

# GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING A CONFIRMATION LITURGY



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### Updates for 2019-2020

Please note: This entire confirmation manual has been updated. Please make sure to review carefully Below are some key updates:

- Rehearsal for all confirmandi, sponsors and musicians held before the day of confirmation. – Pg 1
- Update concerning use of lemons and how they are to be cut– page 1
- Note concerning Knights of Columbus and/or Knights of Peter Claver recessional after Mass – page 1
- Update concerning group picture after Mass – page 2
- Instruction noting previously consecrated hosts should not be used for communion – page 3
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### Updates for 2018-19

- Update concerning parish music director/Mass music coordinator approving music before sending LPF – Pg. 2
- Update concerning lectionary selections for the Easter Season – Pg. 3



This booklet has been prepared to assist the parish in their preparation for the Rite of Confirmation. The Rite of Confirmation in our diocese is always celebrated within Mass. Please share this information with all parish leadership who help to prepare the people for this celebration.

## **WHAT IS REQUIRED?**

Please be attentive to the goal of the celebration of this Sacrament. Proper preparation of the candidates, sponsors and families is necessary. Please consult the Diocesan Guidelines for Religious Education for specific catechesis. Class attendance and participation are essential. Meetings with the parents and sponsors are important. However, pastoral judgment is encouraged, if for some reason a candidate cannot fulfill all the requirements established for the parish program.

**PREPARING THE MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES:** When everyone knows their specific role in the liturgy the prayer will flow beautifully. Make certain that the concelebrating priests, deacons, musicians, servers, lectors, hospitality ministers and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion are made aware of their responsibilities.

**REHEARSAL:** A rehearsal for confirmation is expected to be held before the day of the Mass, including a music review of all Mass parts, so that everyone participates. The responses should be reviewed as well. (These are listed on page 4 below.)

Practice assembling for the group picture to follow the Mass. Arrange the candidates so that all can be seen. Make sure all know their place so that they may quickly reassemble after the Confirmation Mass. Please leave a spot for the Bishop or delegate and the pastor.

The Liturgy of Confirmation has a simple beauty and does not need embellishment with dances, slideshows or other para-liturgical activities. \*\*It is preferred that the candidates for Confirmation not serve as liturgical ministers. As active participants in the liturgy, their role is attention and prayer in the liturgy. Regular liturgical ministers should serve in the liturgy.

**SPONSORS:** A Confirmation Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and fully initiated in the Catholic Church (that is having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), be a practicing Catholic and able to receive Communion. An inactive Catholic or one who is in an irregular marital situation cannot serve as a sponsor. Each parish is required to collect a completed Confirmation Sponsor Covenant Form from each sponsor. The pastor is to review these forms.

**ATTIRE:** As with any Eucharistic celebration, proper and modest attire is encouraged. The insistence on being properly and modestly dressed is not to impose a dress code, but to emphasize the importance of the sacrament. No spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes or flip flops. Please note that stoles are a symbol of ordained clergy and, therefore, may not be worn by the candidates.

**LITURGICAL BOOKS:** The liturgical books needed to assist in the preparation of this celebration are The Order of Confirmation (which the bishop will bring). An older version can be found in The Rites Book, Volume I – the rite was recently updated but the essence of the text is unchanged); the Ordo; Lectionary and Roman Missal.

**VESTMENTS/COLOR:** Bishop Vásquez will bring his own vestments. If delegated to confer Confirmation, Father Misko will use the parish's vestments. The vestment color corresponds to the Mass used. When the collect (opening prayer) is from the Ritual Mass for Confirmation red is worn. Otherwise the color of the day is worn.

**SACRED CHRISM:** Bishop Vásquez will bring Sacred Chrism. Fr. Misko will use the Chrism from the parish. Contact the Worship Office if additional Chrism is needed.

**SACRED SPACE FOR THE SACRED CHRISM:** A special place should be prepared in the sanctuary or near the altar or ambo for the Sacred Chrism. A cloth, or flowers, etc. can be added to emphasize this liturgical symbol.

**LEMONS:** Have a medium/large bowl, a pitcher of clear warm water, two lemons and towels available for the bishop to wash his hands after the anointing. **The lemons should be cut in half as illustrated and not any smaller. Please do not use limes.** The purpose of the lemon is to cut through the oil on his hands after anointing the candidates. The lemons should be buried or burned as they will have Sacred Chrism on them.



**NAME TAGS:** Each nametag should include the **Confirmation name** in LARGE **bold** print and the Candidate's given name in small print below. The Confirmation name may be their given baptismal name or the name of a saint (a canonized saint by the Catholic Church). If a saint's name is chosen as the **Confirmation name**, it should have some spiritual significance to the person being confirmed. During the preparation period, some attention should be given to this point—the name itself, the reason the person is taking it and something about the patron saint (if a saint's name is being chosen). In an English or bilingual Mass, if the candidate prefers to be Confirmed in Spanish, place a **red dot** in the upper left corner of the name tag.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER:** The Knights of Columbus and/or Knights of Peter Claver are welcome. They are not to wait for the bishop/delegate at the end of Mass but process out following the servers.

**PICTURES:** Please use good pastoral judgment regarding pictures. Taking pictures should not disrupt the liturgy or become a distraction. The bishop will make himself available for a **group picture** following the Mass. The newly confirmed remain in their pews during the recessional hymn. The Bishop, the deacon, and the pastor will also remain at the foot of the altar for the group photo after Mass. The newly confirmed should get into place as rehearsed. It works out much better if the photographer will attend the rehearsal and practice lining up the group for the group photo.

### **LITURGICAL MUSIC**

- + The parish music coordinator or the music coordinator for the Mass is to fill out/approve the music portion of the LPF after the readings have been chosen and before sending the form to the Worship Office. Please only send completed LPFs, including intercessions. We cannot review partially completed forms.
- + The Catholic Church has a rich history of sacred music. All music that is selected **must** come from a Catholic hymnal. (A choral anthem/motet may be selected for the Preparation of the Gifts.)
- + Remember, when selecting music, choose assembly pieces that are familiar and easy to sing so that the entire assembly may actively participate. Many guests from outside the parish will be present. Music needs to be inclusive of all groups who are present not just a particular group, e.g., the Life Teen or young adult Mass community.
- + The music **must reflect the season, the readings and the sacrament**. It is important to know within which liturgical season your liturgy takes place. Advent and Lenten music have a more subdued tone than do Christmas or Easter seasons which are more joyous. **Please Note:** Instrumental accompaniment is only used as necessary to support the assembly during Lent. Additional instruments are not allowed during Lent.
- + The Gospel Acclamation is usually a sung Alleluia. However, during the Lenten season, the Alleluia is omitted, and an appropriate Lenten acclamation is sung.
- + Soft instrumental music alone may accompany the Rite of Anointing. Begin after the second or third candidate has been confirmed.
- + There should be no post communion meditation hymns. Allow this time for silent prayer.

### **CHECK-LIST: CONFIRMATION SET-UP**

**Parking** place reserved and clearly marked for the bishop. (Indicate location on LPF.)

**Cell Phone Number** and name of the person meeting the bishop. If the bishop is running late, he will phone this person.

**Air Conditioning** – One to two hours before Mass, set the thermostat 5 to 10 degrees below normal in anticipation of a large number for the Mass. Work to prevent doors from being propped open as people arrive which allows cool air to escape.

**Seats** – for priests, deacons and altar servers in addition to the seat for the bishop.

**Worship Aids** – (if prepared) Please send a copy to the Office of Worship for approval prior to printing. Any printed music should have musical notation included. Printing any words or music notation requires the same copy permission from the publisher.

**Sacristy** – Clear the counter about 20 minutes prior to the Mass to allow space for bishop to place/unfold his bags.

**Microphones** – Ensure all batteries are fresh and the microphones are ready. The bishop and deacon each need a microphone.

**Roman Missal** – Set the Missal and have it open to the Collect.

**Hymnal** – Prepare a hymnal marked for the opening and closing hymn, for the bishop. Set the hymnal in the deacon's chair so he may pass it to the bishop.

**Lectionary** – Make sure the Lectionary is prepared with pages properly marked, and the Lectionary is on the ambo.

**Universal Prayer** – Make sure the prayers/intercessions are printed in a large font and placed at the ambo. An extra set should be available in case they are needed. The deacon is to read the general intercessions.

**Altar Cloth** – The upper most cloth on the altar **must** be white and **must** at least cover the entire top surface of the altar.

**Corporals** – There should be sufficient corporals so that all communion vessels are placed directly on a corporal. This usually requires at least two or three corporals depending upon the size and the number of vessels. The corporals should be placed on the altar by the deacon during the preparation of the altar and the gifts.

