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

**ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION AND**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WITHIN MASS**

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

**Enter Day, Date, Time**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

A) During Easter time and on the Solemnities of Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christ and the Sacred Heart, the prayers and readings for Mass will be those designated for that Feast or Sunday (with White vestments, except on Pentecost, when red vestments are worn.)

B) On Sundays during Ordinary Time, the prayers will come from the Ritual Mass for Confirmation and the readings will be those designated for the Sunday (with Red vestments.)

C) On a weekday, when there is no other Feast, 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/)

D) Please select your hymn 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 Vicar General Fr Philip Marshall.*

**Welcome by Parish Representative or Teacher**

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 in our celebration today.

Welcome to their families, their sponsors and their friends; welcome to the members of our parish and school community who have assembled here this morning/evening.

ADD any local notices here including:

“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 THE NAME 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 eg. 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 here.**

**LITURGICAL GREETING**

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

Vicar General*:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Brief words of welcome from the Vicar General*

PENITENTIAL ACT (3RD FORM) [OFW will add this in full]

GLORIA:

**COLLECT:**

Vicar General 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**

**SECOND READING**

**Add details of Second Reading here**

**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**

Fr Philip, 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.

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

**HOMILY:** **Vicar General**

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

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Vicar General: 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.

*The candidates stand in their places.*

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates I do.

Vicar General : 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.

Vicar General: 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.

Vicar General: 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.

Vicar General: 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 Vicar General 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.*

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

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The Vicar General, facing the people, with hands joined says:*

Vicar General: 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 Vicar General 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 Vicar General and concelebrants will sanitise their hands after touching each candidate. Please provide hand sanitiser or antibacterial wipes for this purpose.*

*Vicar General then says:*

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

*The Vicar General 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 O’Regan 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.*

Vicar General: (Candidate’s confirmation name)

be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Vicar General : 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 parish community.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

1. We pray for a sense of hope and trust in the promises of God so that we will be faithful in witnessing to the Gospel and seeking to live fully in the light and love of Jesus Christ…We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that we may grow in awareness as we are called to be part of Jesus’ mission in the world.…We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for strength that we may be faithful disciples and witnesses to the teaching of Jesus Christ so that all we know will learn something of God’s Good News for the world…We pray for the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for a sense of joy in this celebration, that as Jesus ascended into heaven, we are assured that He who has gone before is preparing a place for us...We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for all those being confirmed and about to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at this Eucharist, that they will be filled with the very goodness of our God…We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

6. We pray for all in leadership in the Church throughout the world, for Francis our Pope, Patrick our Bishop, and for our priests who lead us in faith and who share with us in the joy of the risen Christ…We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

7. We pray for all those who need our prayers, that God will give them strength and courage. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer.**

Vicar General: 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**

*Until COVID restrictions are lifted the procession of gifts is omitted.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

**Add details of chosen hymn here**

Vicar General**:** Pray, brothers and sisters,

that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father**.**

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Dialogue for the Preface**

**PREFACE** [OFW will add this]

SANCTUS:

Vicar General: The mystery of faith

**All:When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**

**we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again**

**Amen**

Vicar General: Through him, and with him, and in him.

O God, almighty Father,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All glory and honour is yours,

For ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**COMMUNION RITE**

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

All: Our Father….

**SIGN OF PEACE**

Vicar General: 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

Vicar General: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Vicar General: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LAMB OF GOD:

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 HYMNS:

Please select hymns appropriate to Communion (not Confirmation) here.

Add details of chosen hymn/s

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Vicar General: 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

**NOTICES AND THANKS**

PLEASE NOTE:

*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 Vicar General, 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:**

Notices should include the following points:

* Give words of thanks to the Vicar General 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 Vicar General Fr Philip Marshall. There will be an opportunity for individual photos following the Mass……”

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Vicar General: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Vicar General: Blessed be the name of the Lord

**All: Now and for ever.**

Vicar General: Our help is in the name of Lord.

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

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

**SOLEMN BLESSING**

Vicar General/Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Vicar General: 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**

Vicar General: 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**

Vicar General: 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**

Vicar General: 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**

VG/PP: Bow down for the blessing.

Vicar General: 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

Vicar General: 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 details of chosen hymn here**

**If you require assistance to prepare your Confirmation liturgy, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or email worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au**