

CEREMONIAL GUIDELINES FOR
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WITHIN MASS
WITH BISHOP JUSTICE

These guidelines treat only the details of the Confirmation Ceremony itself. Please refer to other documents on Confirmation for treatment of the nature of the Sacrament and the program of preparation for candidates, parents, and sponsors.

These ceremonial guidelines presuppose familiarity with the Rite of Confirmation (referred to as "RC" below by paragraph number), the accompanying Apostolic Constitution of Pope Paul VI and the relevant sections of the National Catechetical Directory.

Essentially the ceremony embodies not only the conferral of the Sacrament, but a "festive and solemn character" in which the "whole People of God, represented by the families and friends of the candidates for Confirmation and by members of the local community, will be invited to take part... and will endeavor to express their faith by means of the fruits the Holy Spirit has produced in them" (RC 4).

These ceremonial guidelines also assume that the sacrament will be conferred within Mass "so that the fundamental connection of this Sacrament with all of Christian Initiation... may stand out in a clearer light." (RC 13).

At the end of these Guidelines you will find a form to be filled out and returned to the Office of the Bishop no later than ten days prior to the date for Confirmation.

When planning the Confirmation ceremony, please keep in mind that the celebration of the Sacrament is rather lengthy. In order not to detain the faithful for an excessive period of time, please do not add or plan things which will unduly prolong the Mass (such as a meditation hymn following Communion, a prolonged offertory procession, etc.).

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Liturgy Sheet to be returned to the Bishop's Office at least ten days prior to the date for Confirmation.

1. MINISTERS

- 1.1 The Bishop will normally be the sole minister of the Sacrament. The Bishop's role signifies "a clearer reference to the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost" and "the close bond which joins the confirmed to the Church" (RC 7)
- 1.2 The Pastor and Parochial Vicar(s) should concelebrate the Mass with the Bishop.
- 1.3 Other Clergy, especially those serving in the candidates' parish(es) and neighboring parishes, should be encouraged to concelebrate the Mass as a further sign of the supportive presence of the entire community of the Church. When a Deacon participates, all should be aware of his particular role, which includes proclaiming the Gospel, assisting the Bishop during the preparation of the altar and the gifts and the Eucharistic Prayer, serving as the minister of the cup at Communion, etc.
- 1.4 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be present in sufficient numbers to facilitate the distribution of Communion. As a sign of the parish commitment to the candidates, clergy (priests as well as deacons) as Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should be first assigned to distribute Holy Communion.

This is an occasion when Communion under both species is most appropriate. It is recommended that parishes consider this option. If Communion under both species is given, it is recommended that there be two ministers with chalices for each minister distributing the Consecrated Hosts.

- 1.5 Readers should be properly prepared and familiar with the public address system so that they can proclaim the Word as a living witness. It is recommended that the parish's most skilled readers be selected to proclaim the readings to the parish community rather than candidates or parents who are not certified as readers. If Candidates are chosen to act as Readers, they must be properly prepared, trained and rehearsed.
- 1.6 Servers: Six servers should be appointed for the ceremony:
 - Incense (if used)
 - Cross / Book Bearer
 - Candles Bearers (2)
 - Insignia (mitre & crosier) (2)They should be assembled and vested at least 30 minutes before the ceremony to be instructed by the Bishop's master of ceremonies.
If incense is not used, five servers would suffice.
- 1.7 Master of Ceremonies: The Bishop will be accompanied by his own Master of Ceremonies who will train the servers immediately beforehand and will bring and arrange the Pontifical and the oil stock. The pastor or his delegate should be prepared

and available to work with the Master of Ceremonies on the final preparations.

2. CANDIDATES

- 2.1 Dress: The dress encouraged for the candidates should reflect the spirit of the ceremony. It should not give the impression of a graduation, nor should the manner of dress be a distraction to the candidates or the congregation; therefore graduation gowns or robes are not fitting

Appropriate dress is required.