**Stand/pedestal** – The bishop will bring Sacred Chrism, a pedestal may be placed in the sanctuary, near the altar or ambo, on which to place the Chrism.

**Washing of hands** – A large bowl, 2 lemons, a pitcher of clear warm water (without soap) and a hand towel are prepared (on a tray if available). After the lemons are cut in half (see page 1), they may be placed in the large bowl.

**Vessels** – Sufficient vessels are to be prepared. As a rule, there are to be 2 chalices for every paten. There should be one communion station (1 ciborium and 2 chalices) for every 100-125 people. Communion should be offered under both species.

**Bread and Wine** – Ensure sufficient bread and wine is prepared. Previously consecrated hosts in the tabernacle should not be used. One paten of hosts and one flagon of wine should be prepared to bring forward. It is poor liturgical practice and hospitality to run out of Precious Blood during Communion.

**Presentation of the Gifts** – Make sure the head usher knows who will present the gifts and where they are seated.

## ORDER OF THE MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** To make the liturgical procession more manageable, the candidates should process in *before* the procession of ministers. If a procession of candidates and their sponsors is planned, it should be timed as not to delay the start of Mass. The candidates and sponsors should line up and process in so that they are seated at least 5 minutes before the start of Mass. *The bishop plans to be approaching the altar at the scheduled time.*

Order of the procession is as follows:

Confirmation candidates, sponsors and catechists (process 5-7 minutes before Mass)

Incense (optional)

Cross bearer

2 Candle bearers (*On each side of cross bearer*)

Lector(s)

Deacon with the Book of the Gospels (Note: *If no deacon, a Lector may carry the Book of the Gospels or it is placed on the altar*)

Concelebrants (if any)

Bishop

crozier and miter servers

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** The Entrance Hymn serves to unite all who have gathered so it is important that all are able to sing the hymn. Select a hymn suitable for processions that announce the celebration, e.g., season and sacrament as well as the readings. The hymn must be long enough to accompany the entrance and the incensing of the altar. It should not end before the celebrant reaches the chair. It may continue for a brief time after he arrives at the chair.

**PENITENTIAL ACT:** Any of the options for the Penitential Act found in the Roman Missal may be used. It is suggested that you use one familiar to the assembly, e.g. #4 the Confiteor or #6 the Kyrie. (NOTE: The “Sprinkling Rite” is not one of those options. It is located in Appendix II and may be used on Sundays in the Easter Season and takes the place of the Penitential Act.)

**GLORIA:** Is required in the Ritual Mass of Confirmation except on the Sundays of Lent and Advent (however, it is sung even on weekdays in Lent).

**OPENING PRAYER:** On Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts, use the collect and proper prayers assigned to the day. For Confirmation celebrated at 4 p.m. or later on a Saturday or the vigil of a solemnity, the prayers of Sunday or the solemnity are used. On other days when Ritual Masses are permitted (i.e., memorials, optional memorials and ferial days), the Ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation is to be used. (Note: Ritual Masses are prohibited on solemnities including those of the Octave of Easter, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), on Ash Wednesday and on the weekdays of Holy Week.)

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:** On Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts, and Easter weekdays, the Lectionary readings assigned to the day are to be used. If the Confirmation Mass is being celebrated at 4 p.m. or later on Saturday or the vigil of a solemnity, the readings assigned to Sunday or the solemnity are used, including the Responsorial Psalm.

On memorial and ferial/weekdays throughout the year, except for the Easter Season, the readings from the Rite of Confirmation are used (see next page).

On weekdays of the Easter Season, the readings of the day are used and a second reading from the Ritual Mass for Confirmation from the Epistles may be added.

Make every effort to share the reading selections with all of the candidates either at their retreat or in class to prepare them to hear the Word proclaimed in its fullness. The person proclaiming the Scriptures is to be a trained Lector. Sponsors or confirmation catechists can be used if necessary. The Lectionary is to be used. The Scriptures are not to be read from booklets, paperback missalettes or loose sheets. The deacon (or if no deacon is present, the pastor or another priest) should proclaim the Gospel. A Gospel procession and use of the Book of the Gospels is recommended.

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### ORDER OF THE RITE

- The Presentation of the Candidates (following the Gospel proclamation)
- Homily
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- The Laying on of Hands
- The Rite of Anointing
- The Universal Prayer (General Intercessions)

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES:** - Following the proclamation of the Gospel, the Presentation of the Candidates is to be made by the pastor or the person in charge of the program. *The Candidates should be called individually unless the group is more than 25 Candidates.*

### SAMPLE SCRIPT

“Bishop Vásquez” or “Father N.,” (parish name) wishes to present to you the following young women and men who have been prepared and are ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each candidate has been well instructed and is accompanied by a sponsor. I invite each candidate to stand and remain standing as I call your name (or if the group is large, invite all candidates to stand together at once).” (NOTE: Not “gifts” of the Holy Spirit.)

**HOMILY** The bishop invites candidates to be seated as he delivers the homily.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:** The bishop invites the candidates to stand to renew their baptismal promises and they alone answer the questions. Candidates remain standing for the “Prayer of Confirmation.”

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:** The bishop extends his hands over the group of candidates to pray. Concelebrating priests stand near the Bishop and extend their hand, but they do not say the prayer.

**THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM:** As the bishop prepares for the anointing, the deacon/server brings the Chrism to him. The Candidates, with their sponsors behind them, file into the middle aisle. For groups larger than 25, the Candidates should come forward two-by-two. Both candidates move forward and stand side by side. One does not wait for the other to be confirmed before moving forward. Candidates should move close to the bishop – no more than 12” away. Small groups may come forward in a single line. The sponsor places their right hand on the candidate’s shoulder. NOTE: Photographers may not obstruct movement or the ability of others to see.

### **Form for Confirmation:**

Bishop/delegate: Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Candidate:** Amen.

Bishop/delegate: Peace be with you.

**Candidate:** And with your spirit.

(Sponsors should place their hand on the candidate’s right shoulder.)

**THE PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Is omitted since it has already been made by the Confirmation Candidates.*

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER:** In writing the General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful, keep in mind this simple formula:

- Prayers for the Church
- Prayers for the nations and their leaders
- Prayers for the marginalized
- Prayers for the local community (i.e. prayers for the good works of a particular ministry)
- Prayers for the newly confirmed

**No more than 6 intercessions are to be prepared.** See the examples on the next page.

Remember to keep these prayers general rather than specific and individualized. If you do not want to write your own Prayers of the Faithful for a Confirmation Mass, they can be readily found in The Rites Book, Vol. I. The following prayers of the faithful from the Rite of Confirmation have been printed below in this booklet for your convenience:

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER from the RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop: My dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father and be of one mind in our prayer, just as faith, hope, and charity, which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.

For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed: that, planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life, let us pray to the Lord.

*R* Lord, hear our prayer.

For their parents and sponsors: that by word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

*R*

For the holy Church of God, together with Francis our Pope, Joe our Bishop, and all the Bishops, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love until the coming of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *R*

For the whole world: that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord. *R*

Bishop: O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles and willed that through them and their successors the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful, listen favorably to our prayer, and grant that your divine grace which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS/PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR:** Some of the newly confirmed may bring gifts to the Altar.

*\*Before beginning the Mass, concelebrating priests should check with the bishop as to whether they will proclaim parts of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST/COMMUNION RITE:** For each communion station, there is to be one ciborium and two chalices. Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion who have been properly prepared and commissioned may be used as needed if there are insufficient numbers of deacons and priests.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** After the prayer, the pastor or his designate may make announcements.

**FINAL BLESSING:** The bishop will give a Pontifical Blessing at the end of Mass. This blessing, #143, can be found in the Roman Missal in the Concluding Rites. The candidates and the cantor should familiarize themselves with the blessing and its responses. It is also a very helpful tool to include the text in your worship aid.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL:** The recessional order is: cross bearer, candle bearers, and Knights of Columbus or Peter Claver. The bishop and clergy will stay at the altar after the dismissal for the picture. . As noted above please stage the photo taking at the rehearsal so that time is not lost the day of the celebration.

## A Guide to Assisting the Bishop at the Confirmation Mass Notes Regarding Incense, Miter and Crozier

Normally the pastor, at least one deacon and five or six altar servers assist at a Mass with a bishop:

- 1 – thurifer to carry the thurible and incense boat
- 1 – crucifer to carry the cross and serve as book bearer
- 2 – candle servers to accompany the cross
- 1 – server to handle the crozier
- 1 – server to handle the miter (crozier and miter can be combined)

### Notes for Miter server:

When the miter is presented to the bishop, the lappets should face up and the pointed end of the miter should be pointing toward the server (away from the bishop). The bishop removes the miter after the crozier has been handed away. The miter is always given to the bishop before the crozier.

