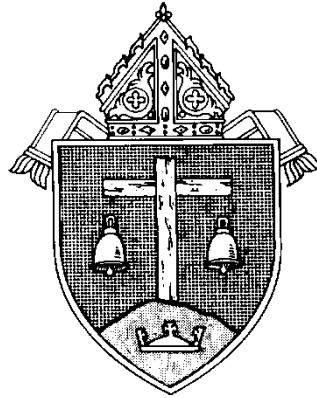

CONFIRMATION LITURGY GUIDELINES

Part One

DIOCESE OF MONTEREY



Altar Servers

At least three altar servers are needed, and they should arrive at least thirty minutes early so that the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies can prepare them.

Calling of the Candidates

After the Gospel, the Confirmation Director should present the candidates to the Bishop by calling their names. When their names are called, candidates should stand, but are to give no response. The gesture of standing expresses their desire to receive the Sacrament. If there are more than 30 candidates for Confirmation, the candidates should be presented as a group without the individual calling of names.

Suggested text for Calling the Candidates:

Bishop Danny, This Community of _____ presents these candidates to you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in order that their membership in the Church may be implemented and perfected. They are ready to be witnesses to Christ and the Church

Certificates

Certificates and similar items are to be presented during one of the reflection sessions that will occur during the post Confirmation period. The certificate should be signed by the pastor.

Chrism

If the parish supply of Sacred Chrism is being used, it should be poured into a small bowl.

Deacon

If there is a deacon assigned to the parish, the deacon should proclaim the Gospel, read the Intercessions, assist the Bishop at the altar, and minister one of the Chalices.

Entrance Procession

The candidates may process in with the liturgical procession, or they may process before the liturgical procession begins.

Laying on of Hands

Only the Bishop is to lay hands on the candidates. The Bishop will not lay hands on candidates individually. During the Prayer for the Laying on of Hands, all priests present should raise their hands.

Master of Ceremonies

The Bishop will be accompanied by a Master of Ceremonies. The Master of Ceremonies will arrive early in order to prepare the servers and to assist the Bishop.

The Pastoral Office assigns a Master of Ceremonies for all celebrations of Confirmation in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Monterey. The Bishop's Master of Ceremonies is to serve in that capacity, and the Bishop requests that no local Master of Ceremonies be appointed to replace the Master of Ceremonies assigned by the Pastoral Office. Bishop Ryan will also be accompanied by a Master of Ceremonies.

Music during Anointing

If music is employed during the Anointing, it should be very soft so that the voice of the Bishop and the response of each person being confirmed can be clearly heard.

Name Tags

Each person being confirmed should have a card or badge on which the Baptismal name or the name chosen for Confirmation is printed in large, easy to read type done in a bold font. If the Rite is being celebrated in both English and Spanish the cards should be color coded so that the Bishop will know which language to use.

Parking Place

It is also very helpful to reserve a parking space for the Bishop for the Confirmation Mass/Service.

Photos

No photos or videos may be taken during the Confirmation Mass.

The Bishop will be available after Mass for individual photos if there are fewer than 30 confirmandi. If the number exceeds 30, only group photos are to be taken. *e.g.* by parish grouping. Each parish should have a coordinator for individual and group photographs.

Under no circumstances may a charge be made for any photo or video. This is particularly applicable to group photos. If a group photo is taken, every person in the photo is to receive a copy free of charge.

Presentation by Sponsor

When those to be confirmed approach the Bishop for the Anointing with Sacred Chrism, the sponsor should place his or her hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. The sponsor should introduce the candidate using the baptismal or confirmation name.

Presentation of Young Persons previously confirmed

If there are young person's participating in the Confirmation formation program who have already been fully initiated, they may be presented to the Bishop to receive a special blessing at the end of the Anointing of the Candidates.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Only the Candidates stand for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and they are the only ones who respond to the Promises.

Roman Missal

Sacristans should note that there is a special insert for Confirmation, in Eucharistic Prayers I, II and III, and there is also a special insert in the Spanish Missal. Please refer to Ritual Mass for Confirmation.

