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Preparation

“Those who have been baptized continue on the path of Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which they receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord sent upon the Apostles at Pentecost.”

“One of the highest responsibilities of the People of God is to prepare the baptized to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pastors have the special responsibility to see that all the baptized reach the completion of Christian Initiation and therefore that they are prepared with the utmost care for Confirmation.”

“...parents have the responsibility of forming and gradually increasing a spirit of faith in the children...” thus preparing them to receive this sacrament. (OC #3)

Preparation of the Candidates

“Those who are to receive Confirmation must have already been baptized. Moreover, those faithful possessing the use of reason must be in the state of grace, be properly instructed, and be capable of renewing the baptismal promises.” (OC #12)

Age

In the Archdiocese of Detroit baptized Catholic candidates who have completed catechetical preparation and have been approved by the pastor may celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation between the ages of 13 and 15, except for those candidates of catechetical age who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church (RCIA, 252-259), or have a special dispensation by the local bishop. (**Policies and Procedures Handbook**, #250.1)

Verification of Baptism

Since Confirmation is the completion of the Initiation Sacraments parishes must verify that the candidate has been validly baptized in the Catholic Church. A baptism certificate should be obtained and kept on file. If there is difficulty obtaining a baptism certificate please contact the Office for Christian Worship for assistance.

Immediate Preparation

Reception of a sacrament requires that the person be in the state of grace. Therefore reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be included in the immediate preparation for Confirmation.

Stoles

A stole is the distinctive garb of ordained ministers (bishops, priests, deacons). Confirmandi **do not wear a stole.**

Mass Prayers

The prayers for the **Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation** are found in the Roman Missal, Ritual Masses # 4, p. 1130. On days when the Ritual Mass is permitted, these Mass prayers are used. (Check the ordo. You will see V1 , V2 , V3, next to **Mass** if a ritual Mass is permitted.)

However, if Confirmation is celebrated on any of the following days, the Mass of the day and the readings of the day **MUST** be used:

- The Easter Triduum
- Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost
- **Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season**
- Ash Wednesday, the weekdays of Holy Week, the days within the octave of Easter
- Proper Solemnities

(Check the ordo. If S is used next to **Mass**, this day is a proper solemnity and the prayers and readings of the day must be used...**General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar**, #59)

Choosing the Readings

On days when the ritual Mass for Confirmation is permitted, the readings for the Mass for Confirmation in the Lectionary #764 – 768 may be used.

On the holy days of obligation and the solemnities of Epiphany, Ascension, Pentecost and the Body and Blood of Christ, the Mass and **the readings of the day must be used**. However, on these days **one** of the readings may be taken from those provided in the Lectionary for Mass #764 – 768.

Color of Vestments

The vestments for the Ritual Mass are **red** or **white** or some other festive color. The vestments for Epiphany, Ascension, Solemnities, the Octave and Sundays of Easter are **white**. The vestments for the Sundays of Advent and Lent are **violet**.

Ministers Needed

Servers

- two to hold the bishop's miter and staff when he is not using them unless the bishop prefers to handle his own miter
- two to carry lighted candles at the entrance procession, at the Gospel procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, and in the recessional
- one to carry the crucifix

- two to assist at the Mass i.e. hold the Ceremonial Book, carry and present the incense, assist with the washing of hands, bring forth the vessels needed for the distribution of Communion

Master of Ceremonies

This person needs to be totally familiar with the flow of the celebration. She/he is part of the planning meetings with the pastor, musician/liturgist, and catechetical leaders. The responsibility of the MC is to see that the ceremony flows according to the plan, to facilitate behind the scene and is only rarely visible to the assembly. She/he should never attract attention away from the prayer and action of the celebration. A Guide is provided for the MC in the Appendix: **Addendum VII**.

Lectors

Persons who are qualified readers should be chosen as lectors for this celebration. It is best that *confirmandi* not be readers for their own Confirmation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If there are not a sufficient number of ordinary ministers for Holy Communion present at the celebration, others who have been commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be used. Please follow the directives in the **Guide for EMHC**, from the Office of Christian Worship.

Sponsors

“As a rule, each of those to be confirmed should be assisted by a sponsor, who will bring them to receive the Sacrament, will present them to the minister of Confirmation for the sacred anointing, and afterwards will help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully in accordance with the Holy Spirit whom they have received.” (OC #5)

The sponsor does not need to be of the same sex as the one being confirmed. There is only one sponsor for each confirmand. It is required that the sponsor be:

- of sufficient maturity, but sixteen years of age is the minimum (Canon 874, #2)
- a practicing Catholic
- one who has already received all the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist
- not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed

It is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if available, also be the sponsor at Confirmation. However, candidates have the option of choosing a special sponsor for Confirmation. (OC, #5).

