

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Confirmation Photo Policy

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For weekday evening and Saturday Confirmations, photos will take place approximately 60 minutes prior to the Mass, depending on the number of confirmands (the time will be determined by the Diocese). For Sunday afternoon Confirmations, photos will take place immediately after Mass.

The Diocese will supply a photographer for group and individual photos. We ask that families do not take photos at the same time as the diocesan photographer; group and individual photos will be available for purchase and sent to families 2-3 days following the Confirmation.

The host parish is responsible for paying the photographer:

- \$.67 / mile (or current IRS mileage reimbursement rate) round trip from Fairmont
- if photo sales do not reach a minimum of \$800, the host parish will pay the difference (based on typical sales, most / all Confirmations are likely to reach the minimum sales)

A group photo will be taken first, with students and clergy from all parishes. (If parishes wish to have separate group photos without the Bishop or the diocesan photographer, they are welcome to do so after Mass.) After the group photo, students will cycle through for individual photos. There will be just one pose per student, with others (e.g., parents and / or sponsor) included if they wish; please have families figure out ahead of time who will be included in this individual photo with the Bishop. Again, additional photos with other groups of people can be taken after Mass without the Bishop.

Faith Formation Directors will need to be on hand by the photographer, to facilitate the photo process and identify students as they approach for their individual photos.

During the Confirmation practice, please have students line up by height, tallest to shortest, which will assist the photographer in arranging the group photo. (Please have them wear the same shoes for the rehearsal as for the Confirmation.)