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CONFIRMATION MASS LITURGY PLAN

Confirmation Masses should be celebrated in accordance with established directives governing the celebration of public liturgy during the pandemic. Please refer to the [Sacramental Guidelines](#).

Liturgy plans must be received by the Office for Worship as soon as possible before the scheduled Confirmation!

Day:

Date:

Time:

Parish Name:

City:

Pastor:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Confirmation Preparation Coordinator(s):

of Confirmandi:

Grade level(s):

Age(s):

Notes:

Celebrant:

Celebrant's Preferences:

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

Will you be inviting the Celebrant and MC to share a meal before/after Mass?

For the time being, meals should not be shared with the celebrants.

What is the travel time to your location from

Any driving instructions, traffic concerns, or construction work along the route?

Notes:

Is there designated parking for the Celebrant? YES NO If YES, Location:

Will there be a public reception after Mass? For the time being, public receptions should not take place.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Concelebrant(s):

Deacon(s):

If there is a deacon(s) assigned to or associated with the parish, they are welcome to serve at the Confirmation Mass. Otherwise, the Confirmation Mass may proceed without a deacon. [Please refer to the Guidelines for Deacons during Pandemic.](#)

MC:

*An MC will be assigned by the Office for Worship. The MC is neither a concelebrant nor a minister of communion. Please prepare seating for the MC **physically distanced at minimum six feet** from the Celebrant, Deacon, and any Acolytes.*

Acolytes: *Please check or circle all that apply.* Miter Crosier Cross Book Candle 1 Candle 2 Thurifer
Typically, 3-5 **For the duration of the pandemic, Miter, Crosier, & Book servers should not be used.**

Physically Isolated Cantor(s):

Accompanist:

Instrument(s)?

Number of Communion Ministers: Ordinary (Celebrant, Priests, & Deacons): Extraordinary (If necessary):

Communion under both forms? NO Number of host stations:

Until further notice, Holy Communion is to be distributed under the form of consecrated bread alone. All Communion ministers should be masked, and should have hand sanitizer readily available. [Please refer to the diocesan Liturgical Guidelines for Masses during the pandemic for more information.](#)

Please provide a diagram showing the layout of Communion Stations.

LITURGY PREPARATION DETAILS

During the pandemic, congregational singing is STRONGLY discouraged. Any worship aids for Scriptures and responses are to be disposed of after Mass.

Will you be providing worship aids? YES NO *If YES, submit a draft copy to the Office for Worship [before printing.](#)*

Chrism & Lemons:

The Celebrant usually travels with his own stock of Chrism. If you wish to use the parish supply, please note this above. Please provide 1-2 lemons, cut in half, on the credence table nearest the altar, plus additional water and towels, to assist with cleaning the Celebrant's hands after the anointing.

Those PREVIOUSLY Confirmed/Chrismated:

*Any individuals who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation/Chrismation and have been in continuing formation with the confirmandi are welcome to serve as Gift Bearers. They are **not** to stand for the renewal of baptismal promises. They may **not** approach the Celebrant during or immediately after the anointing. They may be presented to the Celebrant at the Announcements, following the Prayer After Communion. Please inform the Celebrant of their sacramental status.*

Meeting with the Confirmandi:

The Celebrant would like to meet with the confirmandi (and sponsors or proxy) inside the worship space in their physically distanced seating arrangement for 5-10 minutes before the liturgy begins.

Seating for Confirmandi and Sponsors:

Confirmandi should be seated together with their family/household, physically distanced by a minimum of six feet from other families/households. Sponsors should sit physically distanced from their confirmand, or a family/household member of the confirmand may serve as proxy sponsor during the anointing.

Where will the Celebrant vest?

Microphone:

A lavalier microphone, if available, is preferred to accommodate the Celebrant's preaching style.

Photography:

For the time being a single parish photographer may take photos discretely during the Anointings. The celebrant will NOT be available after Mass for individual pictures.

Liturgical Celebration:
(choose one)

[Click HERE to view a listing of days on which Ritual Masses are not permitted.](#)

Confirmation Ritual Mass Vestment Color: Red White Mass Prayer Texts: A B C	OR	Mass of the Day: Vestment Color: Mass Prayer Texts:
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

In light of current scientific and medical information on how coronavirus is spread, congregational singing and choral singing at public liturgies is STRONGLY discouraged. A physically isolated cantor may be used, but the goal of full, conscious, active participation of the faithful is defeated if the cantor replaces the congregation; therefore, the congregation should recite all responses. The cantor is best used to sing unfamiliar melodies at places during the liturgy that might under more normal circumstances be relegated to a schola or choir.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song: (GIRM 48)

Unfamiliar song, sung by a physically isolated Cantor.

Order of Procession For the time being, the entrance procession should be simple, taking the shortest path possible, and limiting or eliminating passage through the assembly.

Thurifer
Cross Bearer
Candle Bearer 1 Candle Bearer 2
Deacon of the Word

For the time being, the Book of the Gospels should not be used. Consider a disposable printout of the Scriptures for Mass, and a liturgical binder for the celebrant, rather than the parish's Roman Missal.