The following attire would be suitable:

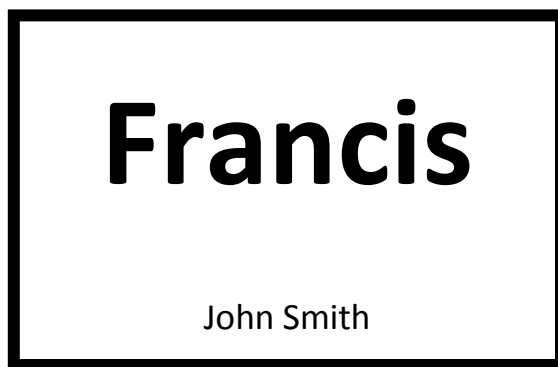
Ladies: dress slacks and blouse, skirt and blouse, dress or suit and dress shoes.

Gentlemen: dress shirt and tie, dress slacks, blazer or sweater, suit and dress shoes.

Jeans, t-shirts, shirts with visible logos or writing, strapless or thin-strapped tops, miniskirts, or other casual or indecorous attire is not suitable.

- 2.2 Names: In order to express the intimate relationship of Confirmation with all of the Sacraments of Christian initiation (AC) it is recommended that the candidates use the name given to them at their Baptism for Confirmation. However, if there is the desire to indicate the beginning of a new relationship to Christ and the Church by the selection of a new name, the name is to be a Christian name.

- 2.3 Name Tags: The use of nametags on each candidate is encouraged. The name should be printed large enough and placed conspicuously enough so that the Bishop can read it easily when administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. (You may put the candidate's full name below in smaller print.) See example below.



Alternatively, Candidates may be presented by their Sponsors. See #3.7.

N.B.: The custom of wearing stoles with the candidates' names written on them is not appropriate. The stole is a liturgical vestment which should be worn only by a bishop, priest or deacon.

- 2.4 Seating: It is encouraged that the candidates be seated next to their sponsors during

the ceremony to better express the role of the sponsor. It also would be a clearer visual sign that the candidate is a part of the faith community and avoid the visual image of a graduation. If it is very difficult to have sponsors sitting next to the candidates, a second option would be to have the sponsors seated in the row behind each row of candidates.

3. SPONSORS

- 3.1 Each candidate is to have one Sponsor. It is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism be the sponsor at Confirmation to better express the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation (canon 893 §2, RC 5).
- 3.2 Parents cannot function in the role of sponsor at Confirmation (canon 893 §1, which refers to canon 874 §1, RC 5). In the event that a sponsor cannot be present at the ceremony, a parent could present his or her child and act as a proxy for the sponsor.
- 3.3 Pastors will see that the sponsor chosen by the candidate is spiritually qualified for the office (RC 6). The sponsor should be sufficiently mature for this role, belong to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The sponsor should also be a person of faith, actively participating in the life of the Church (canon 893 §1, which refers to canon 874 §1, RC 6).
- 3.4 The sponsor should be of an age and living proximity that will enable the sponsor to be present to the candidate as he/she grows in the life of faith. The custom of having proxy sponsors for someone who is and who will continue to be separated by long distances from the candidates is discouraged.
- 3.5 Ideally, the sponsor should have participated in the preparation of the candidate for Confirmation and be able to continue to be a sign and support of faith for the candidate.
- 3.6 All sponsors should be familiarized with the ceremony so that they can actively and comfortably participate. Also, the sponsors should receive Communion with the newly confirmed.
- 3.7 For groups smaller than 25 candidates, the parish may choose to have the Sponsor verbally present the candidate when they approach the Bishop. In such a case, the Sponsor should come forward, with their right hand on the Candidate's shoulder and say in a loud, clear voice: "This is _____" (using the Confirmation name) (see 7.5)

4. PARENTS

- 4.1 At the time that a candidate is accepted into the Confirmation program, the parents and the candidates should receive adequate information concerning:
 - An understanding of the renewal of the sacraments, especially the sacraments of

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

- The Goals of the Parish Program of Preparation for Confirmation.
- What is expected of parents and sponsors during the program.
- The selection of a name and the advisability of using the Baptismal name.
- The selection of a Sponsor including qualifications and responsibilities.
- The manner of dress for the candidates at Confirmation.

4.2 Parents and families of the candidates are encouraged to participate in the Confirmation ceremony. There should be sufficient room in the church to accommodate the families.

4.3 Parents should have an active role in the ceremony of Confirmation. It is recommended that representatives of the parents take part in the Prayers of the Faithful and the Offertory procession to signify their desire to continue to help the candidates grow in faith. Finally, all families should be encouraged to prepare themselves to worthily receive Communion at the ceremony.

4.4 Parents and family should be reminded that the Anointing with Chrism is a sacred time and that talking or moving about, no matter the length of time it takes for all the candidates to be anointed, is not appropriate.

4.5 Parents should be reminded that the taking of pictures of the candidates during the ceremony can be distracting both to the candidates and the others participating. See section 9 below for details on allowable photo-taking during and after the Mass.

5. IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS

5.1 The altar should be prepared for Mass with the candles lit at least fifteen minutes before the ceremony. In addition to the normal preparations for Mass, the following should be prepared and ready for use during the Confirmation Ceremony:

- A microphone, either cordless or with a long cord so that the Bishop will have the opportunity to move among the candidates during his homily.
- A chair for the Bishop placed in a prominent place in the sanctuary.
- A pitcher of water, basin, hand towel, dish with lemon slices, soap, and a cloth to protect the vestments to use when the Bishop washes his hands after the anointing.
- Chairs for the following people:
 - Deacon(s) of the Mass
 - Concelebrating priests
 - Master of Ceremonies & Servers

5.2 The following should be ready for use during the procession and the ceremony:

- A processional cross
- Candles for the procession
- The Oil of Chrism in case the Bishop needs to replenish his stock for the

Confirmation.

- 5.3 Sufficient bread and wine should be prepared for all those present to receive from that which is consecrated at the liturgy (GIRM 85). It should not be necessary for hosts “preconsecrated” at another liturgy to be taken from the tabernacle for distribution at Communion.
- 5.4 The *Roman Missal* should be properly marked with the ribbons for the selected Mass. The *Missal* should be shown to the Bishop or his Master of Ceremonies before the liturgy.
- 5.5 Deacon(s) present normally assist the Bishop at the Chair and the Altar. In the absence of deacons, the pastor and another priest may assist the Bishop. The pastor and associates are encouraged to concelebrate the Eucharist.
- 5.6 The Bishop will bring his alb for the celebration of Confirmation. Vestments (chasuble & stole) should be provided by the parish and be ready for the Bishop. A guest room or another bedroom in the Parochial Residence, with a bathroom adjacent, should be designated for the Bishop’s use.

If a cordless microphone, clipped to the vestments is available, it should be placed in the room where the Bishop will vest.

- 5.7 It is important that the pastor have the statistics card prepared beforehand and place the card on the vestments so that the Bishop will have it before the ceremony.
- 5.8 Kindly reserve a parking place in front of the parochial residence for the Bishop's car.

6. MUSIC

- 6.1 The celebration of Confirmation is a parish-community event, in which music plays an integral part. The candidates and the entire congregation should participate. All should have necessary hymn texts. A leader of song should assist congregational participation.
- 6.2 The hymns chosen should dwell especially on the Holy Spirit, faith, witness, the Church, Baptism, and initiation. They should also commemorate any special season or solemnity on which Confirmation is conferred. Time-honored hymns conducive to congregational participation or hymns that are traditional to the people of the parish because of their culture or history are particularly suitable.
- 6.3 Congregational and choral music are preferred to solo singing. **Recorded music is NOT TO BE USED.** Candidates should be fully prepared to join in the singing.
- 6.4 Musical texts for the mass such as the introit and communion antiphon are suggested

for inclusion.

- 6.5 Music should contribute to the ceremony without unduly prolonging it.
- 6.6 It is presumed that the principal participatory parts of the Mass will be sung, including the Gloria, Holy, Holy, Acclamation, Great Amen and Lamb of God. Other parts of the Mass may or may not be sung as per the tradition of the parish (i.e., Lord Have Mercy and Our Father).
- 6.7 If there is to be music during the anointing with Chrism, it should not begin until after a few of the candidates have been confirmed and should be kept to a subdued volume.
- 6.8 Any music that is printed for the Mass must have the express permission of the copyright holder. (For information on how to obtain this permission, please consult the Office of Worship.)
- 6.9 Congregational music is encouraged during the distribution of Holy Communion.

7. CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT

- 7.1 Presentation of the Candidates: The pastor should present the candidates for Confirmation after the Gospel. The words used to present the candidates should briefly express how the candidates have prepared for Confirmation. It is also recommended that there be a way for the sponsors, the teachers, and the parents to signify that they believe the candidates are ready.

A formula such as this may be used:

Would the Candidates for Confirmation please stand.

Bishop Justice, the parish community of St. N. wishes to present to you its young men and women who have been prepared and are ready to complete the process of Christian initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each candidate has prepared for this Sacrament over a period of _____ months. During this time they have participated in a retreat and have individually expressed their desire to be active members of the Church. Their parents, their sponsors and their teachers, together with the whole parish community attest to their readiness and are happy to present them to you at this time as candidates for Confirmation.

- 7.2 The Bishop gives the homily. He may do this in dialogue form (RC 18). If there is no cordless microphone available, it would be helpful to have a microphone equipped with a long cord so that the Bishop will have the opportunity to move among the candidates during his homily. Candidates and sponsors should be prepared to share their reflections on Confirmation.

- 7.3 Renewal of Baptismal Promises: The candidates are invited to stand. The Bishop leads the renewal of baptismal promises. At the conclusion of these promises, the Bishop gives his assent to the profession of faith and proclaims 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 congregation responds, "Amen."
- 7.4 Laying on of Hands: The Bishop extends his hands over the candidates who are standing in their places and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to descend upon them. Concelebrating priests may also extend their hands in prayer from their places in the sanctuary.
- 7.5 Anointing: As the first candidates approach the Bishop, the congregation is seated.

Most commonly, the anointing takes place at the entrance to the sanctuary with the candidates standing to receive the Sacrament. It is no longer suitable to have the boys confirmed first and then the girls.

It is requested that the candidates wear nametags with their Confirmation name printed clearly for the Bishop to read (cf. #2.3).
Alternatively, for groups of less than 25 candidates, the Sponsor may come forward and present the Candidate (cf. #3.7).

Since the Bishop will anoint the candidate on the forehead, the forehead should be unobstructed.

The candidates should approach the Bishop without genuflecting. They stand immediately in front of the Bishop, and the sponsor places his/her right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.

[If the sponsor is presenting the candidate, he/she says in a clear voice:

"This is _____" (using the Confirmation name).]

The Bishop anoints the forehead with chrism, saying:

"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 replies: "And with your spirit."

The Chrism serves as a visible sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, and is not immediately wiped off.

As soon as one is confirmed, he/she leaves without delay, and his/her place is immediately taken by the next in line so that the ceremony is not unduly prolonged. Large gaps between the one currently being confirmed and the next Candidate should not develop in order to maintain the prompt flow of the ceremony.

The Bishop washes his hands after the anointing. For this purpose, the following should be provided: lemon, water, basin, soap and a hand towel.

8. MASS

- 8.1 The choice of the mass and its parts is dependent upon the liturgical calendar. On Sundays and Solemnities, the readings and prayers for the day must be used. On other days, the Ritual Mass for Confirmation with readings chosen from the options for Confirmation on the Mass sheet may be used. If there is doubt, please call the Office of the Bishop.
- 8.2 Concelebrants: Mass most often is concelebrated with the Bishop as principal Celebrant. Priests who have a pastoral role with the *confirmandi* should be invited to concelebrate. It is important to keep in mind that a concelebrant is necessarily restricted in his activity - a priest should not concelebrate if he must be Master of Ceremonies, song leader, or general director of the celebration.
- 8.3 The Gloria is presumed to be sung rather than recited. The Gloria is omitted in the seasons of Advent and Lent. *The Roman Missal* should be ready for the Bishop to use.
- 8.4 Procession: If the Candidates are not seated in the congregation before Mass, but are to process to their seats, the Procession of Candidates should take place BEFORE the Liturgical Procession and begin before the posted time of the liturgy, so that the Liturgical Procession begins at the communicated start time of the Mass. (As an example, for a 5:00pm Mass, the Candidates with or without Sponsors, should start processing into the church to their pews at 4:50pm so that all are in place at 5:00pm.)
- 8.5 Liturgy of the Word: As noted in 8.1, the readings of the day are used on all Sundays and Solemnities. On other days, the readings can be taken from the texts for Confirmation in the Lectionary (Nos. 763-767) (RC 20).

Readers should be chosen who are certified to read in the parish and are already familiar with the public address system and can proclaim the Word of God in the Scriptures well.

The readers should be instructed when to approach the lectern so that the celebration will proceed smoothly.

The *Lectionary* should be placed on the lectern or ambo and used for the proclamation of the readings; if different texts are needed (such as multilingual readings), they should be in a binder. Loose-leaf, missalettes or folded papers are not appropriate for use in Mass.

The deacon proclaims the Gospel. If there is no deacon of the mass, one of the concelebrants should be designated to proclaim the Gospel (who asks the Bishop's blessing before proclaiming it). The conferral of the Sacrament takes place after the Homily.

- 8.6 Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful: The Universal Prayer follows the conferral of the sacrament. The prayers should be taken from the ritual (RC 30) (see Appendix) or can be composed by the parish as long as they are reviewed by the Pastor.

The Bishop introduces the Universal Prayer and concludes the petitions with a prayer.

If Newly Confirmed are used as Readers for the Universal Prayer rather than the Deacon, they must be properly prepared and trained. Those Newly Confirmed reading the petitions should be instructed to approach the lectern while the Bishop is washing his hands after the anointing so that they will be ready to begin when he has introduced the Universal Prayer. They should remain in their place in the Sanctuary until after the Bishop has finished the concluding prayer to avoid unnecessary movement and distraction.

- 8.7 Presentation of the Gifts: Representatives of the families of the newly confirmed, their sponsors, teachers, and the newly confirmed themselves may bring up the gifts.

The principal gifts are of bread and wine. If there are other items of particular significance to the Newly Confirmed and which relate directly to an offering of Stewardship (representation of their service of time, talent or treasure), these may be presented before the bread and wine. The items must be few in number and placed – along with any collection of monetary gifts (cf. #8.8) - in a suitable location away from the altar (GIRM 73).

- 8.8 Collection: A collection may be taken as usual during the Preparation of the Gifts. Properly trained ushers who normally have this role, or Newly Confirmed, acting as ministers to the congregation may do this service as long as they are prepared and it does not unduly delay the Mass.

- 8.9 Eucharistic Prayer: The Bishop or Master of Ceremonies may assign parts of the Eucharistic Prayer to individual concelebrants. All concelebrants should carefully note those portions rubrically assigned to "Celebrant alone" and "All Concelebrants". When saying those parts for all concelebrants, those concelebrating should keep their voices low so as to permit the Bishop's voice, as principal concelebrant, to be heard.

- 8.10 Sign of Peace: In order not to extend the time for the Mass, the Bishop will greet only those in the Sanctuary during the Sign of Peace; newly confirmed should not come to the altar to shake the Bishop's hand (GIRM 82).

- 8.11 Communion: There should be a sufficient number of ministers to assist the Bishop in the distribution of Communion. In addition to the concelebrants, there may need to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. All should be familiar with the particular worship setting of the parish so that the dignity of the Communion Rite is enhanced.

Since this is an occasion when Communion under both species is most appropriate, especially for the candidates and their sponsors, it is recommended that parishes consider this option. If Communion under both species is given, it is recommended that there be two ministers with chalices for each minister that is distributing the Sacred Host.

Sponsors should receive Communion along with the newly confirmed and not wait for the newly confirmed to receive first.

All Newly Confirmed and Sponsors should receive Eucharist. If the Newly Confirmed were properly disposed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, only extreme circumstances would necessitate them opting not to receive Eucharist. Similarly, if a Sponsor is suitable to act in their role, they should be in such a state to receive Eucharist. If there are questions, they should be brought to the Bishop's attention in the week before the liturgy.

- 8.12 Dismissal: Only if necessary, the Pastor following the Prayer after Communion, before the Final Blessing, should make any announcements. **Announcements must be brief.** They should not be so lengthy that they require the congregation to sit again. NO applause should be solicited from the congregation. This would also be the time for the people to be invited to the reception by the Pastor or a member of the parish. The Bishop may add his words of thanks at the end, if he so wishes.

