

Greeting by the Bishop:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit

Liturgy of the Word

(a summary is provided of the scripture texts)

Old Testament reading (Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 21)

**When the Advocate comes,
you will be my witnesses.**

New Testament reading (Galatians 5:16-17. 22-25)

*What the Spirit brings is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness,
gentleness and self control. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel reading (Matthew 25: 14-30)

The Lord be with you

And with your Spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ**

Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

Each candidate stands when their name is called.

Instruction from the Bishop

The bishop instructs the seated candidates and the faithful.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The candidates respond in a loud clear voice.

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

I do.

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

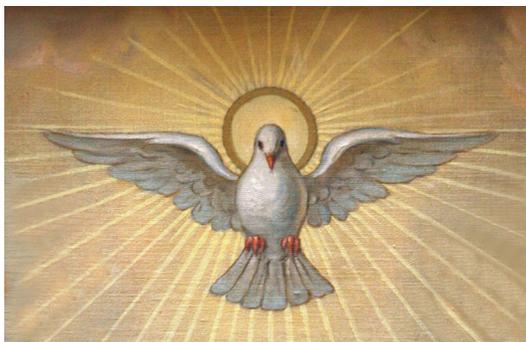
I do.

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

I do.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All respond: **Amen.**



The Laying on of Hands

*With hands extended the bishop and priests join in prayer
that the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts and lives of the candidates.*

The Anointing with Chrism

*The candidate goes before the Bishop, makes a sign of reverence, and kneels.
The sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's shoulder and speaks
or shows the chosen saint's name of the candidate to the bishop.*

The bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with Holy Chrism, saying:

Be sealed, with the gift of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Peace be with you

And with your Spirit

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

The Lord's Prayer

Confirmation Pledge

A tradition in Ireland for many years, this pledge has become increasingly important in our changing world.



Lord Jesus, on this my Confirmation Day,
I make a special promise
not to consume alcohol or any drug
which might harm or destroy
your gift of life to me.
Grant me, O Lord,
your grace to keep this promise
and to consider renewing this pledge
when I am 18 years of age.

Blessing of religious objects

The bishop blesses medals, rosary beads and prayer books

Solemn Blessing & Dismissal

Our celebration of Confirmation is ended.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All respond:

Thanks be to God.