

SUPPLEMENTARY RITES

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates may be presented to the Bishop in one of the following ways, according to diocesan policy or practice.

A

The pastor or another priest, deacon, or catechist presents the candidates to the Bishop in these or similar words:

Bishop,

I present to you these young people of N. parish, who have completed a period of preparation for Confirmation.

They have deepened their knowledge of Jesus Christ by studying the truths of our faith.

They have been strengthened by God's grace in the Sacraments, and have been supported

by the prayers and example of our parish community.

I now ask you to celebrate the completion of their initiation into the life of Christ

and to seal them with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Bishop gives the homily or the instruction.

B

The pastor presents the candidates to the Bishop in these or similar words:

Bishop,

I present these candidates to you for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Bishop asks:

Do you consider that they are ready to celebrate this Sacrament?

The pastor or someone responsible for the formation of the candidates responds in these or similar words:

These candidates have been prepared to be fully initiated into the community of the Church. Upon inquiry among their parents, sponsors, and catechists, I testify that they are ready to celebrate this Sacrament.

All may express their assent to this testimony by an acclamation or some other sign.

The Bishop gives the Homily or the Instruction.

C

The presentation of the candidates may take the following form:

Pastor:

Bishop,
on behalf of our parish community
I present these candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop:

God's holy Church wishes to be certain
that these candidates are ready to celebrate this Sacrament.

The parents stand. The Bishop speaks to them:

Parents,
at Baptism you accepted the responsibility
of raising your children in the practice of the faith,
and of guiding them to love God and neighbour.
Do you now consider that they are ready
to be confirmed in the faith of the Church?

Parents:

We do.

The parents are seated. Then the teachers and catechists stand.

Bishop:

Teachers and catechists,
you have proclaimed the Good News
and shared the riches of our Catholic tradition
with these young people.

Do you consider that they have faithfully listened
to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Teachers and catechists:

We do.

The teachers and catechists are seated and the sponsors stand. The Bishop speaks to them:

Sponsors,
by word and example you have helped these candidates
to walk in God's presence.

Do you consider that they have shared the company
of their Christian brothers and sisters
and joined them faithfully in prayer?

Sponsors:

We do.

The sponsors are seated. Then the Bishop speaks to the members of the parish community:

People of **N.** parish,
we have heard the testimony in favour of these candidates,
and welcome them to complete their initiation into the life of Christ
and to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Are you willing to continue to sustain them in faith
by your prayer and example?

All:

We are.

The people may express their assent by an acclamation or some other sign.

The Bishop gives the Homily or the Instruction.