

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Children's names are called and they stand in their pew with their sponsor. They are invited to renew their Baptismal promises.

Bishop:

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

The candidates respond together:

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 sacramentally in 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.

The bishop confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The whole congregation responds:

Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The concelebrating priests stand near the bishop. He faces the people and with hands joined, sings or says:

**My dear friends: in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life
to his chosen sons and daughters.**

**Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit
to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts
and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.**

All pray in silence for a short time.

The bishop and the priests who will minister the sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them). The bishop alone sings or says:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of right judgment and courage,

the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The children and their sponsor are instructed to stand, one side of the Church at a time, and step across to the opposite pew with their sponsor standing behind them.

The child and sponsor are then invited forward. The sponsor places his/her right hand on the candidate's shoulder. **Children remain standing for the anointing.**

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 the child's Confirmation name:

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.

The children say a simple thank you before returning to their seats. This is then repeated with the candidates sitting on the other side of the Church.

The Prayers of Intercession are read followed by the Offertory procession.