Sometimes it happens that there is difficulty finding a suitable sponsor. In such a case it is possible for one of the parents to present the child for Confirmation. However, if a parent does present the child it must be noted that the child has **no sponsor**. No sponsor is listed in the Confirmation Register. Furthermore, the parent only presents the child; does not place a hand on the shoulder during the anointing. This is a ritual gesture of sponsors only.

When a godparent cannot be present at a baptism, a **proxy** can be designated. The godparent should write a letter that states he/she is the sponsor but will not be able to be present at the celebration. Therefore, I appoint (name of the proxy) to be present in my stead. This letter should be kept in a file at the parish.

In that case, both the godparent and the proxy's names should appear in the Confirmation register, with the proxy identified as the proxy. Both names will appear on any certificates, with the proxy being identified as such.

(Reference Guide to Sacramental Records Preservation and Policies, p 15)

Environment

Seating

It is preferable for the confirmandi and their sponsors to be seated together in one or two sections of the church. It is easier to talk with them when they are seated as a group.

Name Tags

Confirmandi should wear a NAME TAG with their CONFIRMATION NAME CLEARLY HIGHLIGHTED. Since the use of the baptismal name in the Confirmation ceremony better expresses the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation its use is recommended. The candidate, however, remains free to select another **Christian** name, which has significance in the community for his/her Confirmation name.

Presence of children who are already baptized in a Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite

Children who are members of an Eastern Catholic Church have already been confirmed at their baptism.

*Like Baptism which it completes, **Confirmation is given only once**, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the “character,” which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. (CCC #1304)*

These children are under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of that particular Eastern Catholic Church. If the parents wish them to be part of the process of preparation for Confirmation with their peers in the Catholic school or religious education process, the pastor/or parents should request special permission from the Bishop of the Eastern Catholic Rite Church.

In the course of this preparation for Confirmation these children should not be treated as if they are candidates for Confirmation. Rather, when their peers are being prepared for Confirmation, they should be made aware of the fact that the Confirmation they received has made them full members of the Catholic Church. They have had the fullness of the Holy Spirit within them since their baptism.

It will be important to avoid any appearance that these children are candidates for Confirmation. This could be interpreted as a simulation of the sacrament. They are not seated with the actual candidates. It is also not proper for them to be a part of the procession to the Bishop to request a blessing from the bishop. **Only those to be confirmed belong in this line.**

As full members of the church these children could be invited to take on a liturgical ministry at the celebration. They could be greeters, servers, choir members, etc.

Celebration

Introductory Rites

Call to Prayer

A few moments before the Entrance Procession a commentator or someone else from the parish may give a Call to Silence and Prayer. The purpose of this call is to welcome the gathered assembly and invite them to silence and prayerful reflection in preparation for the liturgy about to begin. It is a way of reminding the assembly that we are gathered to praise and thank God. The call should be brief and should be followed by a time of silence before the Entrance Hymn begins. (See **Addendum I** for a sample)

Entrance Procession

The order of procession for the entrance is as follows:

- censer bearer...carrying a censer with burning incense
- acolyte carrying the cross, with the corpus in front, walking between other acolytes (at least two) carrying candlesticks with lighted candles
- lectors
- deacon with **Book of Gospels**...(if there is no deacon at your parish, the lector may carry the **Book of the Gospels** and place it on the altar. GIRM 120, d)
- concelebrating priests walking two by two
- MC
- Bishop, walking alone, wearing miter, carrying staff
- Assisting deacon a little behind the bishop
- Two servers who assist with the miter and staff unless the bishop wishes to handle his own miter

If the Confirmandi are part of the Entrance Procession they would follow the cross and candle bearers.

Penitential Rite

Option A: all recite the *Confiteor* (I Confess); the priest gives the absolution which is followed by the *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy).

- Option B: the priest leads the people in a short dialogue of psalm verses; the priest gives the absolution which is followed by the Kyrie eleison.
- Option C: three invocations are made to Christ by the priest or deacon. These should be acclamations to Christ who is merciful, not a litany of sins for which the faithful seek mercy. The people respond Kyrie eleison, etc. to each invocation.

Sample invocations are given in the **Roman Missal, Appendix VI.**

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water

During the Easter Season and on all Sundays of Ordinary time it is commendable that the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water replace the usual penitential rite. (Ceremonial of Bishops, #133) See the **Roman Missal, Appendix II** for this Rite.

