

Confirmation – Liturgy Planning Sheet - 2023

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 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)*. Confirmations held on these days will use the readings proper for the day. All other celebrations will use the Ritual Mass for Confirmation with readings selected from its options.

Also, 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

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Penitential Rite – Please choose ONE of the below options:

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water **OR** Penitential Act: Option A B or C

Glory to God *(required for Sundays, Solemnities, Days within the Octave of Easter and Ritual Masses)*: Sung Recited

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Office or Worship will specify the readings to be used.
(Gospel Acclamation should be sung)

Will the Book of the Gospels be used? Yes No

Gospel proclaimed by: _____

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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

Suggested script for presenting the candidates:

Most Reverend Father, these young women and men of [Parish Name] parish, whom I now present to you, have been prepared to receive the sacrament of confirmation. They have found support through our community’s prayers and have been found ready to celebrate this sacrament today.

Will there be music played during the anointing? Yes No

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

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.