### Notes for Crucifer/Book, Crozier and Miter servers:

The bishop may ask you to stay with him after he takes what you have brought. This is because he knows he is going to need your help in a moment. Just stand reverently with hands in a prayer posture.

### *If Incense is used, then before Mass*

- Light incense 10-15 minutes before Mass
- 1-2 minutes before Mass, thurifer brings thurible and boat to bishop, hands deacon boat and raises lid on thurible
- Thurifer then moves to head of procession

### Processional Order

[thurifer]  
candle - crucifer - candle  
[lectors]  
Deacon with Book of Gospels  
Priest(s)  
Bishop  
crozier and miter bearers

### Entrance Procession

- Bishop wears miter and crozier
- Servers carrying objects only bow head to altar then go places.
- *[Thurifer goes to the back right of the altar and waits for bishop to kiss altar.]*

### At foot of altar

- Bishop hands crozier to crozier server
- Bishop removes miter and hands it to miter server
- Crozier server places crozier in stand, miter server takes miter to his/her seat

### *If incense is used*

- *[After bishop kisses the altar, he approaches the thurifer. Thurifer hands boat to deacon or bishop and then raises the top of the thurible. After bishop incenses altar and crucifix he returns thurible to thurifer who places it in the stand and goes to seat.]*

### Introductory Rites

- *Thurifer add 1 charcoal*
- Toward the end of the Gloria, crucifer brings Missal, opened to Collect as marked by ribbon and holds book open for the bishop. Then is seated after prayer.

### Liturgy of the Word

- Miter to the bishop after the Collect prayer, before first reading. He wears miter until after 2nd reading (or psalm if no 2nd reading)
- Before Gospel
  - Thurifer brings boat and thurible to bishop (hand boat, lift lid, bishop places incense)
  - Deacon kneels for blessing while miter & crozier servers approach
  - Bishop removes miter and gives to miter server
  - Crozier server hands crozier to bishop, stay near bishop

- After Gospel
  - crozier server receives crozier from bishop
  - deacon brings Book of Gospels to bishop to kiss

### **Rite of Confirmation**

- bishop seated without miter during Presentation of the Candidates
- No miter or crozier for homily
- After homily
  - Miter to the bishop
  - Crozier to the bishop
  - Crucifer/book approaches with Order of Confirmation Book
  - Miter and crozier servers stay with bishop. Don't leave until after the Confirmations.
- Miter and crozier for Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- No miter or crozier for Laying on of Hands prayer (Bishop will ask servers to stay with him)
- *Thurifer add 1 charcoal*
- Anointing with Chrism
  - Bishop takes miter and crozier
  - Deacon brings Chrism and a purificator to the bishop
  - Candidates come forward in two lines
  - Candle servers prepare to bring tray with bowl with lemon halves, pitcher of water and towel to wash bishop's hands following anointing.
- After anointing
  - Crozier is removed
  - Candle servers bring tray to clean bishop's hands
  - Miter is removed after bishop cleans hands
- Intercessions – no miter or crozier

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

- Miter to bishop after intercessions.
- Bishop wears miter to receive gifts
- Miter off when bishop approaches the altar of Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Bishop removes zucchetto (red cap) at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and hands to deacon. Deacon or server places in bishop's chair.

### **Concluding Rites**

- Miter and crozier to bishop after Prayer After Communion
- Bishop will not recess out after Mass but will stay at sanctuary for pictures
- Servers process out. Thurifer is last server but WITHOUT thurible. Servers recess out reverently followed by Knights of Columbus/Knights of Peter Claver if present.

## LECTIONARY OPTIONS FOR RITUAL MASS

Before making Scripture selections, please read the directives above at “Liturgy of the Word,” page 3. The following readings are from the Rite of Confirmation and can be found in the Lectionary for Mass, Revised Edition, Volume IV #764-768

### OLD TESTAMENT

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

*11:1-4ab (764.1)*

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A Spirit of counsel and of strength, a Spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.

The word of the Lord.

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*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

*42:1-3 (764.2)*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon whom I have put my Spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench.

The word of the Lord.

