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Dear Father,

You have been advised as to the date and time of the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation at your Parish. I will arrive approximately one half-hour before the ceremony to vest, meet with the candidates and receive any specific instructions about the ceremony. I invite you and any priests present to concelebrate the Mass; if at all possible there should be at least one deacon to assist.

Please advise your Confirmation Coordinator:

1. Before the ceremony, I will meet with the Confirmation candidates (not sponsors, please) approximately 20-25 minutes before the ceremony;
2. In church Confirmation candidates are to be seated together as a group (with sponsors also seated as a group);
3. To support proper liturgical decorum, no photography (video or still, professional or amateur) is permitted during the ceremony itself. I will be pleased to take pictures at the reception with the newly confirmed, sponsors and family members.
4. If professional photography is used at the reception, your efforts to have the photographer organized with his/her staff to assist will be appreciated. Providing a list of the Confirmands ahead of time with any additional information (address, phone, email) that the photographer needs saves a great deal of time. It is also helpful, where such photographers are used, to mention in the announcements after the post-Communion Prayer at Mass: "Photographs with the bishop by a special photographer will take place at the beginning of the reception. Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated."
5. Regarding confirmation names, a candidate may choose any of the following three ways:
 - a) with his/her baptismal name – (for example, Mary);
 - b) with a chosen, different Confirmation name of a declared saint (Theresa);
 - c) using both the baptismal name and a different Confirmation name of a declared saint – (for example, Mary Theresa). The name on the Confirmation name tag should not have the prefix "Saint."

The indicated Scriptural texts are requested to be used except on Sundays or Solemnities (when assigned readings of the day are used). Proper prayers are taken from the Catholic Book Publishing Company edition of the *Sacramentary*: for Confirmation A (pp. 834-835) and Preface of the Holy Spirit II (P55, p. 483).

I look forward to being with you and the parish family to celebrate this powerful sacramental rite of the Holy Spirit and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation for our candidates.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Robert W. Muench

Robert W. Muench
Bishop of Baton Rouge

P.S.– All materials in this packet can be located on the diocesan website, at www.diobr.org/documents

c: Confirmation Coordinator

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