

RITE OF CONFIRMATION OUTSIDE MASS

[revised pro-forma 2016]

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN:

SIGN OF THE CROSS

B. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

GREETING

B. Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

COLLECT

B. Let us pray.

**B. 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 Christ our Lord,**

All Amen

OR

**B. Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
we pray, O Lord,
so that, walking in oneness of faith
and strengthened by the power of his love,
we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

All Amen

OR

**B. Fulfil for us your gracious promise, O Lord, we pray,
so that by his coming
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

All Amen

OR

**B. May the Paraclete who proceeds from you,
we pray, O Lord,
enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth,
just as your Son has promised.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

The celebration of the word of God follows. Bishop will nominate preferred choice of readings.

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL *A Deacon or concelebrating Priest may proclaim the Gospel*

**P. The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to.....
All Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P. The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

After the readings the Bishop and the Priest celebrating with him take their seats. The Parish Priest or another Priest, Deacon, or catechist presents the candidates for Confirmation, according to the custom of the region. The names of the candidates are called and they stand. All sit before the Bishop begins his homily.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the Homily the candidates stand and the Bishop questions them:

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

All I do.

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

All I do.

**B. 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?**

All I do.

**B. 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?**

All I do.

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

All I do.

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

All Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop faces the people and says:

**B. 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.**

All pray in silence for a brief period.

The Bishop and the Priests (if required) who will minister the Sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates by extending their hands over them. The Bishop alone says:

**B. 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.**

All Amen

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each candidate (and sponsor) goes forward individually and kneels before the Bishop. The sponsor places his (her) right hand on the candidates right shoulder and gives the candidates name to the Bishop; or the candidate may give his (her) own name.

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:

B. (N) Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

B. Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

During the anointing an appropriate song may be sung. After the anointing the Bishop washes his hands.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**B. Dearly beloved, let us gather together our petitions,
praying with one voice,
as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray.**

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The Concluding Rites

SOLEMN BLESSING

**B. The Lord be with you
All And with your spirit**

B. Bow down for the blessing.

**May God the Father almighty bless you,
whom 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.**

All Amen.

**B. May his Only Begotten Son,
who promised that the Spirit of truth
would abide in his Church,
bless you, and confirm you by his power
in the confession of the true faith.**

All Amen.

**B. 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.**

All Amen.

**B. And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.**

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn