

Confirmation Liturgy Information Sheet

Parish: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Number of Candidates: _____ (attach list)

A few practical and liturgical preferences to keep in mind as you plan the liturgy:

- The preferred seating arrangement for Confirmation is to have the *Confirmandi* sitting on one side of the aisle with the sponsors on the other side of the aisle. This lends itself for a smooth flow during the administration of the Sacrament.
- The *Confirmandi* are to be in proper Sunday dress. Special graduation-style robes may be used. Stoles should never be worn. "The distinction between the universal priesthood of all the baptized and the ministerial priesthood of the ordained is blurred when the distinctive garb of ordained ministers is used at Confirmation. Therefore, the use of a stole for the *Confirmandi* should be avoided" (*BCL Newsletter*, Vol. XX, December, 1984).
- The liturgical procession for the Mass includes, thurible, cross, candles, deacon(s), priest(s) and main celebrant. If you desire that the *Confirmandi* process into the church, their place is **before** (ahead of) the liturgical procession.
- Since the Confirmation Mass has a renewal of Baptismal Promises, it is best not to do a Sprinkling Rite to avoid a duplication of the elements of the Mass.
- Have lemon and bread ready (bread should not be cut into small pieces) for the celebrant to remove the Sacred Chrism from his hands.
- If the candidates are to process out, they will process out after the liturgical procession.
- The color of the liturgical vestments will be determined by the Mass being celebrated:
 - If the confirmation is being celebrated on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, the vestment color is green.
 - During weekdays and Sundays of Lent and Advent, purple vestments are used.
 - On Sundays and on weekdays of the season of Easter and Christmas, the vestment color is white.
 - Red vestments are worn on Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Obligatory Memorials of Martyrs, Feasts of the Apostles and Evangelists, and when the Ritual Mass of Confirmation is used on ferial weekdays of Ordinary Time.
- Music should reflect the liturgical season or the Ritual Mass when permitted.
- The Readings of the day are always to be used. This includes the Responsorial Psalm. The text, including the **response and verses**, should conform to the Lectionary. On Ferial Days, the 2nd Reading may be taken from the Reading of

the Confirmation Ritual Mass. Please call to discuss this option before you send in the planning sheets. The Responsorial Psalm is the sung proclamation of the Word. As part of the Liturgy of the Word ... "The psalmist...sings the verses of the psalm from the ambo or other suitable place" (GIRM, 61). If the choir will be singing the verses, the cantor is present at the ambo to lead the response of the assembly.

- If the number of candidates is greater than 20, they will be presented to the celebrant as a group, rather than individually.
- During the Anointing with Chrism, please have the sponsor present the saint name (verbally or written on a card) to the celebrant.

Please provide the names of clergy who will be assisting or concelebrating at the Mass:

Deacon(s): _____

Concelebrant(s): _____

Main Celebrant: *Father ...*

Introductory Rites: (takes place at the presidential chair)

Entrance Chant: (Title and Source): _____

Is incense being used at this liturgy? _____

(Pastor/deacon must ensure that thurifer is experienced with incense.)

Penitential Act: (Mark with an "x")

_____ Confiteor (said by Priest) (Chanted or Spoken Kyrie/ Lord have mercy follows)

_____ No. 5 in Missal (said by Priest) (Chanted or Spoken Kyrie/ Lord have mercy follows)

_____ No. 6 in Missal (said by Priest, Deacon, or another minister)

Gloria: Sung Mass of _____

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Psalm: _____ Sung or Read by: _____

2nd Reading: _____ Read by: _____

Gospel: _____ Proclaimed by: _____

Presentation of Candidates: _____

Homily: *Father...*

Rite of Confirmation:

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: The candidates stand facing the celebrant.

Anointing with Chrism: The deacon or server brings the chrism to the celebrant.
(The pastor may be asked to give each candidate a holy card at this time.)

Universal Prayer: (Use the Universal Prayer from the Rite of Confirmation.
If there is not a deacon to proclaim the intercessions, have one person read them.)

Recited by: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist: (The gifts should be presented by select candidates)

Offertory Chant: (Title and Source): _____

Sanctus: Sung _____ Recited _____

Memorial Acclamation: Sung _____ Recited _____

Our Father: Sung _____ Recited _____

Lamb of God: Sung _____ Recited _____

Communion Chant: (Title and Source): _____

Recessional Hymn: (Title and Source): _____

Other Information:

Name of person completing this form: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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