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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Consolation,

Monday afternoon, we sent out a letter to remind you of the importance of dressing modestly for Mass. With the communication received, we find it appropriate to clarify the guidelines for dress that were in that letter. <u>Please remember that these guidelines apply year-round, not just during the summer months.</u>

Guidelines for dress:

- For women: Dress slacks, jeans without signs of wear (holes), or skirts/dresses that are not above the knee. Blouses, sweaters, or tops with appropriate coverage.

- For men: dress pants, dress shirts, khakis, jeans without signs of wear (holes), polo shirts, jackets with or without ties, sports coats, dress shoes, docksiders, or business suits.

Examples of inappropriate attire include flip-flops, sneakers, shorts, low-cut tops, strapless tops or spaghetti straps, and short skirts/dresses that are inappropriately revealing.

Our intention with these guidelines is to emphasize the importance of the Holy Mass. Why? Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist, deserves our reverence of body and soul. Showing respect for the One Whom we encounter and receive at Mass, should be made both interiorly and exteriorly, for one affects the other.

In Christ,

Fre Dominic Conturior

Father Dominic Couturier Pastor