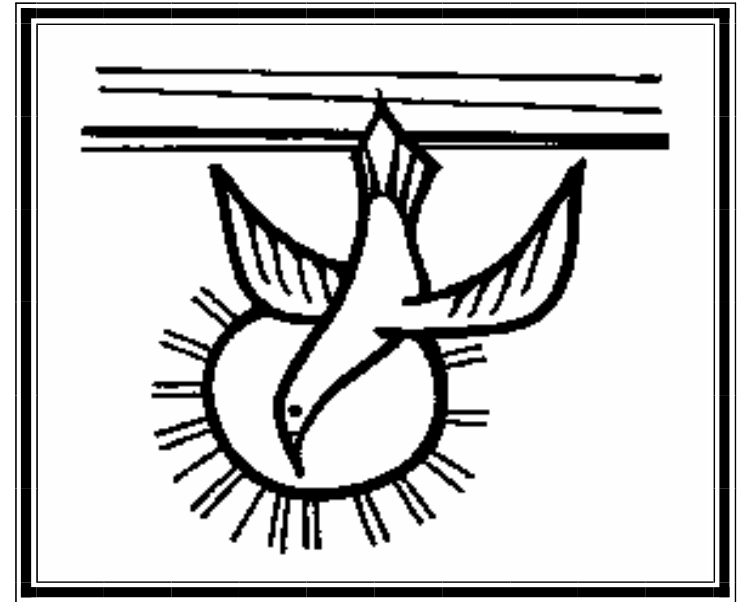


Confirmation



Mass of Commitment

At the beginning of the Mass, the priest might welcome the Confirmation candidates, their families and friends. He might say something like, “Today, our young people are making an important commitment; they are here to tell us that they want to continue in the parish programme for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.”

Catechist ‘Bishop N... will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here in our parish on [date]. I would like to present to the parish our young people who have been preparing since [whenever] to celebrate the sacrament. [A list of the candidates is now read]. As each person’s name is read out, they stand and remain standing.

The priest speaks to the candidates after all the names have been called out. He says, “You have been preparing for some time now for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Are you willing to continue to take part conscientiously in the programme by spending time in prayer and reflecting on what you are asking for?” They reply, “We are” and the priest will ask them to sit.

The priest asks the catechist: ‘In the name of this community, you and the other catechists have been working to prepare these young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. ‘Do they understand the importance of what they are doing?’ The catechist replies ‘They do’. The priest asks ‘Are they willing to continue to take part conscientiously in the preparation programme?’ The catechist replies

‘They are’.

The priest asks the parents of the candidates and the parish community if they are willing to continue to support and pray for these young people as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and they reply ‘We are’.

The priest concludes by addressing the young people: ‘May God bless you as you continue your preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.’

Prayers of the Faithful – We pray for our candidates in the bidding prayers at this Mass and at all the Masses in the parish this weekend.