



Form A Sacrament of Confirmation for Youth

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IMMEDIATE PREPARATION

- Have a good idea of the NUMBER of students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The number determines the type of celebration that you will have, and the amount of celebrations that you schedule.
- Make certain that you review the POLICY for the celebration, and that you have enough celebrations scheduled through the Office of the Bishop, eespinoza@cathdal.org
- Go to the Worship Office web page, and find Confirmation. Click on **Form B**. Complete Form B electronically and send to worship@cathdal.org at least 3 weeks before your scheduled Confirmation.
- Choosing **scripture** for Confirmation: if the Confirmation (within or outside of Mass) falls 4 p.m. or later on Saturday, then you must use the readings of Sunday IF you have a regularly scheduled Sunday Mass on Saturdays. If there is not a regular Saturday Mass 4 p.m. or later, then you may CHOOSE from the list of readings on Form B.
- Choosing **scripture**, more: If the Confirmation Mass falls on a holy day of obligation, then you must use the readings of the holy day of obligation. ONLY THE GOSPEL READING (regardless of day or feast) may be proclaimed in 2 languages, one-after-the-other. If you want to proclaim each (of 2) readings in a different language—for a bilingual celebration—then you may do so.
- For the **Prayer of the Faithful**, the bishops' request that you select several intercessions from the ritual itself, and ADD TWO of your own.

- If a bishop is the principal celebrant, (or Abbot Verhalen, who is the equivalent of a bishop) then you should have at least one Deacon of the Mass, as a courtesy to the bishop. Two Deacons are fine: Deacon of the Word and Deacon of the Altar.
- Anointing is done with the thumb, not with a cotton ball, please. (The cotton ball uses a great amount of chrism.) If there is concern about sanitizing, then give each Confirmand a small towelette and ask the student to wipe his/her forehead quickly before the anointing.
- **Hospitality:** Please publish a worship aid for your Confirmation celebration: as a courtesy to visitors and guests, this helps them follow the flow of the liturgy, and aids participation. In time of coronavirus, please collect worship aids at end of Mass and recycle or dispose. Also, ask ministers of hospitality for your church to welcome visitors and guests. Warm hospitality evangelizes.
- **If your parish needs fresh Chrism**, please contact the Office of Worship to make arrangements to get Chrism that has been recently consecrated. Also, you may contact us if your display vessels need to be refilled with Holy Oils.

Questions? Need more information?

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