Gloria

When the **Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation** is used the Gloria is sung (preferably) or said. It is included on Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and at solemn local celebrations. When it is called for, **do not** have it sung during the sprinkling rite.

Liturgy of the Word

Readings

When the **Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation** is used the readings are taken from the Lectionary for Mass #764 – 768.

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Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm is part of the Liturgy of the Word. The cantor sings the verses of the psalm at the ambo. If the choir will be singing the verses, the cantor is present at the ambo to lead the response of the assembly.

Gospel

The Gospel is to be read by the deacon (or a priest-concelebrant in his absence). This minister asks for the bishop's blessing. After the proclamation the minister brings the Gospel Book to the bishop for him to kiss after the reading. The bishop may impart a blessing to the people with the **Book of the Gospels. (GIRM #175)**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Presentation of the Candidates

After the Gospel the bishop and the priests who assist him are seated. The pastor or another priest, deacon, or catechist presents the candidates for Confirmation according to the custom of the region. If possible, each candidate is called by name and comes individually to the sanctuary. If the candidates are children, they are accompanied by their sponsor and both stand before the celebrant. The sponsors attest to the readiness of the candidates as part of this presentation. If there are many candidates, they are not called by name, but take a suitable place before the bishop. (See **Addendum II** for text of presentation)

Homily

The Bishop will then give the homily.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

After the homily the candidates stand and bishop questions them. They respond "I do" together.

The bishop gives his assent to their profession of faith and proclaims the faith of the Church. The assembly responds: Amen. A sung acclamation may be used as a response. (See **Addendum III** for suggestions of music for the acclamation.)

The Laying on of Hands

The bishop invites the assembly to pray. After the invitation the assembly prays in silence for a short time. The bishop **ALONE** extends hands over the confirmandi **who are standing and says the prayer**. No one else in the assembly extends hands.

Anointing With Chrism

Candidates and sponsors process to the bishop for the anointing. The organization of this procession will depend on the size and configuration of your worship space. To enhance the processional aspect parishes might want to consider having the procession start with the last pew of candidates and work toward the first pew.

The parish will need to consider the needs of the physically challenged as well and decide the best placement of them in the procession so that there is a smooth flow. Another consideration will be the fact that the anointing action should be visible to the entire congregation.

When the candidates come forward, they should stand close to the bishop. The sponsor is to stand directly behind the candidate and place his/her right hand on the right shoulder of the one being confirmed. (RC #26) If the number is large, the candidates come up in two's.

The candidate gives his/her own name verbally to the bishop.

Washing of Hands

At the end of the anointing a pitcher of water, a bowl, four quarters of lemon and a towel or bread are brought to the bishop in order that he might cleanse his hands.

The Universal Prayer

The Universal Prayer follows immediately, and is introduced by the bishop. All stand. The intentions are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the deacon or by a cantor, a lector, or one of the lay faithful. (GIRM #71) **Addendum IV** contains the petitions given in the **Order of Confirmation**.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the **Universal Prayer** the Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated according to the Order of the Mass with this exception:

The Creed is omitted since the Profession of Faith has already been made.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Two representatives of those confirmed and two representatives of the parish family bring the gifts to the altar.

Eucharistic Prayer

The proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said when the Roman Canon is used; there are proper forms for Eucharistic Prayer II and Eucharistic Prayer III in the **Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation** when these are used.

Communion

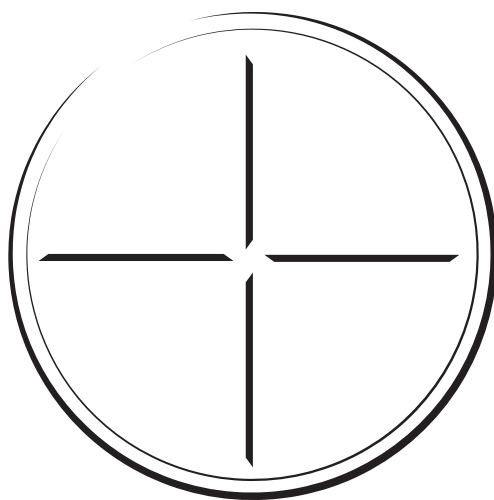
Communion should be given under both kinds. A sufficient number of ministers of the Eucharist ought to be involved so that the distribution of Communion does not exceed a reasonable time within the context of the ceremony. (5 minutes) Not all those confirmed need go to the bishop for Communion.

When distribution of Communion is finished, the bishop returns to the chair. A period of silence may now be observed. If desired, a hymn, psalm, or other song of praise may be sung by the **entire congregation**. (GIRM # 88)

Vessels should be purified after Mass is complete so that everyone in the assembly may take part in this period of silence.

Concluding Rites

Following the Prayer after Communion, the Bishop may make some personal remarks. At this time also, any other announcements may be made. The bishop then gives a special blessing contained in the Rite of Confirmation. **(See The Roman Missal: Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation)**



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Addendum I [REDACTED]

CALL TO PRAYER

Welcome

Today we gather as the Body of Christ to witness the completion of initiation of these candidates for Confirmation.

At their baptism they were joined to Christ. Today they will receive the fullness of that incorporation. Let us take a moment of silence to reflect and pray that these candidates will always remain faithful disciples of Christ.

(After some time for silence the opening hymn begins)



Addendum II

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The pastor, pastoral leader, deacon or catechetical leader presents the candidates for confirmation.

- The candidates and their sponsors are invited to stand
- The presenter then addresses the **Bishop**

Presenter:

[Bishop] N. _____

I present to you these candidates who seek to complete their Christian initiation by reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop:

The Christian life and the demands that flow from the sacraments cannot be taken lightly. Therefore, before granting these candidates their request to share fully in the Church's sacraments, it is important that the Church hears the testimony about their readiness.

Therefore, I ask you. Father _____

Are these candidates sufficiently prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Pastor: Yes, they are.

Bishop:

Sponsors, have these candidates faithfully listened to the Word of God proclaimed by the Church and come to a deeper appreciation of their baptism, in which they were joined to Christ and His Church?

Sponsors: They have.

Bishop:

Have they reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, joined their brothers and sisters in prayer and advanced in a life of love and service of others?

Sponsors: They have.

Bishop:

My dear candidates, you have been presented for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Do you wish at this time to be confirmed?

Candidates: I do

Bishop:

My dear candidates, relying on the help of God, and trusting the testimony of your pastor and sponsors the church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for the good work he has begun in you.

Response: Thanks be to God.

(A sung response of praise and thanks to God may be used)



Addendum III

CHECK LIST OF THINGS TO HAVE READY FOR CONFIRMATION

___ **Worship aid**

Only what is needed for assembly participation should be printed. Readings and prayers are not printed. Be sure that all copyright laws are carefully observed.

___ Reserved **seating** for candidates, sponsors, lectors and other liturgical ministers

___ Altar cloth

___ The **Book of the Gospels** with text marked. [This is usually carried by the deacon in the Entrance Procession or in his absence by one of the readers. It is placed on the altar and remains there until the Gospel. If the Book of the Gospels is not carried in procession it is placed on the altar before the Mass begins.]

___ **Lectionary** with texts marked is placed on the ambo

___ At least **2 candles** to be carried in the Entrance Procession

___ Processional **Cross** and stand

___ Vessel of **water and sprinkler(s)** if the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water is used

___ Basin with lemon pieces, **pitcher of water** and **towel/ or bread**

___ Chalice for bishop, **purificator, corporal**

___ **Gifts for presentation**

[Bread for all in the assembly in one bowl if possible; wine for all in the assembly]

___ Additional **plates** for distribution of Communion

[Plates are placed on a side table until the Lamb of God]

___ **Seats for ministers**

- bishop
- concelebrating priests (if present)
- deacon(s)
- servers

- ___ **Copy of intentions** for the Universal Prayer placed on the ambo for the deacon/cantor and one copy for the bishop (See **Addendum IV** Universal Prayer as given in **Order of Confirmation**)
- ___ Incense (if used)
- ___ Charcoal **lit** in the censer at least 10 minutes before the Entrance Procession
- ___ Extra **charcoal (tongs, matches)** for adding during the Mass
- ___ Microphone(s) put in place, turned on, tested
- ___ Light altar candles before Entrance Procession
- ___ Set control for climate, sound, lights
- ___ Extra seat for bishop (if your space requires this)
- ___ **Stole and chasuble** for the Bishop
- ___ **Alb/stole/dalmatic** for deacon(s)
- ___ **vessel with sacred Chrism**

Registry of Confirmation

After the celebration of Confirmation the following information **must** be entered into the **Registry of Confirmation**:

- **name of the confirmed**
- **name of the Bishop**
- **names of parents and sponsor**
- **date and place of Confirmation**

In addition the above information **must** be sent to the pastor of the place where the candidate(s) were baptized if that is not the same as the place of Confirmation in accord with Canon 895.

Addendum IV

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bishop:

My dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father
and be of one mind in our prayer,
just as faith, hope and charity,
which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.