Recognition of those who assisted in the Confirmation process, etc. should be made at the Reception, not during Mass.

A special blessing or prayer over the people is said at the end of the Mass. by the Bishop.

- 8.13 Recessional: The ministers and the Bishop will process out of the Church. The newly confirmed and their sponsors should remain in their places until the Bishop has left the Church. The newly confirmed and the congregation should be instructed to make the sign of the cross when the Bishop blesses them.

The pastor should escort the Bishop to the place for the reception.

The newly confirmed will follow the Bishop out and go directly to the location for the reception.

9. PHOTOGRAPHY

- 9.1 With the prior permission of the Bishop, group or individual photos before or after Mass in the church, including the sanctuary, is permitted when the Auxiliary Bishop is presiding.
- 9.2 It is suggested that during the Mass, if the parish wishes to designate one or two professional or highly skilled amateur photographer(s) to take photos, they do so as long as:
- The photographer(s) are told of the rules for photo taking in the church, including:
 - No flash.
 - No entrance into the sanctuary or beyond the modesty rail at the first row of pews.
 - The photographer must remain below the level of the people (either kneeling or crouching) so that they are never blocking the view of the congregation.
 - The photographer(s) must check in with the Master of Ceremonies or the Bishop before the liturgy to introduce themselves/ themselves and to ensure everyone is aware of the guidelines and plans for photography during the Mass.
 - If photographers are designated, the congregation should be informed before Mass that no personal photography is allowed and that person(s) have been delegated to take pictures which will be made available to everyone.
 - It is suggested that photos be shared on the parish or other photo website so that people may print their own copies later.
 - If there are two photographers, one should remain at the front of the church and the other at the back.
- 9.3 Group Pictures: If the parish wishes to take a group photo with the Bishop and the entire class of newly confirmed, this should be arranged with the Master of Ceremonies.
- 9.4 Individual Photos: Each newly confirmed may take a photo with the Bishop following the ceremony to be taken by family or friend. In order to accommodate all the *confirmati*, only one or two shots per person can be taken – not a combination of different family make-ups, groupings, etc. If the group is very small, the Bishop may allow additional photos, but this is at the Bishop's discretion.
- 9.5 The Pastor, Principal, Deacon or other leader of the parish must be on hand to manage any line of people wishing to greet the Bishop and/or take photos in order to assist in the control and speed of the line.

10. RECORDS

- 10.1 The Confirmation register should include the name of the Bishop, the confirmed, parents and sponsors as well as the date and place of the celebration.
- 10.2 Notation is also to be made in the Baptismal register or sent to the church of Baptism on the traditional cards.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP (415-614-5611)
OR THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP (415-614-5586)
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING FOR THE MASS;
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU.**

APPENDIX:
THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES
THE LAYING ON OF HANDS
THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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

Candidates: 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,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead,
and is 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 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?

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.

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

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop: 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.

[With arms extended]

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.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Bishop: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Confirmed: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed: And with your spirit.

APPENDIX: UNIVERSAL PRAYER
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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,

Por estos hijos de Dios,
que han sido confirmados
por el Espíritu Santo,
para que, arraigados en la fe
y fundamentados en la caridad,
den verdadero testimonio de Cristo,
roguemos al Señor.

For their parents and sponsors:
that by word and example
they may always encourage
those whom they have sponsored in faith
to follow in the footsteps of Christ:
let us pray to the Lord.

Por sus padres y padrinos
responsables de su fe,
para que, con su palabra y ejemplo,
los ayuden a seguir fielmente a Cristo,
roguemos al Señor.

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.

Por la santa Iglesia de Dios,
congregada por el Espíritu Santo
en la unidad de la fe y la caridad,
para que, en comunión con nuestro santo
padre el Papa N,
con nuestro Obispo N.,
y con todos los obispos del mundo
crezca y se difunda entre los pueblos,
roguemos al Señor.

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,

Por los hombres del mundo entero,
que tienen un solo Creador y Padre,
para que reconozcan como hermanos
y, sin discriminación de raza o nación,
busquen, con sincero corazón el reino de
Dios,
que es paz y gozo en el Espíritu Santo,
roguemos al Señor.