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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Clergy, DREs and Confirmation Coordinators

**FROM:** Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director, Office for Worship

**RE:** **2025 Liturgical CONFIRMATION Mass Guidelines for the Diocese of Orange**

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

This memorandum contains general information and guidelines regarding the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation in the Diocese of Orange. This information is meant to remind you of the basics of the Rite of Confirmation, as well as specifically enunciate many of the guidelines for the Diocese of Orange. Thank you for taking the time to be familiar with the many facets of the rites and ministry.

The Rite of Confirmation takes place within the celebration of Mass and normally during the Easter Season “in order to express more clearly the fundamental connection of this sacrament with the entirety of the Christian initiation” (CSL 71).

1) Confirmation Faculty:

- a) Confirmations will be celebrated by the bishops and scheduled with the Office of the Bishop. A link from the bishop's office to sign up for your date and time will be sent on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**, to all pastors. If you do have questions, contact Juan Arellano at [jarellano@rcbo.org](mailto:jarellano@rcbo.org) or (714) 282-4212 to schedule your Confirmation Mass.
- b) Multiple Confirmation Masses at each parish may need to be scheduled this year as we continue experiencing an increase of the number of candidates for Confirmation. The maximum number of confirmandi for Masses with Bishop Timothy Freyer and Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen should be 15% of your church capacity or 75 candidates, whichever is greater. Bishop Kevin Vann will confirm 75 candidates maximum per Mass.
- c) A request for a priest to confirm baptized Catholics can be obtained by simply sending a request via email to the Office of the Bishop. Confirmations administered without the faculty are invalid.

2) Preparation:

- a) Music: Full, active, and conscious participation is a liturgical principle to consider in your liturgical preparation, for choosing music. This means that the assembly is expected to sing at your Confirmation liturgy. Participation is of greater value than even the artistic quality of a music piece or program, though it is the bishops' expectation that both participation and quality of music will be considered. The objective is that music (texts, genre, and language) be selected so that the Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, and the assembly are capable and prepared to sing. This is especially important for: the Gathering (entrance) Hymn, the Responsorial Psalm, the Antiphon, the Eucharist Acclamations, the Communion Hymn, and the Recessional Hymn. Being amid a Eucharistic Revival, it is desirable to avoid using the memorial acclamation, “***When we eat this bread...***” and use an alternative acclamation.



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- b) A Liturgy Sheet/Planner is to be sent in at least one month prior to the scheduled liturgy (see attached example of the liturgical planner for Confirmation Masses). If there is any special ritual or announcement that will occur in the Confirmation ceremony, please contact the Office for Worship. This should also be noted on the Liturgy Sheet/Planner. **It is strongly recommended to arrange a meeting 3 months before the Mass involving the pastor, liturgy and music coordinator, Confirmation Coordinator and any other pertinent individuals involved in the Confirmation liturgy. This meeting will serve to thoroughly discuss and finalize the planner, ensuring seamless coordination and execution of the ceremony.**
- c) A teen who is already confirmed and who is journeying with their peers who seek Confirmation will receive a blessing at the Confirmation liturgy and this would be noted on the Liturgy Sheet/Planner so that the Master of Ceremonies can have the blessing ready for the Bishop/Celebrant. Also, if there is a young person to be confirmed who is celebrating Eucharist for the first time, it should be noted on the Liturgy Sheet/Planner.
- d) Bishop Letters: Ordinarily the Bishop celebrating Confirmation receives and reads letters from the candidates and it is his expectation that these letters will get to him in a timely fashion (at least one month in advance of the Confirmation). The bishops enjoy the letters, and it helps them prepare their homily. **It is expected for the Confirmation Coordinator to read all the teen letters to appreciate their desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation as well as gain insight into their reflection of the Gospel to be proclaimed at the Confirmation Liturgy. It is important that any issues that are brought up in the letter are addressed by parish staff before letters are sent to the bishop. Please indicate on the letter actions that were taken so Bishops know that teens have been pastorally cared for.** This year the teens are to reflect on the Gospel of Luke 8: 4-10a, 11b-15, or the Gospel of the day if your confirmation falls on the Octave of Easter, a Sunday or Feast Day, as well as why they wish to be confirmed in their letters. The letters must be no longer than ONE page and typed. Please send these letters *in a binder* to the Pastoral Center, ATTENTION: Office for Worship, **one month before your Confirmation along with the Liturgy Sheet.** NOTE: DO NOT place the letters on plastic sheets or document protectors. If you have multiple Masses and are sending the letters in ONE binder, please add a divider indicating the letters of the candidates by the date of their Confirmation Mass.
- e) The primary liturgical role of the confirmandi is their fruitful reception of the sacraments of initiation, which includes a lifting up of their hearts and minds in prayer and worship. **They should not assume liturgical functions during the Mass in which they are confirmed (e.g., Lector, Altar Server, Cantor).** Such functions are best fulfilled by those thoroughly prepared like the regular parish liturgical ministers. During the Confirmation Mass, the confirmandi should refrain from giving a personal testimony or speech. Such expressions are best shared outside the context of the Mass to maintain the focus on the sacramental significance and communal celebration, respecting the sacred atmosphere of the liturgy.
- f) If your Parish has a Deacon(s) he should serve at the Confirmation Liturgy. Please note his name(s) on the Liturgy Sheet. The Master of Ceremonies is assigned by the Office for Worship.



