



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE

LITURGY PLANNING FORM FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Please email a copy of any confirmation program to mary.woodruff@diobr.org one week before the ceremony.

Name of Parish:

Address:

Reserved Parking Place for Bishop (*provide location*)

Place for Bishop to Vest:

Place for Bishop to Meet Candidates:

Number of Confirmands:

Date of Confirmation:

Time of Confirmation:

Contact Person's Name:

(Should be reachable by phone on day of confirmation, in case Bishop is delayed or needs last minute information)

Contact Person's Phone:

Contact Person's Email:

Will there be a Reception:

Location of Reception:

MEETING WITH THE BISHOP BEFORE MASS

The bishop will plan to arrive 45 minutes before Confirmation to vest and then to meet with the confirmandi.

The bishop will meet with the candidates alone before the ceremony. The teachers may

remain in the room during this time. If conditions or numbers are such that the sponsors and candidates must gather in the same room, the sponsors should sit behind the candidates during the meeting with Bishop Duca. The bishop prefers that in the Church, the sponsor and candidate sit together in the pew, or as a second choice, with the sponsors in the pew behind their candidate.

Those being confirmed are to give their phones to their families to keep during the Mass. No one should process with a phone in their hand or in their pockets unless for medical purposes or some other serious need.

THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Liturgy will follow the normal customs of a concelebrated Mass in the diocese with these guidelines:

Color of Vestments to be Worn (White or Red):

White vestments are liturgically specified on Sundays in the Easter Season, for weekdays in the Octave of Easter, and on specific feasts. Otherwise, red vestments are to be worn.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

If there are fewer than ten candidates, they and their sponsors may participate in the procession. Otherwise, they should be in their places approximately five minutes before the start of the Liturgy.

Penitential Rite

The penitential rite can be sung or recited.

Gloria

The Gloria can be either sung or recited. It is not optional! Not used during Lent

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Certain readings are required on the day of the celebration of Confirmation (e.g. Sundays, Solemnities, etc.). It is appropriate that confirmation candidates be chosen to proclaim the Word of God. Please indicate here if there are special readings to be used:

Required Readings to Be Used:
Feast:

Otherwise, the following readings should be used.

Reading I: *Lectionary #764 Isaiah 61: 1-3. 6. 8-9 (Confirmation)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lectionary #766 Ps 104: 1.24. 27-28. 30-31. 33-34 (Confirmation)*
If possible, both the response and the verses should be sung.

Reading II: *Lectionary #765 Acts 2: 1-6. 14. 22-23. 32-33 (Confirmation)*

Gospel Acclamation

There should be a Gospel Acclamation, but only if sung.

Gospel: *Lectionary #768 John 14: 23-26 (Confirmation)*
If a deacon is present, he should read the Gospel. If not, a concelebrating priest should proclaim the Gospel.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

Only the bread, wine, and if desired, an offering for the poor, should be brought forward. It is appropriate that these be brought forward by two or three confirmation candidates. A hymn should be sung during the action.

At the altar, if communion is offered under both kinds, then the chalices used to distribute communion to the faithful should be filled to their proper amount before Mass so they can easily be placed on the altar. The wine brought to the altar in the offertory procession will be used for the priest chalice. The bishop will assume that the priests and deacons will drink from the celebrant's chalice (the bishop prefers this to be unique to the other chalices used) unless informed of a different practice in the parish.

Mass Parts

The following Mass parts should always be sung. Please recite each only if necessary: Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and the Lamb of God.

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Communion

If the parishes are prepared and presently offering communion under both species, please prepare the confirmandi for communion under both species unless for pastoral reasons the pastor chooses otherwise.

Clergy should serve before others as ministers of communion. Please do not duplicate ministerial roles (for example, those serving as lectors should not also serve as ministers of communion). The bishop will distribute the Host and the deacon, the chalice. To facilitate distribution, please have two chalice stations for every host station, if the size of the congregation requires it. Use other ministers as needed.

CONCLUDING RITE

Any announcement or closing remarks by the pastor will normally be given at the completion of the “prayer after communion.” In large groups of the confirmed, the bishop will bless sacramentals received as gifts in the Church during the final blessing.

There should be a plan for taking pictures in the Church in an orderly way and a volunteer(s) assigned to keep order. One picture will be taken of those Confirmed with their sponsor until everyone has had a chance to take a photo. For very large groups, consider taking pictures at the reception hall (if there is a reception) where an appropriate background has been set up. If a photographer is hired to take pictures, please request they do not use a direct flash for every picture.

The bishop also arrives early enough to take pictures before Mass. For smaller groups, this is accomplished easily in the Church, but more often, pictures taken before are done where the bishop meets with the confirmandi using a suitably prepared decorative background for photos.