

# Confirmation – Liturgy Planning Sheet

Please return to the Office of the Bishop no later than **two weeks** prior to the ceremony. Completed forms can be either emailed to [ddeorosan@diocesealex.org](mailto:ddeorosan@diocesealex.org) or faxed to (318) 767-1230. Also, if there are certificates for the bishop to sign, they should be received in the Office of the Bishop **two weeks** prior to the ceremony. For questions regarding this form or the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at the email above or (318) 445-2401 ext. 206. Typically a Diocesan Master of Ceremonies will accompany the Bishop and assist at Confirmations.

In planning for your Parish Confirmation, please note GIRM 372 which states “Ritual Masses” are prohibited on the following days within the confirmation seasons: *Sundays of Easter, on Solemnities, on the days within the Octave of Easter, and on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)*. For confirmations held on these days, the readings proper for the day will be used.

For confirmations held at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass, it is preferable to use the Sunday Mass readings. When planning the music for the celebration, it is appropriate to select music familiar to the congregation to ensure they have the opportunity to participate in singing and are able to appropriately respond to the sung Mass parts.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor’s Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation **OR**  Mass of the Day *(See note above)*

Vestment Color: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Must correspond with Mass selected above)*

Number of High School Juniors/Seniors to be confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ + Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar servers:  Yes  No Deacon:  Yes  No

Will incense be used?  Yes  No *If yes, it is used at the entrance, the Gospel, and Preparation of Gifts.*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Penitential Rite – Please choose ONE of the below options:

- “I confess to almighty God...”
- “You were sent to heal the contrite...” Tropes
- Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Glory to God:  Yes  No If yes,  Sung  Recited *(Sung for Sundays outside of Advent or Lent, Solemnities & Feasts)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Scripture Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Responsorial Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading Scripture Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Gospel Acclamation should be sung)* Will the Book of the Gospels be used?  Yes  No

Gospel Scriptural Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel proclaimed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

After Gospel, Candidates will be presented by  DRE/Catechist  Pastor  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be music played during the anointing?  Yes  No *If yes, music is to be played pianissimo (very softly)*

Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) will be recited by:  Deacon  Newly Confirmed

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord’s Prayer will be  Sung  Recited

## The Concluding Rites

The Bishop may conclude the ceremony with the Concluding Rite below. If there will be a printed program, please include these responses to assist those who may not be familiar with this Episcopal blessing:

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Response: Now and forever.**

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Response: Who made heaven and earth.**

Group and/or individual photos will be taken with the bishop:  Before Mass or  After Mass

**Please Note:** the bishop will be available for a short time after the celebration for individual photos and to visit with the community.