

## **What to wear for Church**

I am far from a prude. I have been at two college's Bethany and Walsh and am familiar with informality. In fact I am more comfortable in a causal setting than in a formal one. However, I have noticed that the line between informality and immodestly sometimes is a thin one. I have no problem with men or women wearing shorts to church and comfortable tops (even with logo and words IF respectful and without innuendo.)

So what is my concern? Short shorts that leave nothing to the imagination, and tops so short that when a person sits down or bends over there is more of their behind showing than "Joe the Plumber." That is one side of the concern. The other is for a sense of modesty and decorum that respects the human body – especially women's clothing that does not distract every male who still has an ounce of breath in them. Also, the temptation when out of control could be a source of sin and even violence against women.

Above all our church building is a sacred space – not an auditorium or gym – or a social hall. It is consecrated as a holy space – and is "home" for those who are also consecrated in Baptism as the Beloved of God. I ask parents to help in monitoring the clothing of God's sons and daughters. LGaetano