



## **Guidelines for Priests and Deacons Celebrating Sacraments at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield Tuesday at 7:00 PM or Saturday at 11:00 AM**

All clergy are encouraged to concelebrate/assist at Mass with Bishop Paprocki. Please let the Coordinator of Restored Order and Cathedral Liturgies know if any clergy plan to attend **three weeks** prior to your scheduled Mass ~ (217) 698-8500 or email [confirmation@dio.org](mailto:confirmation@dio.org).

Please bring your own alb/cincture. A matching chasuble or dalmatic will be provided for you.

Priests are invited to assist with confessions during the Holy Hour for the families and friends of the Confirmandi. Confession starts at 6:00 PM (Tuesday) / 10:00 AM (Saturday). Please check in at the sacristy before that time if you are willing to help.

For all priests concelebrating, please come to the main sacristy to vest at least 20 minutes before Mass. Priests will process side by side, reverence the altar from the front, and be seated to the right of the altar. Other details for the liturgy will be provided by the master of ceremonies in the sacristy beforehand.

Deacons are invited to assist with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which will happen 15 minutes before Mass begins. Please check in to the sacristy with an alb at least 30 minutes prior to Mass.

Two deacons are needed to assist the Bishop during the Mass. The Bishop's master of ceremonies will provide instructions prior to the Mass. All other deacons can also vest in the main sacristy, process in side by side, and be seated in the usual chairs to the left of the altar.

For clergy from outside the diocese, please submit a Letter of Suitability to the diocesan offices prior to the celebration.

**Thank you for all that you do for your parishes!!**