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*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

*61:1-3abcd, 6ab, 8c-9 (764.3)*

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; To place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit. You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD, ministers of our God you shall be called. I will give them their recompense faithfully, a lasting covenant I will make with them. Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; All who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the LORD has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

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*A reading from the Book of the Prophet*

*Ezekiel 36:24-28 (764.4)*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new Spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my Spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

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*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel*

*2:23a, 26--3:1-3a (764.5)*

Children of Zion, exult and rejoice in the LORD, your God! You shall eat and be filled, and shall praise the name of the LORD, your God, Because he has dealt wondrously with you; my people shall nevermore be put to shame. And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel; I am the LORD, your God, and there is no other; my people shall nevermore be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my Spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; Even upon the servants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit. And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

The word of the Lord.

## NEW TESTAMENT

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*1:3-8 (765.1)*

Jesus showed the Apostles that he was alive by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

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### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*2:1-6, 14, 22b-23, 32-33 (765.2)*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

“Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. “God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you both see and hear.”

The word of the Lord.

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### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*8:1bc, 4, 14-17 (765.3)*

On that day, there broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles. Those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. When the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

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### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*10:1, 33-34a, 37-44 (765.4)*

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Cohort called the Italica. Cornelius said to Peter: “I sent for you immediately, and you were kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to listen to all that you have been commanded by the Lord.” Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The word of the Lord.

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Paul came to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They answered him, “We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” He said, “How were you baptized?” They replied, “With the baptism of John.” Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; another faith by the same Spirit; another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; another mighty deeds; another prophecy; another discernment of spirits; another varieties of tongues; another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe.

The word of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22:23-24ab, 26-27, 28 and 31-32*

*R.* I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

or: *R.* When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him." *R.*

By your gift will I utter praise in the vast assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts be ever merry!" *R.*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; All the families of the nations shall bow down before him; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. *R.*

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*Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6*

*R.* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. *R.*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. *R.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *R.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. *R.*

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*Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 9-10a, 11-12*

*R.* Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands; *R.*

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. *R.*

Worship the LORD in his holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king. *R.*

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; Let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. *R.*

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*Psalm 104:1ab and 24, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34*

*R.* Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all—the earth is full of your creatures. *R.*

They all look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. *R.*

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! *R.*

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live. Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. *R.*

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*Psalm 117:1bc, 2*

*R.* You will be my witnesses to all the world.      or:      *R.* Alleluia.

Praise the LORD, all you nations, glorify him, all you peoples!      *R.*

For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever. *R.*

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*Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 8-9, 10-11, 15-16, 21*

*R.* I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. *R.*

Generation after generation praises your works and proclaims your might. They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty and tell of your wondrous works. *R.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. *R.*

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom and speak of your might. *R.*

The eyes of all look hopefully to you and you give them their food in due season;  
You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. *R.*

May my mouth speak the praise of the LORD,  
and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. *R.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS

1. John 14:16  
*I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.*
2. John 15:26b, 27a  
*The Spirit of truth comes, he will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.*
3. John 16:13a; 14:26d  
*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to all truth and remind you of all I told you.*
4. Revelation 1:5a, 6a  
*Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; you have made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Father.*
5. *Come, Holy Spirit; shine on us the radiance of your light.*
6. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

## GOSPEL

### *+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### *+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:24-27*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay each one according to his conduct.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the one who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to Jesus, he spoke in a parable. “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.”

After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.” Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, “The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of temptation. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

10:21-24

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” to the disciples in private he said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

7:37b-39

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says: *Rivers of living water will flow from within him.* He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

14:15-17

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

14:23-26

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

15:18-21, 26-27

Jesus said to his disciples: “If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, ‘No slave is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.

“When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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+ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

16:5-7, 12-13a

Jesus said to his disciples: “Now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COVENANT

As a Confirmation sponsor, your role is to encourage the faith of your candidate and be an “example” to your Confirmation candidate and to reflect with the candidate on the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship.

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation (Canon 893) are the same as those for godparents at Baptism (Canon 874): You may not be the parent of the person being confirmed; you must be at least 16 years old; you must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); if married, be in valid Catholic marriage; and live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.

I understand the requirements of being a Confirmation sponsor and I state that I received

the **Sacrament of Baptism** at

\_\_\_\_\_ Church in  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City and State)

I received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at

\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Church in  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City and State)

(And if married) celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage** at

\_\_\_\_\_ Church in  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City and State)

My candidate’s name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parish and city where the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is to take place:

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.**

Please print your

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## CONVENIO PADRINO DE CONFIRMACION

Como padrino de Confirmación, su deber es motivar la fe y ser un “ejemplo” para su candidato, así como reflexionar con el sobre el significado de la vida como discípulo Católico.