Sacramental Registers

The Bishop will not review the parish sacramental registers. He will review and sign the registers when he makes his pastoral visit to the parish

Scheduling the Church

No other liturgies in the church, such as marriages or quinceañeras should be scheduled to take place on the day of Confirmation if at all possible. If other liturgies are scheduled, they should conclude at least two hours before the time for the Confirmation Mass to begin. If an event is to follow Confirmation, it should begin no earlier than approximately one hour after Confirmation is concluded.

Sprinkling Rite

If the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water is used, the aspergillum should be the usual metal one and not one made of branches or leaves.

Stoles and Gowns

No stoles may be worn by, or given to those Confirmed. The stole is the sign of the ordained. Graduation style gowns may not be worn.

Vesture

The Bishop will bring his own vestments.

Washing the Bishop's Hands following the Anointing

Servers should approach the Bishop as he is seated in the Chair after the Anointing. Only a two or three cut lemon slices on a small plate, and the usual hand washing towel and water are necessary.

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Part Two

LITURGY PREPARATION FORM
(updated 2020)

Please email this form as an attachment in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher or a pdf file to: Blitmus@aol.com or worship@dioceseofmonterey.org at least three weeks before the scheduled Confirmation.

Parish: _____

City: _____

Day and Time of Confirmation: _____

Number to be confirmed. _____

Liturgy Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Confirmation Catechist _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Music Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

Music: _____
(title)

Sprinkling or Penitential Act

_____ Penitential Act _____ Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling
(The accompanying song if the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling if used, should reflect the mystery of Baptism in Christ. The Rite can be found in Appendix 2 of the Roman Missal)

Music: _____
(title)

Glory to God *Always sung except on the Sundays of Advent and Lent. The Gloria is a liturgical prayer in its never combined with the Sprinkling Rite.*

Music: _____
(setting)

Collect (also Prayer Over the Offerings and Prayer After Communion) will be taken from:

(e.g. Mass of Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The ritual Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation and the readings for Confirmation as found in Volume IV of the Lectionary for Mass may be used on all days **except** the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, the octave days of Easter and all solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the days of Holy Week. On these days and their anticipated celebrations, the proper Mass and readings of the day are used.*

The Responsorial Psalm is the sung proclamation of the Word. Therefore, only the psalms assigned by the Lectionary for the Ritual Mass of Confirmation or for the Mass of the day may be used.

Reading I: _____
(List Mass from which the reading is taken, and the Scripture citation)

Responsorial Psalm _____
Music

Reading II

(List Mass from which the reading is taken and the Scripture citation)

Gospel Acclamation Music

Gospel

*(Proclaimed from the Gospel Book or Lectionary by deacon or pastor.
The Gospel is never to be proclaimed from a binder or notebook)*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Candidates by

(usually done by Confirmation Catechist)

Homily (Bishop)

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Laying On of Hands *(The Bishop will lay hands individually if there are 20 or fewer candidates)*

Anointing with Chrism

*(if music is used, it needs to be **very soft** so that the Bishop's voice as well
as the responses of those being confirmed can be clearly heard)*

Universal Prayer: (Prayer of the Faithful) Read by Deacon

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation & Presentation of the Gifts

Music

(It is appropriate for the choir to sing at this time or for an instrumental selection to be played)

The Eucharistic Acclamations (Holy, Memorial, Amen) should always be sung.

Music setting

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer (if this is sung, it should be a setting familiar to all present)

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God:

(musical setting)

Communion Procession
Music

Music

There should be a significant time of silence after Communion

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional. Hymn:

Other Items:

In which language(s) will the Confirmation Mass be celebrated?

_____ *English*

_____ *Spanish*

_____ *Bilingual*

Will there be a dinner before or after the Confirmation Mass?

Is there anything else taking place in the parish on the day of Confirmation? It would be helpful if the Bishop knew this beforehand so that he could plan to visit the site of the activity.

Is there anything else happening at the Confirmation Liturgy being celebrated in your parish that you would like the Bishop to know about? _ For example, are any of the candidates receiving their First Holy Communion?

Please feel free to call (831-423-4973) or email Sister Barbara - Blitmus@AOL.com at the Office of Divine Worship with questions or concerns about the Confirmation Liturgy.

Please contact Tish Scargill (831-645-2846) – Tscargill@dioceseofmonterey.org at the Office of Faith Formation with questions or concerns about preparation and requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation.