

RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITHIN MASS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Homily or Instruction

After the Gospel the bishop then gives a brief homily. He should explain the readings and so lead the candidates, their sponsors and parents, and the whole assembly to a deeper understanding of the mystery of confirmation.

He may use these or similar words:

On the day of Pentecost the Apostles received the Holy Spirit as the Lord had promised. They also received the power of giving the Holy Spirit to others and so completing the work of baptism. This we read in the Acts of the Apostles. When Saint Paul placed his hands on those who had been baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in other languages and in prophetic words.

Bishops are successors of the Apostles and have this power of giving the Holy Spirit to the baptized, either personally or through the Priests they appoint.

In our day the coming of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is no longer marked by the gift of tongues, but we know his coming by faith. He fills our hearts with the love of God, brings us together in one faith but in different vocations, and works within us to make the Church one and holy.

The gift of the Holy Spirit which you are to receive will be a spiritual sign and seal to make you more like Christ and more perfect members of his Church. At his Baptism by John, Christ himself was anointed by the Spirit and sent out on his public ministry to set the world on fire.

You have already been baptized into Christ and now you will receive the power of his Spirit and the Sign of the Cross on your forehead. You must be witnesses before all the world to his suffering, Death, and Resurrection; your way of life should at all times reflect the goodness of Christ. Christ gives

varied gifts to his Church, and the Spirit distributes them among the members of Christ's body to build up; the holy People of God in unity and love.

Be active members of the Church, alive in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit give your lives completely in the service of all, as did Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

So now, before you receive the Spirit, I ask you to renew the Profession of Faith you made in Baptism or your parents and godparents made in union with the whole Church.

Presentation of the Candidates

The Archbishop moves to the center of the sanctuary.

Deacon: Will the candidates to be confirmed please rise.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Archbishop questions them.

Do you renounce Satan,
and all his works
and all his empty show?
¿Renuncian ustedes a Satanás,
y todas sus obras y seducciones?

The candidates respond together: I do. / Sí, renuncio.

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?
¿Creen en Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra?

The candidates respond together: I do. / Sí, creo.

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?
¿Creen en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor,
que nació de Santa María Virgen,

padeció, fue sepultado,
resucitó de entre los muertos
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre?

The candidates respond together: I do. / Sí, creo.

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?

¿Creen en el Espíritu Santo,
Señor y dador de vida,
que hoy les va a ser comunicado de un
modo singular por el sacramento de la Confirmación,
como fue dado a los Apóstoles el día de Pentecostés?

The candidates respond together: I do. / Sí, creo.

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

¿Creen en la santa Iglesia católica,
en la comunión de los santos, en el perdón de los pecados,
en la resurrección de los muertos y en la vida eterna?

The candidates respond together: I do. / Sí, creo.

The Archbishop accepts 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. Esta es nuestra fe. Esta es la fe de la Iglesia, que nos gloriamos de profesar, en Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.

The whole congregation responds: Amen. / Amén.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Bishop Tafoya and the concelebrating priests stand. The Archbishop 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.
Oremos, hermanos, a Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
por estos hijos suyos,
que renacieron ya a la vida eterna en el Bautismo,
para que envíe abundantemente sobre ellos
al Espíritu Santo,
a fin de que este mismo Espíritu
los Fortalezca con la abundancia de sus dones,
los consagre con su unción espiritual
y haga de ellos imagen fiel de Jesucristo.

All pray in silence for a brief period.

The Archbishop, Bishop Tafoya and the concelebrating priests extend their hands over the candidates. The Archbishop 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.
Dios todopoderoso,
Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
que has hecho nacer de nuevo a estos hijos tuyos
por medio del agua y del Espíritu Santo,
librándolos del pecado,
escucha nuestra oración
y envía sobre ellos al Espíritu Santo Consolador:
espíritu de sabiduría y de inteligencia,
espíritu de consejo y de fortaleza,
espíritu de ciencia, de piedad

y de tu santo temor.

Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amen. / Amén.

The Archbishop and Bishop Tafoya proceed to the place for the anointing. The concelebrating priests sit.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The Deacons bring the Chrism to the bishops.

Each candidate goes to a bishop. The sponsor holds the card with the name on it and announces the name to the bishop loudly and clearly. The sponsor then places his right hand on the candidate's shoulder. 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:

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The general intercessions follow in this or a similar form determined by the competent authority.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST