

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

MITRE & STAFF OFF TO REVERENCE ALTAR

BISHOP:

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,  AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT. (AMEN)

PEACE BE WITH YOU. (AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT)

Bishop:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Deacon: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, Have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the father to
intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy.

Bishop:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

GLORIA:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect:

**Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit, coming near
and dwelling graciously within us,
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.**

(BISHOP RECEIVES MITRE)

Readings:

1st Reading *(MITER ON)*

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel *(MITER OFF; CROSIER ON)*

Presentation of the Candidates:

(MITER ON; CROSIER OFF)

Pastor:

Your Excellency, I am pleased to present to you the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation from _____ Parish. I testify that they have been suitably prepared to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I ask that the candidates please stand.

Bishop:

**IN THE NAME OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH
I ACCEPT THESE CANDIDATES.
I PRAY THAT THE GRACE AND GIFTS
YOU ARE TO RECEIVE
WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR OWN FAITH
AND ASSIST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
ON THIS EARTH.**

CANDIDATES TO BE SEATED.

HOMILY

CANDIDATES STAND

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

BISHOP/PRIEST: (Introduction)

(BISHOP STANDS WITH MITRE)

Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: I do.

**Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?**

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: I do.

***Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?***

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: I do.

***Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of Life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation
is given to you in a special way
just as he was given to the Apostles
on the day of Pentecost?***

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: I do.

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

Together, all those to be confirmed reply: I do.

BISHOP/PRIEST:

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

The gathering of the faithful gives its assent by replying: Amen.

CANDIDATES KNEEL; EVERYONE ELSE STANDS.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

(MITER OFF)

**Dearly beloved,
let us pray to God the almighty Father,
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit
upon them
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,
and through his anointing
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.**

Bishop (or the priest) then lays hands over all those to be confirmed:

BISHOP:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who brought these your servants to new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit,
freeing them from sin:
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety;
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM:

(MITER ON; CROSIER ON)

The MC brings the chrism to the bishop. Each candidate goes to the bishop. The one who presents the candidate places his right hand on the candidate's shoulder and gives (his / her) name to the bishop.

*The Bishop dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as **he says:***

N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE NEWLY CONFIRMED RESPONDS: AMEN.

THE BISHOP SAYS: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

THE NEWLY CONFIRMED RESPONDS: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

(TAKE MITRE AND CROSIER)

WASHING OF HANDS WITH LEMONS

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

BISHOP / PRIEST:

My dear brothers and sister,
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.

Intercessions:

BISHOP/PRIEST:

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. Amen.

(BISHOP RECEIVES THE MITRE)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

(MITRE OFF)

BISHOP:

**Accompany with your blessing
from this day forward, O Lord,
those who have been anointed
with the Holy Spirit
and nourished by the Sacrament of your Son,
so that, with all trials overcome,
they may gladden your Church by their holiness
and, through their works and their charity,
foster her growth in the world.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

*MITRE ON FOLLOWING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
CROSIER FOR FINAL BLESSING*

SOLEMN BLESSING:

BISHOP: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

DEACON:

Bow Down for the blessing.

MAY GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU,
WHOME HE HAS MADE HIS ADOPTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS
REBORN FROM WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND MAY HE KEEP YOU WORTHY OF HIS FATHERLY LOVE.

AMEN.

MAY HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO PROMISED
THA THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WOULD ABIDE IN HIS CHURCH,
BLESS YOU AND FIRM YOU BY HIS POWER
IN THE CONFESSION OF THE TRUE FAITH. **Amen.**

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO KINDLES THE FIRE OF CHARITY
IN THE HEARTS OF DISCIPLES,
BLESS YOU AND LEAD YOU BLAMELESS
AND GATHERED AS ONE
INTO THE JOY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. **AMEN.**

AND MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU,
WHO ARE GATHERED HERE,
THE FATHER, ✝ AND THE SON, ✝ AND THE HOLY ✝ SPIRIT.

AMEN.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

DEACON/READER:

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.....**

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.....**

For the holy Church of God together with Francis our Pope, Kevin our Bishop, Arthur, our retired 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.....**

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.....**

For the sick and all those who care for them, we pray to the Lord. **let us pray to the Lord.....**

For all those who have died, especially our relatives and friends, we pray to the Lord. **let us pray to the Lord.....**