

## **Candidate Responses During Confirmation**

### **Presentation of the Candidates**

After the Gospel, the Pastor will present the Candidates to the Bishop (who will have walked to the back of the church). When Bishop Zubik is the celebrant, he will walk to the back of the church after the Candidates stand. Then one Candidate will yell out, "Bishop Zubik!"

**Then all Candidates respond together: I wish to be confirmed!**

All other confirming Bishops simply want Candidates to stand when the Pastor presents them and then sit down for the homily.

### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

After the homily the candidates stand, and the bishop questions them:

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan and all his works and all his empty show?

**The candidates respond together: I do**

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

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: 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?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: 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? **Candidates: I do.**

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

**Candidates: I do.**

The bishop confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The whole congregation responds: Amen.**

## **Laying on of Hands**

The Bishop will extend his hands over the group of Candidates and pray the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to which Candidates respond: **Amen.**

## **Anointing with Chrism**

Candidate and Sponsor approach the Bishop with Sponsor's right hand on the Candidate's right shoulder.

**The Sponsor says just the Confirmation Name.**

The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed,

Bishop: be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**The newly confirmed responds: Amen.**

The bishop says: Peace be with you.

**The newly confirmed responds: And with your spirit.**