Deacon/minister:

1. For these his servants,
whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:
that, planted in faith and grounded in love,
they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life,
let us pray to the Lord. RS

2. For their parents and sponsors:
that by word and example they may continue to encourage
those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord. RS

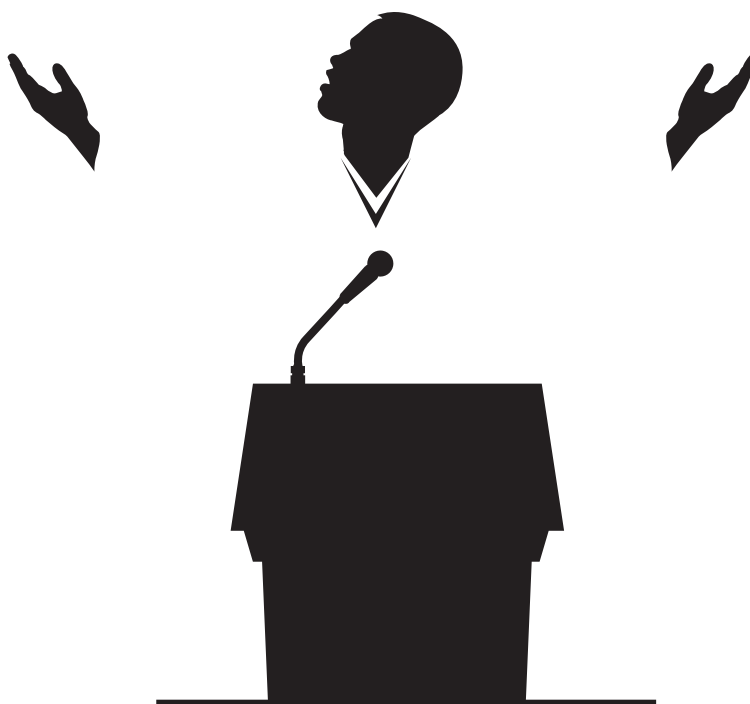
3. For the holy Church of God
together with **N** our Pope, **N** our Bishop, and all the Bishops:
that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,
the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love
until the coming of the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord. RS

4. For the whole world:
that all people, who have one Maker and Father,
may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters,
without discrimination of race or nation,
and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God,
which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord. RS

Bishop:

O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles
and willed that through them and their successors
the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful,
listen favorably to our prayer,
and grant that your divine grace,
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*[You may consider having these intentions chanted by a cantor with a sung response
by the community.]*



Addendum V

Music Suggestions

Confirmation Music Suggestions:

Entrance:

The Spirit of God	Deiss
All the Ends of the Earth	Dufford
Blest Are They	Haas
Bring Forth the Kingdom	Haugen
Come Down, O Love Divine	Down Ampney
Come, Holy Ghost	Lambillotte
Come, Holy Spirit	Ridge
Come Praise the Lord	Fisher
Hymn to the Spirit	Crandal
Laudate, Laudate Dominum	Walker
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	In Babilone
One Spirit, One Church	Keil
Out of Darkness	Walker
Renew the Face of the Earth	Hillebrand
Send Down the Fire	Haugen
Send Us Your Spirit	Haas
Send Us Your Spirit	Kendzia
Sing All the Earth	O'Connor
The Summons	Bell
Veni Sancte Spiritus	Berthier
Alaben al Señor	Hurd
Aleluya, Vive el Señor	Cortez
Compañeros de Cristo	Hurd
Digo "Sí," Señor/ I Say "Yes," My Lord	Peña
Envia, Señor, Tu Espíritu	Madurga

Sprinkling with Water:

Bathed in the Waters of Life	Landry
Water of Life/Agua de Vida	Cortez
You Have Put on Christ	Hughes
Rain Down	Cortez
River of Glory	Schutte

Psalm: _____

Psalm 16: The Path of Life	Soper
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd	Smith
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd	Cooney
Psalm 34: Taste and See	Hurd
Psalm 34: Taste and See	Moore
Psalm 96: Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds	Smith
Psalm 96: Proclaim To All the Nations	Haugen
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit	Zsigray
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit	Olawski
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit	Lisicky
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit	Peloquin
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit	Fisher
Psalm 104: Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord	Walker
Psalm 104: Send Out Your Spirit	Manibusan
Psalm 117: Go Out And Tell the Good News	Ash
Salmo 103: Envía Tu Espíritu, Señor	Garcia
Salmo 103: Envía Tu Espíritu, Señor	Rubalcava
Salma 144: Vayan por el Mundo Entero	Montgomery
Salmo 144: Bendeciré Tu Nombre	Schiavone
Salmo 22: El Señor Es Mi Pastor	Rosas
Salmo 22: El Señor Es Mi Pastor	Talué

Renewal of Baptismal Promises Acclamation: _____

You Have Put on Christ	Hughes
We Are Called, We Are Chosen	Conroy
If You Believe and I Believe	Bell
We Praise You, O Lord	Damians, Ducote
Ubi Caritas	Berthier/Taize

Anointing with Oil: During this time instrumental music may be played; singing should probably not occur during this time as many will wish to hear the bishop address the confirmandi as they are given the Sacrament.

Hymn Of Praise (while bishop washes hands): _____

Center of My Life	Inwood
Church of God	Daly/Stotter
Gracias, Señor	Gabaráin
Great is the Lord	Toolan
Pentecost Sequence	Willcock
The Seed that Falls on Good Ground	Ridge
This Day Was Made by the Lord	Walker
Voices that Challenge	Hass

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Beatitudes	Dameans/Ducote
Before the Sun Burned Bright	Schutte
Cántale	Vera
Christ, Be Our Light	Farrell
Come Praise the Lord	Fisher
Cry the Gospel	Booth
Everyone Moved by the Spirit	Landry
Gifts of the Spirit	Willcock
God Has Chosen Me	Farrell
Lead Me, Lord	Becker
Micah's Song	Brown
Now is the Time	Kenzia
O Lord, I Will Sing	Walker
Prayer of St. Francis	Temple
Servant Song	McGargill
Servant Song	Cooney
Song of Beatitudes	Deiss
Take, Lord, Receive	Foley
Tú Vas Conmigo	Hurd
We Have Been Told	Haas

Communion: _____

Blest are They	Haas
Al Venir Celebrar	Cortez
El Señor Es Mi Fuerza	Espinosa
Here I Am, Lord	Schutte
I Am the Living Bread	Haas
Now We Remain	Haas
Pan de Vida	Hurd
Peace Prayer	Foley
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo	Cortez
We Have Been Told	Haas
We Will Serve the Lord	Cooney

Closing: _____

All the Ends of the Earth	Dufford
Bring Forth the Kingdom	Haugen
City of God	Schutte
Go Out and Tell	Fisher
Gracias, Señor	Gabaráin
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Soper
In Christ There is No East or West	McKee
Send Us Forth	Hurd
Go Make of All Disciples	Ellacombe
Tis the Gift to be Simple	Simple Gifts
Those Who Love and Those Who Labor	Hymn to Joy

Addendum VI [REDACTED]

Archdiocese of Detroit Liturgy Planning Sheet for Confirmation Mass

Please return the completed form to the Bishop’s Office no later than **2 WEEKS**
in advance of the Mass. Find contact information at the end of this form.

Note that not all items on this form apply to all Masses.

Parish, Institution or Organization: _____

Date of Mass: _____ Liturgy begins at: _____

Address of church where
Confirmation will be celebrated: _____

Number of Persons Expected to Attend: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

(In the event that the Bishop needs to contact the liturgy site within 30 minutes of the liturgy, person and phone number to be tried and thus avoid answering machines/services)

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

A. MINISTRIES

Principal Celebrant: _____ Approx. No. of Concelebrants: _____

Deacon(s): _____

Lector - First Reading: _____

Lector - Second Reading: _____

Proclaimer of the Gospel: _____

Homilist: _____

Reader of the Universal Prayer: _____

Master(s) of Ceremonies: _____

Cross Bearer: _____ Book Bearer: _____

1st Acolyte: _____ 2nd Acolyte: _____

Thurifer: _____ Miter Bearer: _____

Crosier Bearer: _____

B. THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF THE MASS

Mass to be Celebrated: _____

(i.e., Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc.) Please refer to the Ordo for the propers and readings for Masses on Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts. If it is not a Sunday, Solemnity or Feast Day, the readings may be taken from Mass for Conferral of Confirmation.

Page in the Roman Missal (Third Edition): _____

Color of Vestments: _____

Mass in: English Spanish Bilingual Other

If bilingual, please specify which parts of the Eucharistic celebration you wish to be in Spanish/English:

1. THE ENTRANCE: PROCESSION

a. Deacon of the Word: _____

b. Concelebrants: _____

c. Deacon of the Eucharist: _____

d. Altar Servers: _____

2. INTRODUCTORY RITE

a. Opening Song(title, composer, source): _____

b. Is the altar incensed at the beginning? Yes No

c. Is there a Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water? Yes No
If there is a sprinkling rite, the penitential rite in its entirety is omitted

d. Penitential Rite: Sung Recited Form to be used: _____

e. Gloria: Sung Recited Not used for this Mass

If sung, please cite composer and source: _____

3. LITURGY OF THE WORD

(All readings should be read from the **Lectionary/Book of the Gospels**)

a. First Reading: _____
(i.e., Acts 1:1-11 Lectionary #58)

b. Psalm: _____ Sung Recited

c. Second Reading: _____
(i.e., Acts 1:1-11 Lectionary #58)

d. Gospel Acclamation _____
 (title, composer, source):

e. Gospel: _____

i. To be proclaimed by: _____

ii. Is the **Lectionary** or **Book of the Gospels** to be incensed at the proclamation of the Gospel? Yes No

*(After the deacon, or a priest in the absence of a deacon, has read the Gospel from a **Book of the Gospels**, he brings the Book to the Bishop to be revered with a kiss. **If a Lectionary is used, it is NOT brought to the Bishop**)*

4. THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

a. Presentation of the confirmandi (to be done by pastor or catechist): The names of those to be confirmed may be read aloud at this time or the group as a whole could be presented. All candidates stand. Bishop receives testimony of sponsors.

b. By whom will the confirmandi be presented to the Bishop? _____

c. Homily

d. Renewal of Baptismal Promises (The confirmandi stand facing the Bishop).

e. Laying on of Hands

f. Anointing with Chrism (The deacon, or in his absence the pastor, brings the Sacred Chrism to the Bishop).

During the anointing, a suitable song is sung

Please cite title, composer and source: _____

g. Washing of Hands (Please have towel or bread and lemons prepared on the credence table for the washing of hands. Please DO NOT cut the bread into little pieces).

h. Universal Prayers to be recited by: _____
(The Universal Prayers are to be recited by the deacon, or, in his absence, by **one** member of the laity.

Please attach a copy of the intercessions to the end of this form.

5. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

a. Will the bread and wine be presented in procession? Yes No

b. If so, how many individuals will be carrying the gifts? _____
Please refer to (GIRM, #73)

5. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (cont.)

c. Offertory Song (title, composer, source): _____

d. Are the gifts, the altar, the Bishop, and the people to be incensed? Yes No

e. Sanctus: Sung Recited Mass of _____

f. Memorial Acclamation: Sung Recited Mass of _____

g. Eucharistic Prayer #: _____

(N.B.: No "background music" of any kind is to be played during the Eucharistic Prayer)

h. Doxology /Great Amen: Sung Recited Mass of _____

6. COMMUNION RITE

a. Our Father: Sung Recited

b. Lamb of God: Sung Recited Mass of _____

c. From where will the Bishop distribute Communion? _____

d. Is Communion distributed under both species? _____

e. Communion Hymn(s) (title, composer, source): _____

f. Is there any sort of presentation which the Bishop is to make? Yes No

If yes explain at the end of this form**

g. Closing Song (title, composer, source): _____

7. ADDITIONAL RITES/BLESSINGS INFORMATION

Will there be any additional rites or blessings incorporated into this liturgy after the homily?

Please explain:

8. MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS (if applicable):

a. On the day of the celebration where should the Bishop park his car? Will there be reserved parking for him?

b. Where will the Bishop vest?

c. Is there a Public Parish Reception planned following the liturgy? If so, where will the reception take place? (please note that the Bishop is not always able to attend receptions)

Notes**: _____

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Bishop Reiss: Information to follow

Addendum VII

A GUIDE FOR THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY

(If there is one)

Master of Ceremonies

The Master of Ceremonies is one who is totally familiar with the flow of the celebration. She/he has been part of the planning meetings with the pastor, musicians/liturgists, and catechetical leaders. The responsibility of the MC is to see that the ceremony flows according to the plan and to facilitate any details or difficulties that arise in the course of the celebration. For the most part, the MC works behind the scene and is only rarely visible to the assembly. She/he should never attract attention away from the prayer and action of the celebration.

<p>BEFORE THE CELEBRATION BEGINS Go over checklist to be sure that everything needed is in place. Gather the ministers and assist them in taking their correct place in the order of procession. Confer with bishop about adaptations or clarifications.</p>	
<p>ENTRANCE PROCESSION Procession moves into the worship space. The order of procession is as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> K of C (if they have been invited) Censer candle Cross candle Servers Lectors Book of Gospels priests walking two by two MC Bishop Assisting Deacon (slightly behind Bishop) Miter Staff </p> <p>Those carrying the Cross, candles, Book of Gospels do not make a profound bow on approaching the altar. They pause slightly, and then move on.</p> <p>When bishop reaches the front of the altar, he hands the staff to the MC and takes off the miter. MC gives staff and miter to servers. The Bishop and clergy genuflect toward the tabernacle if it is in the sanctuary area.</p> <p>Bishop reverences the altar, and server brings censer and bowl of incense. Bishop places incense in the censer then incenses the altar and cross. Bishop then goes to the chair.</p>	<p>If the Confirmandi are part of the Entrance Procession, they would follow the cross and candle bearers.</p> <p>TAKE STAFF AND MITER. GIVE TO SERVERS.</p> <p>SEND SERVER WITH BOWL OF INCENSE AND CENSER.</p>
<p>SPRINKLING RITE For the Sprinkling Rite, Bishop needs the Roman Missal both before and after the rite. If blessed water is used see Addendum 8 for the Easter-Season Thanksgiving over Water already Blessed.</p>	<p>SEND SERVER WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, AND WATER FOR SPRINKLING.</p>

