

THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Revision 3/2023

The Bishop looks forward to visiting your parish and celebrating the liturgy with you.

Attached, you will find the *Planning the Confirmation Liturgy* form to communicate your plans to the Bishop and the Office of Divine Worship. There are a few points to clarify:

1. **Penitential Act:** Any of the options may be chosen. On Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings, the Sprinkling Rite may be used in place of the Penitential Act.
2. **Scripture and Mass prayers:** Planners have the option of using the readings and Mass prayers of the day as listed in the “ordo” or the readings and Mass prayers for Confirmation. If the Confirmation Mass is chosen, the liturgical color is Red, otherwise, it is the color of the Mass of the day. On Solemnities, Feasts, and Sundays of Advent, Lent or the Easter Season, the Mass of the day is used.
3. **Liturgical ministers:** Usual parish ministers should assist at the liturgy in the roles of servers, ushers, readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Confirmandi should not be chosen to be ministers of the Confirmation Mass.
4. **The Psalm:** Write in the title, psalm number. Please plan to sing the psalm response and verses.
5. **At the Presentation of Gifts,** the music ends when the Bishop washes his hands.
6. **Concelebrants:** All priests in good standing who are present are invited by Bishop Quinn to concelebrate. Concelebrants and deacons assist the Bishop with the distribution of communion.
7. **Communion Vessels:** All of the chalices, with the exception of the main chalice, should be filled with wine ahead of time. Hosts to be consecrated should likewise be measured out to individual vessels ahead of time, and then set on the altar at the offertory to be consecrated.
8. **Communion:** Communion may be distributed under both forms. The Communion Song begins when the Bishop receives communion and should continue until the distribution is complete. Please plan on at least four stations for the distribution of the Eucharist.
9. **After Communion:** The General Instruction tells us, “When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances suggest, the priest and faithful spend some time praying privately. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation.” (GIRM, 88)
10. **Cameras and videos:** Please help family members remember that the Confirmation Liturgy is a prayer. Photography during Mass will distract from the prayerful atmosphere necessary for the celebration. A professional or experienced parish photographer may take a group picture with the Bishop before or after the liturgy. Individual family pictures with the Bishop may be taken after the liturgy.
11. **Incense** may be used during the Confirmation Mass at the appropriate times.
12. **Music** used at the Confirmation Liturgy must be liturgical in nature. Recorded music **may not** be played during the Confirmation Mass.
13. It is helpful to the Bishop if he is provided with a short list of people to thank.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Candidates

SAMPLE A

After the gospel, the bishop returns to his place. The pastor (deacon or catechist) presents the candidates for Confirmation.

**PRESENTER: Candidates for Confirmation from the parish(es) of N.,
(and N., _____ and N., _____) please stand.**

All candidates stand in place. The pastor (deacon or catechist) continues:

Bishop Barron (or Fr. Thompson), the parish community of St. N., _____ and I present to you these women and men and ask you to confirm them.

SAMPLE B

After the gospel, the bishop returns to his place. The pastor (deacon or catechist) presents the candidates for Confirmation.

**PRESENTER: Candidates for Confirmation from the parish(es) of N., _____ (and N.,
and N., _____) please stand.**

All candidates stand in place. The pastor (deacon or catechist) continues:

Bishop Barron (or Fr. Thompson), the parents and teachers in charge of the formation of our candidates for confirmation give a favorable account of them. With confidence, we present them to you for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Planning the CONFIRMATION LITURGY

LITURGICAL CONTACT:

Parish _____
Address _____
Coordinator _____ Musician Contact _____
Telephone _____ Lector #1 _____
E-mail _____ (Lector #2) _____

Liturgical Color of the Mass: _____

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Chant/Song: _____

Penitential Act: a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ or Sprinkling Rite (Saturday evening or Sunday only) _____

Glory to God: (Used on Sundays outside of Lent/Advent and on Solemnities and Feasts – Should be sung.)

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: _____ (*Lectionary number*) _____

Psalm: _____ (*Psalm of the day or ritual, should be sung*)

Second Reading: _____ (*Lectionary number*) _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____ (*Gospel Acclamation is sung*)

Gospel: _____ (*Lectionary number*) _____

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Candidates: Number of candidates _____

Homily by the Bishop: (*Please provide notes for the Bishop on back, if needed*)

Profession of Faith: Renewal of Baptismal Promises required by the Rite

Laying on of Hands/Anointing: Bishop

Prayers of the Faithful: Offered by: ___ Deacon ___ Lector

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Collection: ___ Yes ___ No

Preparation of the Altar: Only bread and wine/water are presented.

Presenters are: _____

Music: _____

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy: (Should be sung) _____
Memorial Acclamation: (Should be sung) _____
Amen: (Should be sung) _____

THE COMMUNION RITE

Our Father: (Should be spoken or sung by all)
Lamb of God: (Should be sung) _____
Communion chant/song: (See GIRM 88 for options) _____
Communion Ministers: Bishop, Pastor, Deacon, concelebrants. If necessary, please have a sufficient number of Extraordinary Ministers available as well. Plan on at least four communion stations for the distribution of the Eucharist. Communion may be distributed under both forms.
Prayer after Communion: Bishop

DISMISSAL RITE

Announcements: by _____
Blessing / Dismissal: Bishop
Recessional music: _____

After the celebration will the bishop greet the people? ___ Yes ___ No
___ Outside the Church ___ Another location: _____

Will there be a meal either before or after the celebration? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, at what time? _____
Where will the meal take place? _____

Pictures: Where will pictures be taken? _____
In inclement weather? _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THE BISHOP:

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