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- g) Five altar servers are to be vested (six if incense is to be used) and prepared to meet with the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies at least 30 minutes before the liturgy begins. We would ask that the servers be experienced, follow instructions closely and promptly and be reverent and mature enough to aid us in providing appropriate liturgical ministry at the altar. It is highly recommended that siblings of Confirmation candidates do not serve as altar servers. Our experience is that they wish to watch their sibling be confirmed and it conflicts with the duties of altar servers.
- h) The parish (sacristan) is responsible to set up the items in the "Confirmation Check List", in Appendix 1. Please make sure all is prepared before the MC arrives. Holy Communion is normally distributed in the positions that the parish has established and a "chart" or description on how this happens in your parish is appreciated.
- i) The color of vestments: if your Confirmation is on a weekday (not Feast/Solemnities), vestments color is Red and on Sundays or Feast Days (which would include 4:00 PM or later on a Saturday night, which anticipates Sunday) the color of the vestments is that of the Sunday (i.e. Green during Ordinary time or white during Easter Season).
- j) Please note the time that your confirmation is to begin. This time indicates when **the bishop enters**, not when the candidates enter. The candidates are to be in their **places/seats/pews** at the time indicated. Therefore, the candidates are to enter the church at least **10 to 15 minutes** before the "starting time". If you plan some special procession or ritual action of the candidates and their sponsors, make sure you give sufficient time for them to complete this action so that they are in their places for the bishop to enter at the hour indicated as the "start" of the liturgy.
- k) The candidates should also be well rehearsed for the reception of the sacraments. The **rehearsal** should be as close to the Confirmation mass as possible and may fittingly include practicing the prayers that will be used during the celebration. This can facilitate authentic participation in the liturgy by the candidates and sponsors.
- l) Since Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation and since the newly baptized are given a white garment, **white** should be considered as the preferred color for shirts or dresses. **A stole is a vestment of the ordained and is not to be used by the Confirmation candidates.**
- m) All those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation must have already been prepared for and have received the **sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion** (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1457 and canon 914). Sponsors are also to have recently received the sacrament of Penance and therefore be able to receive Holy Communion. Confirmation Coordinators and Pastors should work together to ensure that an opportunity for the sacrament of Penance be offered or encouraged to Candidates and sponsors in the final month of preparation.
- n) Clear directions on photography/videography during the celebration of the Mass and rite should be given so that the sacredness of the event is maintained, and the view of the assembly is never impaired by those taking photos or videos.
- o) Instructions for picture taking after the Mass with the bishop is provided in Appendix 2.
- p) The Master of Ceremonies is expected to meet with the sacristan, choir, altar servers, deacons, priests, and gift bearers at least 15 minutes before the Mass.



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3) Beginning of the Mass:

- a) The sacred chrism should be put in a prominent place, but not on the *mensa* of the altar. If the sacred chrism is carried in procession, it is carried before the *Book of the Gospels*. If two deacons are present at Mass, one may carry the *Book of the Gospels* and the other the sacred chrism.
- b) Since Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation and are intimately connected with Baptism, the use of the *Blessing and Sprinkling of Water* in place of the Penitential Act is appropriate. After the main celebrant blesses the water (and salt, if used), an appropriate baptismal song should accompany the sprinkling. The *Gloria* should be sung (if permitted) after the celebrant says the prayer that concludes the sprinkling, **NOT** during the sprinkling.
- c) The proper Readings assigned in the Lectionary for the day are to be used on all Sundays, the Octave of Easter and Solemnities. For other days, the texts for Confirmation found in the Lectionary, Volume IV (Nos. 764-768), and texts suitable to the occasion, may be used. See Appendix 3. The gospel reading is selected by the bishop. For the 2025 Confirmation season the gospel is from **Luke 8:4-10a, 11b-15** and can be found in the Lectionary, Volume IV no. 768 #6. Songs or hymns may not be used in place of the responsorial psalm. This includes songs that are paraphrasing of the psalm.
- d) A deacon, if present, is to read the gospel, or in his absence, by the pastor or other concelebrating priest.

4) Celebration of Confirmation:

- a) An altar server will hold ***The Order of Confirmation*** book for the celebrant throughout the confirmation ceremony.
- b) The **presentation of the candidates** takes place after the gospel but before the homily. Please review the rubrics carefully (*The Order of Confirmation*, no. 21). **Refer to Appendix 4 for an example.** If a bishop is the celebrant, the presentation is to be done by the pastor or parochial administrator of the parish, **not by the confirmation coordinator or any other representative.**
- c) The rite provides a sample address that can be helpful to the bishop and/or priest in preparing his **homily** (no. 22).
- d) Following the homily is the **Renewal of Baptismal Promises (no. 23)**. The confirmandi should be rehearsed to respond **"I DO"** loudly and clearly.
- e) Next is the Laying of Hands. Please carefully review the rubrics (nos. 24, 25). During this step, the bishop will pray out loud with his hands outstretched over the entire group. Meanwhile, the concelebrating priests will extend their hands over the candidates but will remain silent.
- f) The Bishops or Celebrants will confirm **STANDING**. The sponsor stands behind the candidate either on the same level or one step lower. There should be a parish representative, Confirmation team member or other adult who has been a part of the confirmation process, assisting in lining up the candidates, 2' to 3' between each of them to ensure an efficient flow, and to see that they stand close enough to the bishop so that he can reach to anoint them.



