this cathedral are also statements of faith. Pope Benedict XVI, in his address

to artists, said, "Authentic beauty, however, unlocks the yearning of the human heart, the profound desire to know, to love, to go towards the other, to reach for the beyond." Beauty draws us closer to God and helps us to desire heaven. It teaches and prepares us to go out into the world to serve the Christ we worship.

On behalf of the Most Reverend Richard F Stika, Bishop of Knoxville and the people of our Cathedral parish, the "living stones" of this spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5), I welcome you to our new parish church and to the mother church of the Diocese of Knoxville.

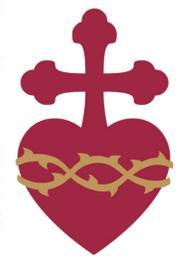
In Christ,

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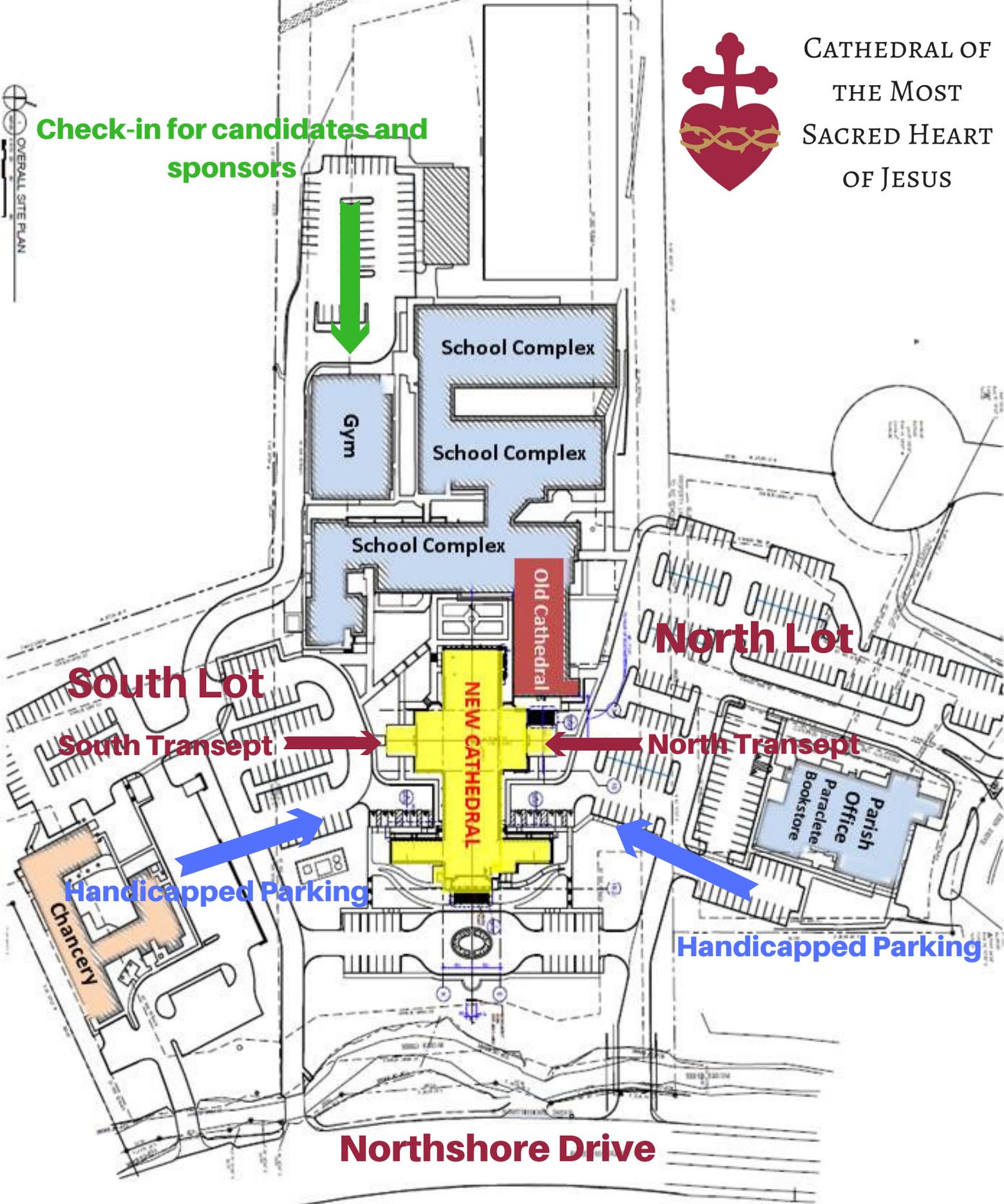
**VERY REV. DAVID BOETTNER, V.G.
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RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

