



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The candidates STAND and Archbishop questions them. (Others remain seated.)

Archbishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: 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.

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

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Archbishop: Dearly beloved,
let us pray to God the almighty Father,
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon
them to confirm them with his abundant gifts
and through this anointing conform them more fully to
Christ, the Son of God.

then the Archbishop lays hands over all those to be confirmed...

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who brought these your servants to new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit,
freeing them from sin:
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety;
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The holy chrism is brought forward and Archbishop Blair and Coadjutor Archbishop Coyne go to the place where they will anoint the candidates. With their sponsors, the candidates now go to be anointed. The sponsors place their right hand on the shoulder of the one they present. With the chrism the bishops anoint each candidate on the forehead.

Archbishop: (Name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Confirmed: Amen.

Archbishop: Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed: And with your spirit.

In the anointing with Chrism and the accompanying words, the effect of the giving of the Holy Spirit is clearly signified. Signed with the perfumed oil by the hand of the Bishop, the baptized receive the indelible character, the seal of the Lord, together with the gift of the Spirit that conforms them more fully to Christ and gives them the grace of spreading among men and women "the pleasing fragrance of Christ."