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**ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION**

**AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

*Candidates and their sponsors take part in the Entrance Procession, coming immediately before the Bishop.*

**Welcome by Parish Representative or School Representative**

Welcome to all those in our parish who are about to be drawn more closely to the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Choose an item.. Welcome to their families, their [sponsors](file:///\\AD\Data\Teams\CTC\OfficeForWorship\Office%20for%20Worship\4.%20OFFICE%20FOR%20WORSHIP\1%20Confirmation\anthony.kain\Documents\Liturgy\2016\Confirmation%20Ceremony%202016.doc#Sponsors) and their friends; welcome to the members of our parish and school community who have assembled to pray.

Please refrain from using mobile phones or cameras during the celebration. There will be opportunities for photos at the end of the celebration.

**Acknowledgement of Country (optional)**

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the Choose an item. people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Choose an item. people as the custodians of this region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to those living today.

Please stand and join in our gathering song**,** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Entrance Song:** Click or tap here to enter text.

(please also include the composer’s name, year of release and your parish OneLicense number)

**LITURGICAL GREETING**

*After the Bishop and ministers have made the usual reverence to the altar, the Bishop greets the congregation:*

Bishop: In the name of the Father …...

Bishop*:* Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Brief words of welcome from the Bishop*

**PENITENTIAL ACT (3RD form):**

**GLORIA:**

**COLLECT:**

Bishop: Let us pray *(pause for prayer)*

**All: Amen**

**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING: (Add scripture reference here)**

Include scripture text here (Jerusalem version)

The word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

*A brief time of silence follows for personal reflection on God’s word.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Add Psalm reference here)**

(Response and verses to be included here)

**SECOND READING: (Add scripture reference here)**

Include scripture text here (Jerusalem version)

The word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

*Please Stand to Welcome the Gospel*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Add details of the chosen Gospel Acclamation here

**GOSPEL: (Add scripture reference here)**

Include scripture text here (Jerusalem version)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

Bishop Greg, I wish to present to you the following candidates who have asked to be confirmed. During the past months they have grown and journeyed together, reflecting on their lives and their own experiences. At the same time, they have grown in knowledge and love of God: that same knowledge and love they have shared within their families and within the life of our Church.

I now present the candidates for Confirmation.

As I call your name I invite you to stand in your place and remain standing until all the names have been called.

*Bishop briefly speaks with the candidates. He then invites them to sit before he gives the homily*

Homily: Bishop Greg O’Kelly

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Bishop: My dear candidates for Confirmation, before you are confirmed I invite you to stand in your place as you call to mind the faith which your parents and godparents professed with the Church at your baptism.

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his 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 Bishop invites the candidates to come to the sanctuary with their sponsors. They form a semi-circle in front of the altar, leaving enough space for the actions which follow.*

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The Bishop, facing the people, with hands joined, says:*

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.

*After inviting the people to silent prayer, the Bishop and concelebrants move along the semicircle, laying hands on each candidate’s head in turn.*

*Bishop then says:*

Bishop: 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.

*Sponsors then place their right hands on the candidates’ shoulders, ready for the Anointing*

**THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

*The Bishop once again moves along the semi-circle with the Oil of Chrism. As he stops at each candidate the sponsor tells him the Confirmation name before the candidate is anointed. Once the anointing has taken place the Sponsor hands the Confirmation card to the Assisting Minister.*

Bishop: (Candidate’s confirmation name)

be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**Candidate: And with your spirit.**

*The newly-confirmed and their sponsors remain in place until the conclusion of the Universal Prayer (if the layout of the sanctuary permits).*

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

Bishop: Dear sisters and brothers, in confidence and trust, let us place our prayers before our loving and faithful God.

Reader 1For the Holy Catholic Church, that we may continue to be formed into a community of love. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader 2For our candidates confirmed this day, that they may continue to grow in faith and in wisdom. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader 3For the parents and sponsors of these young people, that they may continue to set examples of love, unity and peace. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader 4For those who have prepared the newly confirmed for this sacrament, that they may be blessed in their ministry. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader 5For our parish community, that we may continue to see God as a God of love who is always near us, inspiring us to love one another. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Loving God, you have gifted us with the Spirit of Jesus. Listen to all our prayers and needs that we place before you, through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

**Song:** Click or tap here to enter text.

(or instrumental) (please also include the composer’s name, year of release and your parish OneLicense number)

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**PREFACE**

**HOLY HOLY:** Choose an item.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:** Choose an item.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Bishop:At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father …...**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

**LAMB OF GOD:** Choose an item.

**COMMUNION**

*Those who have been confirmed come forward first to receive Holy Communion. The rest of the congregation will follow once the newly confirmed have returned to their seats. There will be a time for silent prayer after Communion*

**Communion Song:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Reflection Song: :** Click or tap here to enter text.

(optional) (please also include the composer’s name, year of release and your parish OneLicense number)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bishop: Let us pray

Pour on us, O Lord,

the spirit of your love and,

in your kindness,

make those you have nourished

by this one heavenly Bread

one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord,

**All: Amen**

*At this point the Bishop will generally congratulate the children, their families and sponsors.*

**NOTICES AND THANKS**

Spoken by a Parish Representative or School Representative:

* Give words of thanks to the Bishop and others who have contributed to the preparation and organisation of the celebration
* Make announcements regarding the reception afterwards etc.
* Instructions regarding photographs, as per **Archbishop’s request** as follows:

“Candidates will come forward during the Recessional Hymn for an official photo with the Bishop. There will be an opportunity for individual photos following the Mass……”

*During the Recessional hymn the newly-confirmed, without their sponsors, come forward and, as they take up a position in front of the altar (if possible) ready for a group photo with the Bishop, they will be handed their certificate by a teacher/catechist. After the group photo has been taken there will be an opportunity for individual photos*

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**SOLEMN BLESSING**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: 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**

Bishop: 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**

Bishop: 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**

Bishop: And may almighty God bless all of you,

who are gathered here,

the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**OR**

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: Confirm, O God,

what you have brought about in us,

and preserve in the hearts of your faithful

the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

may they never be ashamed

to confess Christ crucified before the world

and by devoted charity

may they ever fulfil his commands.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Bishop: 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:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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