<p>OPENING PRAYER Server brings Roman Missal with page open to Opening Prayer. At the end of the Opening Prayer bishop sits and Miter is presented to him.</p>	<p>SEND SERVER WITH ROMAN MISSAL. BRING MITER.</p>
<p>AT THE GOSPEL When the Alleluia begins, everyone but the bishop stands. The server brings censer and boat, bishop puts incense into the censer and blesses it. The deacon (priest) who is to proclaim the Gospel makes a deep bow before the bishop and asks for a blessing. After blessing the deacon (priest), the bishop takes off the miter and stands. When all have signed themselves on the forehead, lips and breast, bishop receives the pastoral staff.</p>	<p>SEND SERVER WITH INCENSE AND BOAT. AFTER BISHOP BLESSES DEACON, TAKE MITER. BRING STAFF.</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION After the Gospel reading, the bishop, wearing the miter, sits and the candidates are presented to him. Candidates and sponsors stand before the bishop.</p>	<p>TAKE AWAY STAFF. BRING MITER.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES Bishop stands. (Server brings copy of Addendum 2 with questions for pastor and sponsors.)</p>	<p>SEND SERVER WITH COPY OF ADDENDUM 2.</p>
<p>HOMILY Bishop gives the homily.</p>	
<p>RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES After homily, bishop returns to his chair. He is presented with the Staff. Server brings the Order of Confirmation with page open to the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.</p>	<p>BRING STAFF.</p>

<p>LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION PRAYER Bishop stands without miter or staff. With hands joined he invites all to pray in silence. After a brief silence Bishop lays hands over all to be confirmed and says the prayer.</p>	<p>TAKE STAFF AND MITER. GIVE TO SERVERS. BRING ORDER OF CONFIRMATION.</p>
<p>ANOINTING WITH CHRISM Bishop sits or stands and is presented with the miter. The pastor/server brings the vessel of Chrism and positions him/herself to hold the vessel. Staff is also presented to the bishop. Candidates now come before bishop for the anointing with Chrism.</p>	<p>BRING MITER AND STAFF. SEND SERVER WITH CHRISM.</p>
<p>WASHING OF BISHOP'S HANDS After all have been anointed, the staff and miter are removed; a server brings the lemon pieces, water and towel/bread so that bishop can wash his hands.</p>	<p>AFTER ALL ARE ANOINTED TAKE AWAY MITER AND STAFF. SEND SERVER FOR HAND WASHING.</p>
<p>UNIVERSAL PRAYER Bishop stands and introduces the Universal Prayer and says the concluding prayer.</p> <p>MASS CONTINUES IN THE USUAL WAY.</p>	

<p>FINAL BLESSING For the final blessing bishop uses the Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People provided in the Order of Confirmation.</p> <p>Wearing the miter bishop says : The Lord be with you.</p> <p>Then the deacon gives the invitation to bow your heads.</p>	<p>BRING MITER.</p>
<p>With hands outstretched over the people, the bishop says the invocations belonging to the blessing. Then he takes the pastoral staff and says, May almighty God bless you, and makes the sign of the cross three times over the people.</p>	<p>BRING STAFF.</p>



Addendum VIII

EASTER-SEASON THANKSGIVING OVER WATER ALREADY BLESSED

Bishop **Father, God of Mercy,
through these waters of baptism
you have filled us with new life as your very own children.**

All (All sing or say the following or some other suitable acclamation)
Blessed be God.

Bishop **From all who are baptized in water and the Holy Spirit,
you have formed one people,
united in your Son, Jesus Christ.**

All Blessed be God.

Bishop **You have set us free and filled our hearts with
the Spirit of your love,
that we may live in your peace.**

All Blessed be God.

Bishop **You call those who have been baptized
to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ
to people everywhere.**

All Amen.

Bishop **You have called your children to this cleansing water,
that we may share in the faith of your Church
and have eternal life.
By the mystery of this consecrated water
lead them to a new and spiritual birth.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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