El Código de la Ley Canónica (Ley de la Iglesia) especifica que los requerimientos para servir como padrino de Confirmación (Ley 893) son los mismos que para los padrinos de Bautismo (Ley 874): Usted no puede ser el padre de la persona que será confirmada; debe tener al menos 16 años de edad y estar completamente iniciado en la Iglesia (Bautizo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión); sí está casado, debe haber contraído matrimonio católico válido; y vivir activamente su fe en la Iglesia Católica.

Entiendo los requerimientos para ser padrino de Confirmación y declaro haber recibido el **Sacramento del Bautismo**

En la Iglesia \_\_\_\_\_ de  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Ciudad y Estado)

Haber recibido el **Sacramento de la Confirmación**

En la Iglesia \_\_\_\_\_ de  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Ciudad y Estado)

(En el caso de estar casado) haber celebrado el **Sacramento del Matrimonio**

En la Iglesia \_\_\_\_\_ de  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Ciudad y Estado)

El nombre de mi candidato es: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de la parroquia y ciudad donde se celebrará el **Sacramento de la Confirmación:**

Parroquia \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_

**Estoy activo en la Iglesia Católica, regularmente acudo a Misa los domingos y me esfuerzo por vivir mi fe.**

Por favor escriba su

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Firma: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_



**DIOCESE OF AUSTIN**  
**CONFIRMATION LITURGY PLANNING FORM**

Please complete this Confirmation Liturgy Planning Form and email the completed form to the Worship Office **30 days prior** to the celebration. [liturgy@austindiocese.org](mailto:liturgy@austindiocese.org).

**MAIN CELEBRANT:**  BISHOP JOE VÁSQUEZ *Vestments for Bishop Vásquez will be provided by the Diocese.*  
 OTHER *Vestments will be provided by the parish.*

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF RESERVED PARKING FOR BISHOP: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO WILL MEET BISHOP AT CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER:\*

\*In case the bishop becomes delayed.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language of Mass: English  Spanish  Bilingual  Other

Incense: Entrance  Gospel  Preparation

Name of Director of Religious Education: \_\_\_\_\_

# of candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ # other parishes: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deacon (s) who will assist: \_\_\_\_\_

# of concelebrant priests: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of priest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Vestments: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTORY RITES** Minimum of 3 altar servers (2 candles & cross) is required, 5 optimal (thurifer & crosier/miter)

Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_ Hymnal: \_\_\_\_\_ Hymn # \_\_\_\_\_

Sprinkling Rite: Yes  No  Normally only Sundays of the Easter Season.

Penitential Act: *Please select from Roman* \_\_\_\_\_ Choose #: \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria: Composer/Hymnal: \_\_\_\_\_ Hymn #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 It is sung for Ritual Masses and as indicated in the Ordo on Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts  
 (which includes the day before beginning at 4 pm).

Opening Collect: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm (*always sung*): \_\_\_\_\_ Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation (*always sung*): \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Proclaimed by: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell number will be used if bishop is delayed.

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**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

Presentation of Candidates – **\*\*24 or fewer candidates may be presented individually.**  
**\*\* 25 or more candidates are to be presented as a group.**

Homily      English       Spanish       Bilingual

Renewal of Baptismal Promises followed by laying of hands

Anointing with Chrism:    Fewer than 25 come forward 1x1

More than 25 come forward 2x2  *Music during anointing should be purely instrumental.*  
*2-3 Lemons cut in HALF with a pitcher of clear, non-soapy water, a bowl and a towel.*

Universal Prayer prepared by:

Proclaimed by:

*Please submit Universal Prayer on separate sheet along with this form.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Prep. of the Gifts Hymn:

Composer/Hymnal:

Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen: *(always sung)*    Composer/Hymnal:

Lord's Prayer:     Chanted                       Recited

Lamb of God: *(always sung)*    Composer/Hymnal:

Hymn #:

Communion    1.

Hymnal:

Hymn #:

Hymn(s):      2.

Hymnal:

Hymn #:

*There should be no music after the reception of Communion. Please provide for a time of silence.*

**CONCLUDING RITES**

Are there announcements:    Yes       No

Read by whom:

Closing Hymn:

Hymnal:

Hymn #:

Is there a reception after the Mass?    Yes     No

Location:

Is there a group photo planned?    Yes     No

Before  or after  Mass?

**\*\*Please let us know if there are any special needs or instructions for this liturgy.\*\***

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