

## **CONFIRMATION 2011 LITURGY PREPARATION NOTES**

### **General Notes—**

1. The bishop will meet with the Candidates 45 minutes before the Confirmation celebration begins. Please have an area outside of the church's main worshipping area where he can meet with them.
2. Please make sure that the candidates have been instructed to give their Confirmation name to the bishop at the time of the anointing and that they are familiar with the saint they have chosen. Also, the responses used at this point in the ceremony should be very familiar to them.
3. The seating arrangement for the candidates and their sponsors is made at the discretion of the pastor.
4. The candidates and their sponsors should approach the bishop double-file at the time of the anointing...or if single-file, one immediately after another as in the Communion procession.
4. The Rite of Sprinkling may be used only at Sunday celebrations of the Rite of Confirmation as prescribed in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*.
5. The use of incense is at the discretion of the local pastor.
6. Confirmation candidates may serve as lectors for the celebration. Some of them may also carry cross and candles, (and thurible, if used) during processions.
7. At Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should assist only if there are not sufficient priests and deacons.
8. If overnight accommodations are necessary, the Bishop's Office will contact the pastor in advance.

### **When Confirmation is celebrated on a Sunday of the Easter Season—**

1. White vestments are used. The bishop may use the parish set.
2. The "Gloria" is sung or recited.
3. Orations and Readings are for the Sunday.
4. If desired, one of the day's readings may be replaced by a corresponding reading from the Lectionary selections for Confirmation.

### **When Confirmation is celebrated on a weekday of the Easter Season—**

1. The Ritual Mass for Confirmation is used.
2. Red vestments are worn.
3. The "Gloria" may be sung, if so desired, because it is a solemn local celebration
4. One or two readings may be read before the Gospel (if two readings are used, the first one is from the Acts of the Apostles and the second one is from the Epistles or the Book of Revelation).

**When Confirmation is celebrated on a Solemnity (e.g., Ascension, All Saints, Annunciation, Corpus Christi, Easter Week, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, Trinity Sunday, etc.)—**

1. White vestments are used. The bishop may use the parish set.
2. The “Gloria” is sung or recited.
3. Orations and Readings are for the Solemnity.
4. If desired, one of the day’s readings may be replaced by a corresponding reading from the Lectionary selections for Confirmation.

**When Confirmation is celebrated on a Sunday in Ordinary Time—**

1. The ritual Mass for Confirmation is used.
2. Red vestments are worn.
3. The “Gloria” is sung or recited.
4. The readings may be either those of the Sunday or chosen from the Lectionary selections for Confirmation. If the Sunday readings are used, one of them may be replaced by a corresponding reading from the Lectionary selections for Confirmation.

**When Confirmation is celebrated on a weekday in Ordinary Time—**

1. The Ritual Mass for Confirmation is used.
2. Red vestments are worn.
3. The “Gloria” may be sung, if so desired, because it is a solemn local celebration.
4. One or two readings may be read before the Gospel.