

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES:

The candidates remain **STANDING** following the proclamation of the Gospel. The candidates are now presented to the Bishop by our pastor, Monsignor Brian Hennessy.

HOMILY

Before the candidates are confirmed, the candidates renew the Profession of Faith made for them by their parents and godparents at the Celebration of Baptism.

Candidates, please stand.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

(Only Candidates stand)

Bishop: Do you reject Satan and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost, and today is given to you in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy, Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord

Candidates: Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS *(Congregation stands)*

The Bishop lays hands on all the candidates by extending his hands over them.

This biblical gesture signifies the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

At this point, all sponsors and candidates will be led in line. An adult helper will lead all those sitting in the wings down the side aisles to the back of the Church. Mrs. Gordon will be in the center aisle directing the right side center pews first, then the left side center pews. Then those in the wings (now standing in the back) will be led up the center aisle to be confirmed. The sponsor will stand to the left of the candidate and place their right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. When it's their turn, make sure they walk directly up to the Bishop so he can easily anoint your child. With their left hand, the sponsor will hand the card with the candidate's Confirmation name to the Deacon (or Monsignor).

*The candidates accompanied by their sponsors, now approach the Bishop. He moistens his right thumb with Chrism and makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of each candidate. He does this with the laying on of the hand and the words, N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." **The newly confirmed responds, "Amen."** In*

addition, the Bishop says, "Peace be with you." The newly confirmed responds, "And with your spirit."

Make sure your child responds loudly and clearly!