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- g) For the Anointing with Chrism, please review rubrics 26-27 carefully. Candidates, accompanied by their sponsor, approach the bishop in a reverent and orderly manner. When Bishop Nguyen presides, **each candidate introduces themselves to the bishop by stating their Saint's Name clearly (e.g., "My name is Peter," or "My name is Mary.")**. When Bishop Vann or Freyer presides, a card with the confirmandi's saint name will be shown to the bishop. It is recommended to have a printed name card (i.e. a 3X5 card) or name tags for each candidate, with the name, in large print, that the celebrant will say. The sponsor should hold the name card up for the presider to see the name. Candidates and sponsors should position themselves in such a way that they do not obstruct the view of the congregation. This could mean standing to the side or ensuring that the central aisle remains clear and sitting down immediately when returning to their pew.
  - h) Due to the unity between Baptism and Confirmation, the candidates are encouraged to use their baptismal **name** when being confirmed. However, if desired, they may take a different name for Confirmation. A new Confirmation name may be chosen from among the names of holy men and women of the Scriptures, of the saints/blessed, or of virtues (e.g., faith, charity). If the name of a saint is chosen, the title "saint" / "blessed" is omitted. (i.e., if St. Catherine of Siena is chosen, then the Confirmation name is "Catherine of Siena.") Saints/Blessed names may be given in Spanish, Vietnamese or other language. See Appendix 5 for examples.
  - i) A deacon, if present, or a concelebrating priest, or if necessary, an acolyte or server, should hold the **chrism** for the celebrant on his right. A **purificator** should also be available for wiping excess chrism. It should be avoided assigning the deacon to receive the name cards.
  - j) Appropriate **instrumental music** during the anointing should begin only after the celebrant has anointed the first few candidates so that the assembly is able to hear the formula which accompanies the anointing. Songs with lyrics are not sung during the anointing rite.
  - k) After the anointing rite of Confirmation, the oil might be on the Celebrant's fingers and rest of his hand. The bowl for the washing of his hands should be large enough to accommodate both his hands as he uses the lemon and sliced bread and washes with water (in the same bowl). The sliced bread is left whole and not torn into pieces.
  - l) A deacon, if present, is to read the intentions of the **Universal Prayer** as prescribed (no. 30) in the ritual book. See Appendix 6.
  - m) It is expected that the sponsor, as well as the candidate, will receive Eucharist at the Confirmation Mass. Please continue to encourage sponsors to prepare and receive Eucharist at this liturgy.
- 5) Blessing and Dismissal: Ordinarily a Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People will be used. Everyone answers "**AMEN**" after each of the invocations.

For more information contact the Office of Worship at (714) 282-3041 or email Deacon ModestoCordero at [mcordero@rcbo.org](mailto:mcordero@rcbo.org).

Blessings!



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**Appendix 1  
Confirmation Checklist**

- ☐ Roman Missal with ribbons at appropriate prayers.
- ☐ Book of Gospels marked.
- ☐ Readings marked in Lectionary and in place.
- ☐ The Universal Prayer for Confirmation (a.k.a. Prayers of the Faithful) at the ambo or alternate location where they will be read.
- ☐ Incense (if used regularly at your parish) prepared. Incense is **only** used if the parish uses incense at other solemn liturgies, in other words at Easter and Christmas at the minimum.
- ☐ Vessels for the Sprinkling Rite in place by font OR bowl with un-blessed water (and salt, if use) and sprinkler at credence table or alternate location.
- ☐ All Eucharistic vessels for the Celebrant, Concelebrants, and Assembly in place.
- ☐ Sufficient hosts and wine (for the celebrants ONLY) for communion as planned.
- ☐ All linens (purificators, corporal(s), towels, etc.) in place.
- ☐ Preparation for hand washing for the Celebrant who washes his hands 3 times in the ceremony:
  - ☐ after anointing (lemon and 2 slices of bread intact, not torn up in a bowl),
  - ☐ at the usual lavabo where a second bowl and towel are used and after distribution of Holy Communion with the same bowl.
- ☐ All chairs for all ministers (Celebrant, Deacons, and concelebrants), in place; the Celebrant sits in presider's chair with deacons at his side(s), all others (parochial vicars, guest priests) sit somewhere else in the sanctuary (not beside Celebrant) or in pews.
- ☐ All microphones (with batteries fully charged) in place.
- ☐ Secure a parking space for Mass Ministers (i.e., Bishop, MC's, Deacons)





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**Appendix 2  
Photo Guidelines in the Diocese of Orange**

As we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishops of the Diocese of Orange along with the Office for Worship would like to remind all Confirmation Coordinators of the REQUIRED guidelines for photos with the bishop that typically follow the Confirmation Mass.

**GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY WITH THE BISHOPS**

- When the Bishop arrives, the plan for photos after the Mass must be clearly and concisely communicated to the bishop and anyone else accompanying him. It should explain the location of the photos, the process of how they will line up and any other pertinent details.
- If Bishop Vann is the celebrant, then there will only be one group photo. Please be prepared to coordinate this group photo in an organized and efficient manner immediately following the Mass. Bishop Vann must be seated for this photo.
- If there is another Bishop celebrating the Mass, individual pictures immediately following the Mass are permitted. Here are the guidelines:
  - For efficiency, only ONE photo per Confirmand. It may be taken with whomever he or she wishes. If the Confirmand wishes for a second photo, they must return to the end of the line and wait again for another turn. Only ONE camera/phone is allowed to take this photo.
  - There must be an orderly line and process for taking these pictures. Please have this planned out and communicate beforehand to all those involved.
  - There must be at least 2 volunteers from the parish who are responsible for helping the Confirmandi line up, pose and take the photo.
- It is highly recommended to hire a professional photographer.

Please be sure to carefully review all these guidelines, communicate them to everyone involved and be prepared to execute them well on the day of Confirmation. Thank you!

If there are any questions, please contact the Coordinator of Confirmation Preparation, Laura Schuberg, [lschuberg@rcbo.org](mailto:lschuberg@rcbo.org)



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**Appendix 3  
Liturgy of Word Options**  
(Nos. 61-64)

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

(Lectionary No. 764)

**Is 11:1-4ab**

But 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.

**Is 42:1-3**

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.

**Is 61:1-3abcd, 6ab, 8c-9**

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.

**Ek 36:24-28**

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
For 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.

**Jl 2:23a, 26-3:1-3a**

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.





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**NEW TESTAMENT:**

(Lectionary No. 765)

**Acts 1:3-8**

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."

**Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22b-23, 32-33**

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. *(cont. on next column)*

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.

**Acts 8:1bc, 4, 14-17**

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.

**Acts 10:1, 33-34a, 37-44**

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.



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**Acts 19:1b-6a**

Paul traveled 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.

**Rm 5:1-2, 5-8**

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 that 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.

**Rm 8:14-17**

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 itself 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.

**Rm 8:26-27**

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 itself 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.

**1 Cor 12:4-13**

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.

**Gal 5:16-17, 22-23a, 24-25**

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.



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**Eph 1:3a, 4a, 13-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He chose us in him, 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.

**Eph 4:1-6**

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.



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**RESONSORIAL PSALMS:**

(Lectionary No. 766)

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

℟: I will proclaim your name to my brothers.

*Or* ℟: When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witness.

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

℟: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

℟: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

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

℟: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Ps 117: 1, 2**

℟: You will be my witnesses to all the world.

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

℟: You will be my witnesses to all the world.

**VERSE BEFORE GOSPEL:**

(Lectionary No. 767)

**John 14:16**

I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.

**John 15:26b, 27a**

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

**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.

**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.

**Other**

Come, Holy Spirit; shine on us the radiance of your light

*Or:*

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light from the clear celestial height, thy pure beaming radiance give.

*Or:*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love



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**Appendix 4  
Presentation of Candidate Script**

**For Group Presentation**

Candidates for Confirmation, please stand.

Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, I present to you the candidates of **N.** parish, who have completed a period of preparation for Confirmation. They have deepened their knowledge of Jesus Christ by studying the truths of our faith. They have been strengthened by God's grace in the Sacraments and have been supported by the prayers and example of our parish community. I now ask you to celebrate the completion of their initiation into the life of Christ and to seal them with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



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**Appendix 5  
Saint Names**

**Examples of correct names:**

Francis of Assisi  
Francis de Sales  
John the Evangelist  
John the Baptist  
Therese of Lisieux  
Teresa of Avila  
Mary, Mother of God  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
(*or any other approved Marian Title*)

**Incorrect Names:**

Francis  
  
John  
  
Therese  
  
Mary  
Mary





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**Appendix 6  
Universal Prayer**

**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.

**Deacon or Minister:** 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.

℟: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**Deacon or Minister:** 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.

℟: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**Deacon or Minister:** For the holy Church of God together with **N.** our Pope, **N.** 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.

℟: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**Deacon or Minister:** 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.

℟: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**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.

℟: Amen