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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

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Candidates are seated with their sponsors, family and friends

Commentator: Welcome

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 and their friends; welcome to the members of our parish and school community who have assembled to pray.

THIS SECTION SHOULD NOT BE AMENDED. ONLY CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND SHOULD BE ADDED.
Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the **Kurna** people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the **Kurna** 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

...during which Celebrant, the priests and the other ministers participating in the liturgy, process into the church.

Celebrant: In the name of the Father

LITURGICAL GREETING

After making, together with the ministers, the usual reverence to the altar, Celebrant greets the congregation:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Brief words of welcome from the celebrant

COLLECT:

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

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The sacred celebration of the word of God takes place, in which at least one of the reading proposed for the Mass of Confirmation is read. *(As in the Lectionary for Mass (No.s 763 – 767).* A digital copy is available via the Office for Worship website www.ofw-adelaide.org.au

FIRST READING: (SELECT FROM THE CONFIRMATION TEXTS)

Add details of First Reading here

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (MUST BE A PSALM - SELECT FROM THE CONFIRMATION TEXTS)

Enter chosen Responsorial Psalm here

Please Stand to Welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SELECT FROM THE CONFIRMATION TEXTS)

Add details of chosen Acclamation here

GOSPEL: (SELECT FROM THE CONFIRMATION TEXTS)

Add details of Gospel Reading here

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit**
Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Add details of Gospel Reading here

At conclusion of Gospel reading

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Commentator: **Add celebrant's name here**, these young people have asked to be confirmed. During the past months they have journeyed together, reflecting on their faith and growing in the knowledge and love of God that they have experienced in their family and our Church.

I now present the candidates for Confirmation. Children, as I call your name I invite you to stand in your place and remain standing until all the names have been called.

Names of candidates are read.

Celebrant briefly addresses the children and then invites them to sit as he preaches the homily.

Homily: Celebrant

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RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant: My dear young people, before you are confirmed I invite you to come forward and stand before the congregation as you make your own the promises your parents and godparents made for you at your baptism.

The children come forward and stand before Celebrant.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty show?

Candidates: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: **I do.**

Celebrant : 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Then Celebrant, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Celebrant: 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 while

Then Celebrant lays hands over all those to be confirmed and says:

Celebrant: 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.

Pause to allow time for the children to return to their seats.

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THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The sacred Chrism is brought to Celebrant.

The children now come up individually with their Sponsor and stand before Celebrant. The sponsor places his/her right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate and hands the confirmation card to the server assisting the celebrant.

Celebrant: (Candidate's confirmation name)
be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Celebrant : Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

Instrumental or Pre-recorded Music can commence now while the other candidates are being confirmed.

The following are suggested prayers of intercession. They may be amended to include prayers for the local community.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: In confidence and trust, let us place our prayers before our loving and faithful God.

Reader 1 For 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 2 For 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 3 For their 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 4 For 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 5 For 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

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

NOTICES AND THANKS

Amend as necessary for your celebration.

Commentator: The commentator offers thanks to the celebrant and others and announces arrangements for the reception and photograph opportunities

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant: The Lord 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

Celebrant/Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant/Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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](#)