

Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation (Simple Form) (Easter Time)

In view of the pandemic, Cardinal John Tong has granted all priests assigned to parishes and all chaplains the faculty, to be exercised during the Easter Season (i.e., from Holy Saturday evening to Pentecost) this year, to administer confirmation to adults or children who received baptism some time ago, provided they have been properly instructed. (cf. Chancery Notice, 31 March 2021)

Candidates for Confirmation, godparents, catechists or teachers, relatives and friends, representatives of the faithful, and the pastor(s) are to take part in this Mass.

In the Mass, the Rite of Confirmation is to take place after the Homily.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*Rom 5:5; cf. 8:11*)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

COLLECT

Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, O Lord, so that, walking in oneness of faith, and strengthened by the power of his love, we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-6, 14, 22b-23, 32-33)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the apostles were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

“Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.

“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

—The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (104(103):1, 24, 27-28, 30-31)

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (*Cf. Ps 104(103):30*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all -- the earth is full of your creatures. (R)

They all look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. (R)

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works! (R)



SECONDDREADING (*The fruit of the Spirit.*)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (5:16-17, 22-23, 24-25)

Brothers and sisters:

Live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want.

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. — The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. (R)

GOSPEL (*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (4:16-22)

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. — The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

A catechist or teacher may present the candidates for Confirmation and call upon them by names. The godparents are to accompany the candidates.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant: Now, before you receive the Spirit, I ask you to renew the Profession of Faith you made in Baptism or your parents and godparents made in union with the whole Church.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty show?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. I believe in one God, *(All recite or sing the Creed. Meanwhile, the candidates and the assembly may be sprinkled with holy water.)*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

(The concelebrating Priests stand near the Celebrant, who faces the people and with hands joined, says:)

Celebrant: My dear friends, in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

(All pray in silence for a brief period.)

(The Celebrant and the concelebrating Priests lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them). The Celebrant alone says:)

Celebrant: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

(The Celebrant applies the Chrism and makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed.)

Celebrant: **N., be sealed ✠ with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Newly confirmed: Amen.

Celebrant: **Peace be with you.**

Newly confirmed: And with your spirit.



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: My dear friends, let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

L. For these sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they may give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For their parents and godparents who led them in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **(R.)**

L. For the holy Church of God, in union with Francis our pope, Cardinal John Tong our Apostolic Administrator and all the bishops, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love until his Son returns in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **(R.)**

L. For all men and women, of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, in the bond of common fellowship, seek his Kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: **(R.)**

Celebrant: God our Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Then the newly confirmed bring forward the bread and wine.)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept graciously these your servants, O Lord, together with your Only Begotten Son, so that, signed with his Cross and with a spiritual anointing, they may constantly offer themselves to you in union with him, and merit each day a greater outpouring of your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PREFACE I OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *(The action of the Spirit in the Church)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

Ascending above all the heavens and sitting at your right hand, he poured out the promised Holy Spirit on your adopted children.

Therefore, now and for ages unending, with all the host of Angels, we sing to you with all our hearts, crying out as we acclaim: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...*

(In the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions.)

(In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:)

Remember also, Lord, your servants whom you have been pleased to confirm today by bestowing the Holy Spirit, and keep them in your grace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters...

(Before the Behold the Lamb of God, the Celebrant may briefly address the newly confirmed about receiving their first Communion and about the excellence of this great mystery, which is the climax of Initiation and the center of the whole of Christian life.)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *(Cf. Ps 34(33):6, 9)*

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him, Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love and, in your kindness, make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.



SOLEMN BLESSING

The Celebrant, with hands extended over the newly confirmed, says:

May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

R. Amen.

May his Only Begotten Son, who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church, bless you and confirm you by his power in the confession of the true faith.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

R. Amen.

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