OVERALL SITE PLAN

Check-in for candidates and sponsors

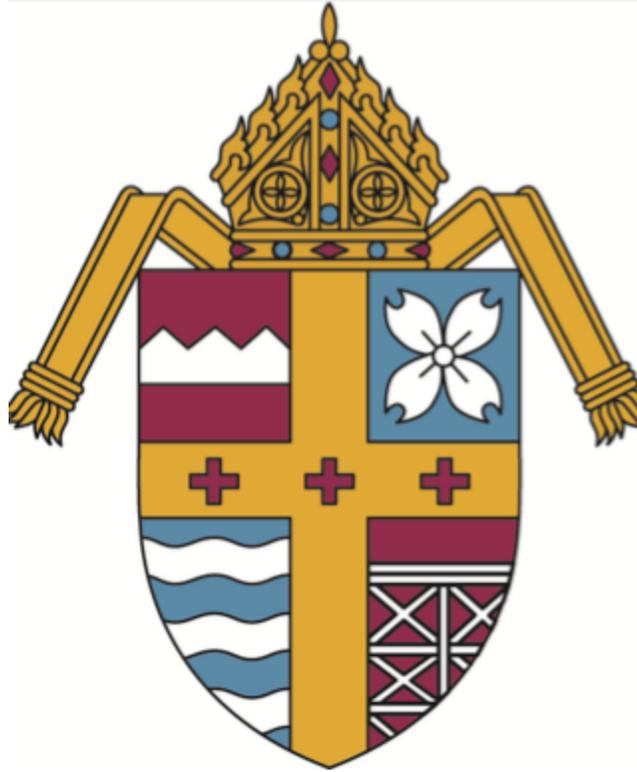


CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Northshore Drive

SITE REVISIONS
GENERAL NOTE



Times reflected below are prior to the start of the announced Mass time:

- :60 prior Gym opens for candidate check-in (DRE's must be present at this time)
- :25 Registration closes in gym
- :20 General announcements in the gym for all candidates and sponsors (mandatory)
- :15 Candidates and sponsors released to Cathedral to be seated
- :10 Candidates and sponsors seated in Cathedral

Check-in

Tables will be set up by the parish in the gym. Each DRE will check in their respective candidates and will be responsible for turning those names into the diocese. Candidates must be checked-in prior to the start of Mass.

Seating

Seating assignments for candidates and sponsors will be provided two weeks prior to each parish. Seating will be determined by final candidate count. DRE's will sit with their parish and assist as needed during Mass. Seating for families and friends will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Confirmation Check-In Process for Directors of Religious Education/Youth Ministers

