

CONFIRMATION WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
UNIVERSAL PRAYER – *revised March 2, 2018*

**Bishop: With joy, knowing the Spirit of God dwells within us, we
open our hearts and minds to the fire of God’s love.**

Deacon or minister: For these newly confirmed,
may they bear witness to Christ
by their way of life, we pray to the Lord.

Deacon or minister: For their parents and sponsors,
may they continue to encourage the newly confirmed
to follow Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Deacon or minister: For young women and men,
may this community nurture them to consider
a vocation to ordained priesthood
or vowed religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Deacon or minister: For the Church, together with Pope Francis
and Bishop Checchio, may we grow and increase
in unity of faith and love, we pray to the Lord.

Deacon or minister: For the whole world,
may all people seek the kingdom of God, which is peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

**Bishop: God of wisdom and understanding,
you gather what is scattered.
Graciously hear the prayers of your people
united in the Spirit’s love and grant what we seek
in the name of Jesus our Lord.**

All: Amen.