Concelebrating Priests 2x2
[Master of Ceremonies]
Celebrant
Deacon of the Altar
Miter Bearer Crosier Bearer
Book Bearer

Incensation of the Altar? YES NO

Penitential Act: Please choose A, B, C, or Sprinkling, or indicate "Bishop's Choice:"

- A **Confiteor**, followed by the absolution, then
Kyrie, eleison... no invocations, is: SUNG RECITED
led by the: CELEBRANT DEACON CANTOR
- B **Have mercy on us...**, followed by the absolution, then
Kyrie, eleison... no invocations, is: SUNG RECITED
led by the: CELEBRANT DEACON CANTOR
- C **Kyrie, eleison...** with invocations: SUNG RECITED
led by the: CELEBRANT DEACON CANTOR

OR

On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, the ~~Blessing and Sprinkling of Water~~ may [replace the Penitential Act]. (GIRM 51)
We discourage the Sprinkling Rite, to avoid passage through the congregation.

Gloria: Sung or said on Sundays outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Solemnities and Feasts, and at Ritual Masses. (GIRM 53)

RECITED OMITTED

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

For the time being, only a single individual is to utilize the ambo in any given liturgy; therefore, for the duration of the pandemic, there should be only a single lector for each Mass. The lector should remove their mask prior to proclaiming the word of God and replace it afterwards. Consider a disposable printout of the Scriptures for Mass, rather than the use of a Lectionary.

On days when Ritual Masses may be celebrated, the Scripture readings may be taken from the Order of Confirmation, the Mass of the Day, or any combination thereof. On days when Ritual Masses are not permitted, the Scripture readings are to be from the Mass of the Day. During Eastertime, the first reading should be from the Acts of the Apostles.

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First Reading: LECT #: Proclaimer:

Psalm: LECT #: Proclaimer:

[Second Reading:] LECT #: Proclaimer:

Gospel Acclamation: *Should be recited or omitted for the time being. GIRM 63c*

Incensation of the Gospel? YES NO

Gospel: LECT #: Proclaimer:

Presentation of the Candidates by:

The candidates for Confirmation are presented by the pastor or another priest, or by a deacon, or even by a catechist.

If possible, each of those to be confirmed is called by name. [When called, the candidates may stand and respond "Present."]

If there are very many candidates, they are not called by name. (OC 21)

Homily

ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: *Replaces the Creed.*

After the Homily, the [Celebrant] questions those to be confirmed, who stand.

Together, all those to be confirmed reply "I do." (OC 23)

Assent of the Celebrant:

The [Celebrant] gives his assent to the profession [of faith] by proclaiming the formula "This is our faith." It is permitted to substitute some other formula or even some suitable chant, by which the community is able to express its faith, (OC 23) subject to the preferences and approval of the Celebrant.

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

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Consecration

The Celebrant [extends] hands over [the entire group] to be confirmed (as do the priests who are associated with him.) (OC 25) For the time being, the Laying on of Hands should be done without physical contact, regardless of the number of individuals being confirmed.

Anointing with Chrism

The candidates and their sponsors process down side aisles

The candidates and their sponsors process down the center aisle

The candidates line up along the front, facing the sanctuary, with their sponsors behind them (*line up after the Homily*)

During the anointing, a suitable chant may be sung (OC 29) quietly, with due regard for the preferences of the Celebrant.

Each candidate should have only one sponsor (or proxy), and only that person should accompany the candidate.

Physical distancing of a minimum of six feet should be maintained.

Immediately upon reaching the Celebrant, without prompting and in a loud, clear voice, the sponsor/proxy should say the candidate's name.

The celebrant may administer the holy oil with the thumb or with a cotton ball or swab. If the thumb is used, wipe and sanitize hands between each anointing. If a cotton ball or swab is used, use a fresh cotton ball/swab for each confirmand, and collect these for burial or burning after the liturgy.

The Sign of Peace should be exchanged without physical contact.

Following the Anointings, the celebrant should use hand sanitizer or wash their hands.

Universal Prayer announced by: DEACON OTHER:

The Universal Prayer is to be taken from the Order of Confirmation, # 30, or similar form.

*The Universal Prayer is announced from the ambo **or from another suitable place**, by the deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful. (GIRM 71)*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of Gifts

Offertory processions should be suspended. The gifts of bread and wine should be brought to the altar simply from the credence table in the sanctuary or near the altar.

Offertory Song: (GIRM 74)

Unfamiliar song, sung by a physically isolated Cantor.

Incensation of the Gifts? YES NO

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface:
(choose one)

Confirmation Ritual Mass Holy Spirit: I (9A) II (9B) Other:
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OR

Mass of the Day (specify):

Acclamations - Holy, Holy, Holy; Mystery of Faith; Amen: Should be recited for the time being.

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer: RECITED

Rite of Peace

Fraction of the Bread / Lamb of God: Should be recited for the time being.

Setting:

Communion Song (GIRM 87)

Unfamiliar song, sung by a physically isolated Cantor.

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements? YES NO If YES, by:

Final Blessing

Any notes or further information for the celebrant?