1. The DRE or Youth Minister will arrive at least 90 minutes before the start of the Confirmation Mass to set up for Check-In. Check-In will be held in the SHCS Gym. DREs and Youth Ministers should park in the Gym parking lot, located behind the school (taking the South Bridge – between the Chancery and Cathedral).
2. All Candidates will be instructed by their parish DRE/YM to arrive at least one hour before the start of the Mass to ensure adequate time for check-in. Check-In for each parish must be completed no later than forty minutes prior the start of the Confirmation Mass. This is a FIRM deadline. Candidates who arrive past the check-in deadline will not be Confirmed at that Mass. It is the responsibility of each DRE/YM to clearly and unequivocally state this guideline, in writing, to the parents of each candidate. Those traveling to the Cathedral will need to anticipate travel time and road delays to allow for their arrival at least one hour before the Confirmation Mass.
3. Candidates and sponsors will be instructed to park in the SHCS gym parking lot, the South Lot of the Cathedral, or the Chancery parking lot. (They will need to take the South Bridge to access these lots). We are reserving the North Lot for other guests.
4. Sacred Heart Cathedral will set up a Check-In Table for each parish in the Gym. The tables will be set up directly in front of the bleachers in the Gym. Each table will be designated with the Parish Banner that is used for the Chrism Mass, clearly displayed so that candidates will be able to quickly identify their parish upon arrival.
5. The DRE/YM will set up the table with the name tags of each candidate, arranged in alphabetical order by last name.
6. The DRE/YM will check-off the name of each candidate as they receive their name tag. Candidates will then be instructed to report to the photographer to have a photo taken with their name tag so that the Confirmation pictures can be identified. Each candidate (or sponsor) will also need to complete a contact card for the photographer providing the name, phone number and email address of the family.

7. Once checked-in and photographed, the candidate (and sponsor) will be seated in the bleachers in the section behind their parish Check-In Table to await the beginning of the procession to the Cathedral.
8. Thirty minutes before the start of the Mass, the DREs will begin lining up the candidates and sponsors from their parishes in the gym for the procession to the Cathedral. Two lines will be formed with all candidates and sponsors from a given parish in the same line. This is necessary as each line will be seated on different sides of the nave, and to keep individual parishes sitting together, it will be necessary for all candidates to be in the same line. Candidates will be arranged so that their sponsor is behind them.
9. Once both lines have formed for the procession, at 20 minutes before the start of the Confirmation Mass the DRE Coordinator for the Confirmation Mass will address the candidates and sponsors for Confirmation in these words,

Dear Candidates,

As the Holy Spirit led the People of God through the wilderness into the Promised Land after the Exodus from Egypt, He has led you throughout your life on a pilgrimage to this moment. After your time of preparation, you are about to walk forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. But you do not walk alone. Your sponsor is walking behind you and will support you on this journey.

Let us now quiet our minds and our hearts, and pray for the presence and assistance of the Holy Spirit.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Come Holy Spirit! Open our hearts to receive your grace in this Sacrament of Confirmation. Fill us with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Right Judgment and Courage, the Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence, the Spirit of Wonder and Awe. Empower us to be faithful disciples and witnesses of Jesus Christ our Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

10. Upon completion of the prayer (and at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass) the procession will move from the gym and turn right, through the double glass doors into the school, and proceed through the school to the 100 wing of the school. The left line will proceed down the 100 wing hallway through the main entrance of the school and proceed to the South Transept entrance and begin taking their seats in the section of the Cathedral assigned to their parish.

The right line will proceed through the old entrance to the school, past the Memorial Garden to enter the North Transept and begin taking their seats in the section of the Cathedral assigned to their parish. The DRE/YM of each parish will assist in the seating of the candidates from their respective parishes. This should allow ample time for the seating of the Candidates and Sponsors immediately before the start of the Confirmation Mass.

Opportunities to Serve

There are some places in which you can volunteer in or out of the liturgy. We hope you consider volunteering.

Ushers

We are looking for ushers to serve from one hour from the beginning of the Mass until fifteen minutes after its conclusion. Duties will include seating guests, helping facilitate rows for Communion and assisting guests with basic questions. You should arrive at least one hour early for some training and to be in place when the church opens one hour before the Mass. Interested parties should contact Scott Barron (sbarron@shcknox.org), Campus Events Coordinator.

Servers

Those who have prior experience being an altar server have an opportunity to serve during Confirmation. Please contact Father Joe Reed (jreed@shcknox.org) to add your name to the list.

Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers

There are opportunities for experience lectors and EUM's. Please contact Peggy Humphreys (phumphreys@dioknox.org) to request to be part of these ministries.