

# Rite of Confirmation

- ❖ After the Gospel, the bishop and the congregation will take their seats. An individual will present the candidates for Confirmation.
- ❖ The candidates will be called by name and should stand in their pew. After all candidates are standing, they may be seated.
- ❖ The bishop will then give his homily.
- ❖ After the homily, the candidates stand and the bishop will question them in the *Renewal of Baptismal Promises*. To each question the candidates respond, "I do."
- ❖ After the *Renewal of Baptismal Promises*, the candidates will remain standing and the bishop will extend his hands over them, which represents the biblical gesture by which the gift of the Holy Spirit is invoked.
- ❖ After prayers are said by the bishop, the candidates will exit their pews in a single-file line. Each candidate and sponsor goes to the bishop. The sponsor of the candidate will be behind the candidate and will place his or her right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate.
- ❖ As the candidate approaches the bishop, they will show him the card with their Confirmation name on it so that he can read it. The bishop will place Chrism on their foreheads while the following is recited.
  - Bishop: "(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
  - Newly Confirmed: "Amen."
  - Bishop: "Peace be with you."
  - Newly Confirmed: "And with your Spirit."
- ❖ The newly confirmed will then return to their seats.