**Template / Guide to preparing the liturgy for:**

**ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION**

**WITHOUT MASS**

**Enter the Church Name, Suburb/Town**

**Enter Day, Date, Time**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

a) On the Sundays of Easter Time and on Solemnities, the prayers and readings will be those designated for that day or Feast (with White vestments.)

b) On weekdays during Ordinary Time, when there is no other Feast, the prayers will come from the Order of Confirmation and the readings may be chosen from the readings listed in the Order of Confirmation (a digital copy of which is available via the Office for Worship website – [www.ofw-adelaide.org.au](http://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au) (Red vestments will be worn.)

D) Please select your hymns from the list of pre-approved hymns as found on the Office for Worship website. If you would like to use a hymn which is not listed, please complete the ‘Request for Hymn Approval Form’ and submit with your draft liturgy. Both documents are available at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/confirmations>

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

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

**Welcome by Parish Representative or School Representative**

Welcome to our young people whose baptism the Church confirms in the sacrament of Confirmation in our community this evening / morning. 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 camera during the celebration. There will be opportunities for photos at the end of the celebration.

**THIS SECTION SHOULD NOT BE AMENDED. ONLY NAMES OF LOCAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND SHOULD BE CHANGED.**

**Acknowledgement of Country is OPTIONAL**

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna 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**, Add name of your chosen hymn**

**Entrance Song: Add details of your chosen hymn**

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

**LITURGICAL GREETING**

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

Bishop*:* Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Brief words of welcome from the Archbishop*

**COLLECT:**

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

OFW will insert appropriate collect (depending on time of year of celebration)

**All: Amen**

**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

The readings are to be proclaimed from the Lectionary and not from individual pieces of paper, even if they are inserted into a folder. This preserves the dignity of the Word of God.

**FIRST READING:**

**Add details of First Reading here**

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

It is desirable that the Responsorial Psalm be sung. This ought not be a hymn substituted for the Psalm but the actual psalm (See Office for Worship website for possible settings.)

**Enter chosen Responsorial Psalm here**

*Please Stand to Welcome the Gospel*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A selection of acclamations are available from <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/confirmations>

**Add details of chosen Acclamation here**

**GOSPEL:**

**Add details of Gospel Reading here**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

**To be done by the Parish Priest ONLY**

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

Homily: Bishop Gregory O’Kelly

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**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Bishop: My dear candidates for Confirmation, before you are confirmed I invite you to stand in your place as you make your own the promises your parents and godparents made for you at your baptism.

*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 (if space permits).*

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**

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**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.*

*Unless there is a very large number of candidates, this is best done in silence. With COVID restrictions in place, safety protocols must be observed and the Bishop and concelebrants will sanitise their hands after touching each candidate. Please provide hand sanitiser or antibacterial wipes for this purpose.*

*Bishop Greg 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*

**THIS SECTION MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LITURGY. NO CHANGES ARE PERMITTED.**

**THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

*The sacred Chrism is brought to Bishop Greg, and he will anoint each candidate in turn. Due to COVID restrictions, safety protocols must be observed and the Bishop will apply the Chrism using cotton balls (a new cotton ball for each candidate to prevent cross-contamination). Please ensure that you provide sufficient supply of cotton balls and a waste receptacle.*

*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.*

***PLEASE NOTE:*** *Archbishop Patrick has requested that NO music, instrumental or pre-recorded, be played during the Anointing with Chrism. Members of the congregation are asked to sit quietly during this time.*

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).*

The following is a suggested Universal Prayer. It may be amended to include prayers for the local community.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

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, may we 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, may they 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, may they 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, may they be blessed in their ministry. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader 5For our parish community, may we 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**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Bishop:Dearly beloved, let us gather together our petitions,

praying with one voice

as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray.

**All: Our Father …...**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever

**All: Amen**

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit**

Bishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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

**NOTICES AND THANKS**

*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.*

Spoken by a Parish Representative or School Representative:

* Give words of thanks to Bishop Greg 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 Bishop Greg O’Kelly. There will be an opportunity for individual photos following the Mass……”

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**SELECT EITHER THE SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE (Delete whichever is not used)**

**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:**

**Enter chosen hymn here**

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